

## Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

(Items 1, 2 and 3 are a joint meeting with Staff Assembly)

9/27/2018

### Kunsela Hall A-112

1. Introduction- Ron Sarner, Interim Chair
2. Remarks by Interim-President Grace Wang
  - a. President Wang thanks the faculty who met with her for informing SUNY Poly's goals and plan going forward.
  - b. Framework for a Sustainable Future (hereafter, FSF) will likely be launched in the next few weeks.
  - c. There will likely be a town hall meeting in October to discuss the FSF. What are our goals, what do we want to become, where will we be 50 years from now? This is what we need to figure out. What facilities, labs, classrooms, and degree programs do we need to be successful?
  - d. Over the next 1-2 months committees will be assembled and will plan the course of the FSF.
  - e. Encourages everyone to strive for excellence as an academic institution with a core of education and research.
  - f. **Presidential Search:** Board of Trustees and the SUNY Chancellor are still deciding when the search for a permanent president will begin. President Wang suggests determining our core mission, what we want to do and where we want to be, in order to attract a high quality candidate.
3. Remarks by Interim-Provost Steve Schneider
  - a. The deans have been asked by the provost to examine course scheduling, as regards certain times of the day and days of the week. This has the impact of creating peak times, when facilities look underused at others, and so decreases our competitiveness for new buildings. The suggestion is that more classes be scheduled to meet in the evenings and on Fridays.
  - b. Banner updates regarding departments and colleges should soon be complete.
  - c. Faculty should be able to submit electronic portfolios by this spring (Spring, 2019) via Interview Exchange.
  - d. The IDEAS surveys should be moved to an online-only system within a year (Fall, 2019).
  - e. The Faculty Handbook is being updated and revised, with updates going out to Faculty in coming months.

- f. The Academic Integrity policy is being reviewed and updated to reflect the presence of deans. Faculty are encouraged to review the policy and comment.
  - g. We will have Google Apps for everyone, within 6-8 months. **The @sunyit email addresses will change to @sunypoly addresses, with full retention of all Google services via Gmail by the end of this academic year.** Emails will be forwarded from the @sunyit emails for a currently unknown period of time, but it will be long-term (and possibly indefinitely).
- 4. Faculty Member for the Auxiliary Services Board of Directors
    - a. Ron Foster has self-nominated and is affirmed.
  - 5. Members for the Public Safety Committee
    - a. Lori Kane and Betsy Campbell will continue to serve.
  - 6. Election for a Chair for the Faculty Assembly
    - a. Ron Foster has been nominated and agreed to serve. **Ron Foster is elected Chair of the Faculty Assembly.**
  - 7. Approval of the Minutes of the August meeting.
  - 8. Approval of the Agenda of the September meeting.
  - 9. Discussion of the By-Laws will continue at the next meeting in October.
  - 10. Executive Committee Report
    - a. The “Bridge to Nano” or “2+2” was discussed in detail.
    - b. The IDEAS survey was discussed.
    - c. The Electronic Portfolio system was discussed.
    - d. Bus transportation between Albany and Utica may be cost-prohibitive in terms of a regular shuttle. \$600,000 per year for regular bus service (per Interim-Provost Schneider).

Respectfully submitted,

Adam T. McLain, Secretary

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