Senate Minutes May 5, 2024

Present: Alice Krause, Erin Wagner, Lisa Tessier, Mark Sullivan, Kari Haugeto, Doug Holub, Laurie Jones, Lou Reyes, David Brower, John Padovani, Lindsay Walker, Dan Gashler, Shelly Jones, Carrie Fishner, Kristy Fitch, Michael Sullivan, Shannon Shoemaker, Simon Purdy, Lauren Sloane, Beth Boyd, Brigid Finn-Maguire, Michael Tweed, Jason Cash, Nazely Kurkjian, Dan Davis, Leslie Barger, Lori Tremblay, Bret Meckel, Mary Bonderoff, Lori Ciafordoni, Ralph Perez, Chelsea Mathieu, Joyce Shim

Proxies: Kristy Fitch for Robb Munro; Shannon Shoemaker for Doug Gulotty; Lori Ciafordoni for Cheri Rossi

Old Business

I. Quorum confirmed; last minute substitute for role of secretary (have mercy!)
II. Call to order 4:38 pm
III. Motion to approve minutes: Doug, Shelly; 19 yes; 0 no
IV. Updates from Interim Provost: We're all busy; fun registration fair—food truck was a big hit; many thanks to those who helped there and are helping with registration efforts; Prodig fellow posting is live—share widely; reexamining software Ad Astra to help plan for enrollment, # of course sections; Universal Design Summit on May 29 & May 30—please register; lots of other PD being planned right now, so keep an eye on Delhi Today and BroncoConnect; Assessment Day on June 5, SPARK is on June 4; in need of Commencement volunteers on Saturday, May 18 (8am-2pm) (https://www.delhi.edu/academics/commencement/faculty-staff.php); we run on a 14+1 semester so make sure you meet with your students for that finals block; make sure you have grades in by 8am on May 20; collaboration with SUNY Oneonta on Nursing, etc. for articulations
    a. UD Summit: is there a cost associated? None for faculty and staff
V. Eboard updates: Call is out for senate seats; a lot of seats open; good opp to learn more about the college and SUNY; nominations open throughout the week; voting will happen next week; Strategic Planning Open Forum this Thursday from 12:30-1:30; Eboard met with Mary and David (with Doug) last week; StAR Day is on Thursday @ 4pm (in Resnick)
VI. Plenary Report from Lisa (presentation and notes are in Sharepoint)
    a. Thanks to Lisa for all of her hard work! Plenaries are always a lot of fun. So find opps to get involved.
    b. Alice got elected to be the rep for CGLs, so will continue to attend plenary
VII. No nominations to Budget and Planning Committee, so moving on.

New Business

I. Lauren w/ Academic Policy Proposal: the academic code was archaic and needed updating; a lot of terms and definitions have been revised
    a. Motion: Shelly, Jason

                i.   Beth: MS is listed, correct?
                         1. Yes
        b. Vote: 22 yes, 0 no

II.   Lindsay: presenting Faculty Hiring procedures
        a. Please send typos and other changes that don't affect meaning via email to Lindsay
        b. This has been a multiple-semester process: thanks to the committee for their work!
        c. Document is divided into different sections: committee membership, roles of committee members, processes and timelines, decision-making process, best practices
        d. Please take this back to your constituents for feedback
               i.   Lou: Request for a closer look
                         1. Document will be sent to Lou
              ii. Lou: Was someone from HR on the committee? Will take a little bit longer to look at it
                         1. Yes
        e. Comm members: Lindsay Walker, Lori Tremblay, Kelly Keck, David Brower, Shannon Shoemaker, Nicole Craft, Alice Krause
        f. Deans have had a chance to look at the document
               i.   Carrie: This is just for faculty searches, correct?
                         1. Yes. If there is interest, we can look at this again for professional staff next year
        g. We will vote on this at our next meeting.

III.   UFS Plenary Resolutions (full wording is available in Sharepoint)
        a. We will vote next time; we cannot amend—will just vote whether to endorse
        b. AI: asking SUNY for tools and guidance
        c. Cross-Campus Research Support: asking for more spaces and venues for cross-collaboration; funding for discussion leaders (esp. since research is required/desired by SUNY)
        d. Resolution not passed at UFS: Graduate Education Standards
               i.   Brigid: do we need to bring back unpassed resolutions to constituency
                         1. Not at this point; we only vote to endorse resolutions passed by UFS
        e. SUNY Research Communication Enhancement: wider networking and cross-campus communication to help interns, grad students, etc.
        f. Basic Needs Syllabus Statement: request that a basic needs statement be encouraged across SUNY
        g. Requesting Progress Report on Financial Sustainability: Ask SUNY to share out plans and be transparent with these plans
               i.   Erin: The mention of Downstate emphasizes the need for these plans to be public; these are community questions

        ii.   Alice: This was a big topic during Campus Governance Leader meeting; these reports really varied across campuses and had differing levels of shared governance

IV.   Local Resolution: Sustainability Resolution (full wording available on Sharepoint)
   a. Share this with your colleagues; vote will take place at next meeting
   b. This resolution came out of campus proposal to create
   c. References SUNY and NYS goals and commitments
   d. Support of UFS and UUP for these sustainability initiatives
   e. References SUNY Delhi's local initiatives and how they align
   f. Ties to research that students are considering sustainability when they consider college selection
   g. Recognizes Delhi and SUNY Student Senate previous resolutions
   h. Resolved: support NYS bills, encourage constituents to write advocacy letters, and ask admin to support sustainability initiatives

V.   Reminder that last Senate meetings of the academic year always have a lot of voting business

Adjourned: 5:32pm