Central Connecticut State University Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007
Vance 105

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Next Meeting of the Faculty Senate on December 10, 2007, 3 pm Vance 105


Ex-Officio: Kremens, Lemma, Lovitt, Pease, Sakofs

Parliamentarian: Charles Dimmick

Guests: Paul Petterson, Mary Anne Nunn, Stephen Adair, Michael Gendron (CCSU-AAUP), Braden Hosch (Inst. Research & Assesment)

Meeting called to order by President Craine at 3:02 pm

1. Hearing no objections, Senate President Tim Craine re-order the agenda, to allow the Elections Committee to report on referendum results regarding “lack of confidence” in President Miller. Senator Blitz reported the following for the committee: The committee sent 1206 ballots to all eligible SUOF-AFSCME and AAUP members of CCSU. 612 ballots were received back.
   Voting “yes” to adopting the “lack of confidence” resolution: 256
   Voting “no” to adopting the “lack of confidence” resolution: 318
   The remaining 38 ballots were invalid.
   The resolution did not pass. Senator Blitz submitted the written report, with all committee member signatures, to the Faculty Secretary.

2. Announcements: a) SUOF-AFSCME President Fred Bonvicini thanked the Elections
committee for the results.

b) Senate President Tim Craine also thanked the Elections Committee, and read his correspondence to the university regarding the December 3, 2007 town meeting. He announced that President Miller approved the final P&T guidelines, and therefore two committees need to be formed to carry on the work outlined in that document: a) a committee to develop practices for evaluating teaching, and b) a committee to develop the P&T guidelines for counselors, librarians and coaches.

3. Senator Fallahi moved the approval of the Senate minutes for November 12, 2007: Approved.

4. Further New Business: a) Senator Duquette for the Academic Freedom committee reported that the committee saw no role for itself on the matter of: the Norman Finkelstein-DePaul University tenure decision, as it was best handled [and in fact was recently resolved, as reported in Academe] by the union.

   b) Senator Jones moved the following resolution from the Information Technology Committee: Passed, with the suggestion that sample size be increased as permits.

   Resolved: That the Senate authorizes the ITC to conduct a limited pilot of online courses while it considers a new policy for online courses.

   Context: In light of the recent lifting of the CSU chargeback for online courses, the ITC has been charged with evaluating and implementing a new policy regarding online and hybrid courses. As part of the formulation of this policy, the ITC invites applications for two pilot online courses and for two pilot hybrid courses to be taught in the fall 2008 semester. In each case, faculty will be expected to help the ITC assess the effectiveness of online teaching.

   c) No report yet from Senate and CCSU-AAUP presidents, on the inquiry into President’s denial of tenure to 2006/2007 candidate.

5. Senator Murphy moved to adjourn: Passed.