

## November, 2017 Minutes

1. The Minutes of the October Meeting- delayed
2. Executive Committee Report:
  - a. Resolution from the SUNY Senate regarding renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day was not voted on by the Executive Committee nor by the Faculty Assembly because we do not (SUNY Poly does not) recognize this as an official holiday.
  - b. University Senate's resolution to provide free menstrual products received a recommendation for endorsement by the Executive Committee. **Faculty Assembly passed the motion to endorse this decision with 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.**
3. Provost's remarks:
  - a. 710K\$ in funds were raised by various faculty via grant funding, with an additional grant pending.
  - b. Network and Computer Security MA degree will be put online, this has been approved. This is important because many people working in this field are employed and cannot go to school full time.
  - c. March 1-4th (beginning of Spring Break) is the FRC regional robotics championship. Volunteers are needed to help run this event (150 volunteers, to be precise). \$140K is needed to run the event. This is an excellent recruiting opportunity, as many high school students will be here. Please make nominations for all awards (excellence in teaching, excellence in service~ check provost's site)
4. Committee Items
  1. Academic Affairs:
    - a) Academic Minor policy. It was pointed out that item 5 on page 6 of the agenda is contrary to policy of the U of Albany. Can courses be double-counted that also count toward a minor? Suggestion is that we vote against this motion and edit #5. This was discussed in committee. Two views: One, a minor is a confirmation that a person has completed a specific series of courses in a discipline as determined by the faculty. Two, that it requires work outside of the major's requirements. Should a minor exist outside a major as a separate thing? A vote was held to call the question. This vote is to strike or retain item five from the minor policy. **17- yes, 15-no in the initial vote. The motion carries.**
    - b) Item on page 8~ Military Drill course release. **Motion carried unanimously, endorsed.**
    - c) Recommendations for academic advisors re: financial aid (page 7) the issue being that most faculty are having a hard time

keeping up with changes to financial aid policies. Academic advisors should refer students to qualified financial aid people.

**Endorsed with one opposed and no abstentions.**

2. Personnel:
  - a. Motion on the Formation of a joint faculty and administration committee to develop a policy pertaining to administrative searches at the level of dean and above (excluding presidents). **Carried unanimously.**
3. Update on getting full admin access to faculty machines: IT says that giving access simply requires asking, and there is a form to sign.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam McLain, Secretary