

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019, 12:30 p.m.
Kunsela Hall A-129
Chair, Linda Weber

1. Welcome! FA Chair Linda Weber
 - a. Approval of the Agenda (so approved)
 - b. Interim President Grace Wang - Important Faculty Initiatives + Q&A
 - i. Framework process (Framework for a Sustainable Future) is in progress~ the committees are being formed, and administration is looking at short and long-term issues. "Bridge to Nano" is being prioritized.
 - ii. SUNY Poly will be engaging in partnership programs, for example with Rome Hospital to train nurses, in order to raise enrollment and funds.
 - iii. SEED Grants are available, applications due February 15th, 2019.
 - iv. SUNY Applied Materials Research Institute to be anchored at SUNY Poly, with large amounts of money for applied materials research.
 - c. Interim Provost Steve Schneider - Provost's Goals + Q&A
 - i. The Provost is working on the initiatives in his December email~ Microcredentials, rather to adjust the academic calendar to be in sync with U. of Albany's
 - ii. The budget is being developed for the 2019-2020 academic year. Information is being collected about needed hires, etc.
 - d. Co-Chair of the Governance Council Zora Thomova - Focus for the Semester + Q&A
 - i. Governance is in the process of determining the various Chancellor's awards.
 - ii. Academic Affairs of the Joint Governance Council is looking at the Academic Integrity Policy, to update it. Membership of AA is on the provost's task force regarding the early warning system redesigned. They are also looking at micro-credentialing (along with Planning and Budgeting).
 - iii. Academic Staff Status Committee of the JGC is developing guidelines for portfolios for the Chancellor's awards nominations.
 - iv. Planning and Budgeting of the JGC is working on microcredentials.
 - v. Libraries, Technology and Distance Learning of the JGC is working on SUNY open access policy.

2. Chair's Remarks
 - a. Improving Representation -
 - i. The Structure of the FA - Executive Committee Sub-Committee will be established to examining the structure and function of the FA, potentially even including movement toward a faculty senate.
 - b. Streamline relationship between FA and Governance Council
 - i. Working with co-Chair to improve timeliness of review and response.
 - ii. Reducing redundancy in review and approval of policies while maintaining faculty voice from the Utica Campus.
 - c. Improving Information Flows
 - i. Announcing & posting policies under review - Google.docs?
3. Approval of the minutes of the 11/29 meeting (So approved)
4. New Business
 - a. Resolution in Support of Adequate Library Staffing (see below)
 - i. The resolution passes unanimously
 - b. Committee Reports

Personnel: Personnel will continue to work with the union's on efforts to create a promotional line for lecturers. The committee is also reviewing a tentative consensual and sexual relationship policy for the campus as having such is mandated by the state.

Curriculum: 5 curriculum actions and 2 program actions were approved. 1 new course was returned for revision. Get curriculum actions for this fall (2019) to Lori by January 30th at the latest.

Academic Affairs: 2 advisory roles for the microcredentials. Also considering academic good standing. Registrar also wants them to look at a form for what is required to change an incomplete to another grade.

Graduate Council: The Graduate Council discussed and approved 12 new courses for Nursing. At the next meeting they will be discussing two additional new courses for Nursing, as well as possibly discussing microcredentials.

Planning and Budgeting: Currently looking at classroom utilization, the academic budget, and the academic calendar. Also working on the planning processes for engineering 3+2 and 4+1 with UB, and the "Bridge-to-Nano" with the Albany campus..

Distance Learning: Developing policies for distance learning classrooms

Technology: Continuing to draft a bylaws statement; also working to develop a web page for all software resources available on both campuses that is easy to review.

Academic Quality: Planning to work on revising the calendar.

Faculty Senate: The plenary was the week before this meeting~ a write-up will be sent around soon. The bylaws of the University Faculty Senate are being reviewed, with a change regarding the position of Vice President. A vote will need to be held on this campus (every campus) in

order to do that. There was also a large discussion about consent policies that came down from SUNY Central and the desire for individual campus faculties to be involved in their development. Also, it might be useful for students to know that there are food pantries available (in Auxiliary Services Office, Kunsela A-217).

Ad-hoc committee on research: Meeting next Tuesday (4th Tuesday of the month) at noon in the college of business conference room. They have discussed things like course releases, developing new Ph.D. programs, needed infrastructure for research, etc. The committee is going to look at peer schools to see how they support research.

Ad-hoc committee on teaching and mentoring: No report

General Announcements:

There is a training on Tuesday to help faculty recognize signs of mental crises, what to say to them and where to refer them. (QPR Training~ there is a link and RSVP in the community mailer of 1/24/2019)

The College of Arts and Sciences is doing two seminar series this semester, all in Kunsela 131. See posters around Donovan and Kunsela Halls.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam McLain

Secretary

1/24/2019

Resolution in Support of Adequate Library Staffing

Whereas the library is the “heart of the university”¹,

Whereas the library has value due to its impact on teaching, learning and research, student success, student life, and other college-wide activities,

Whereas none of that value can be realized without the dedicated work of librarians with advanced degrees in library sciences,

Whereas the current staffing of the library is insufficient for SUNY Polytechnic Institute to achieve its mission to provide excellence in education, innovation in research, and continued growth,

¹See a report by the National Library Association, 2010. *Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Research Review and Report*, http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/val_report.pdf

Whereas the current staffing level includes only one academic librarian with no plans for permanently replacing vacancies in the near future,

Be it so resolved, that the faculty assembly calls upon the administration to fill the librarian position vacated in November, 2018, with a permanent hire,

Be it so resolved, that the faculty assembly asserts the need for the librarian director vacancy be filled as soon as practicable with a librarian with advanced library sciences credentials.