**Faculty Senate Minutes**

**March 2, 2022 – 12:00-1:20 – SCP-117 (with Zoom simulcast)**

**In attendance:** Ahlawat, Baker, Bender, Bennett, Borders, Burroughs, Bush, Bwire, Capece, Cho, Curtis, Dahling, Dickinson, Gevertz, Kim, Kim-Bossard, Knox, Lawrence, Lasher, Leynes, Li, Lopes-Murphy, Meixner, O’Connor, Patterson, Pearlstein, Prensky, Ryan, Salgian, Samanta, Sewell, Shahid, Singer, Steele, Steinberg, Toloudis, Warner-Ault, Wei, Zrada.

**Absent:** Altmiller, McBride, Ortiz-Vilarelle.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes from February 16, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Committee on Faculty Affairs (CFA) – Testimony on Preliminary Recommendation on Revisions to SOSA Program (Chris Fisher & Gary Dickinson)**

* Chris began by reviewing the revision process.
* The goal is to streamline the SOSA procedures.
* Gary then took over and reviewed the revisions to the original document.
* Questions and comments.
* Chris and Gary will continue taking feedback through the Wednesday of spring break. Chris will put a link in the Zoom chat to a Qualtrics form for additional feedback.

**Discussion for Proposal of Slate for Faculty Awards**

* Matt reviewed the background of the proposal for several new faculty awards. Provost Osborn had approached SEB to create new awards, since Staff Senate had recently also developed new awards for staff members.
* Senate has given the following awards in the past:
  + Mildred Dahne Award
  + Campus Leadership Award
  + Colloquium Speakers (fall and spring)
* SEB proposes the following slate of awards as a result of this discussion:
  + Mildred Dahne Award (currently exists)
  + Excellence in Campus Leadership Award (was given out previously but had lapsed)
  + Innovation in Teaching (new)
  + Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activity (formerly Colloquium Speakers; will be revised to 1 per year, in the fall semester)
  + Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (new)
  + Excellence in Student Mentoring and Advising (new)
  + Early Career Award (new)
  + Distinguished Teacher-Scholar (new)
* These awards would be given at a ceremony taking place on the new professional development day in the spring semester.
* Comments and discussion.
* Motion to move forward, seconded.
* Motion carries.
* SEB will work out the specifics and bring back a final version. If you are interested in helping out with the process to finalize this, please let Matt know.

**Group Discussion of Support for Transfer Students**

* The college has increased its emphasis on enrolling transfer students. The goal is to have up to 20% of all new students be transfers in the next 5 years.
* We need to reform the way we support these students.
* Matt broke the Senate into groups and asked them to consider 3 areas:
  + Institutional/structural processes.
  + Curriculum.
  + Culture.
* Senate reconvened and 1 person from each group gave a brief overview of their discussions.
* Matt will share results of these discussions with the college.

**Emailed Committee Reports are Attached**

Meeting adjourned at 1:21pm

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**Upcoming Events:**

March 10: 4@4 session

April 6: Faculty Senate

April 8: 4@4 session

April 15: Annual Pelson Lecture

Angel David Nieves, Ph.D., Professor of Africana Studies, History, Digital Humanities, & English; Director of Public Humanities at Northeastern University.

April 20: Faculty Senate

April 22: Gitenstein-Hart Lecture

Dr. Karen Yan, Prof. of Mechanical Engineering (2019-2020 recipient)

May 9: Last Senate meeting of the Year (9-10:30)

End of Year Workshop, collaboration with Pelson Chair (10:30-12:00)

Dr. Tina Sikka, Lecturer in Media, Culture, and Heritage at the University of Newcastle, UK

**CAP Report to Faculty Senate**

**March 2, 2022**

**Deborah Knox, Computer Science**

CAP is working on a large number of charges; progress on selected items are listed below.

A new **Supply Chain Management Minor** was approved and sent to Steering.

**Graduate Admissions Policy**: At the last CAP meeting, a new charge for a policy regarding

graduate re-admission (after an absence) was added to tasks of the Graduate Admissions policy

5-year review committee.

**Syllabus Policy**: Academic Affairs agreed to supporting/hosting pertinent policies, to be linked

within a syllabus. This will be included in the syllabus template. The subcommittee is waiting to

hear from the Faculty Senate on a common DEI statement.

**Remote Classroom Camera/Microphone Use and Recording Policy**: General Counsel’s office

determined that misconduct in a remote/virtual setting is equivalent to the same issue in a

classroom experience. At the next meeting, CAP will discuss conduct by another entity that is

not under the student’s control. The revised policy will be presented for a vote at CAP’s next

meeting.

**Ungraded Option Policy**: A campus-wide feedback survey is due to close on March 7. Although

there is a 4-course limit in applying ungraded courses towards a baccalaureate degree, courses

taken as Ungraded under either the Spring 2020 emergency policy or the Spring 2021

emergency policy will not count towards this four-course unit limit.

**CFA Report for March 2, 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting  
Gary Dickinson**  
CFA  continues to work on several open charges: SOSA program (presented at the March 2 Faculty Senate Meeting), Assessment of Advising (open fora have been conducted at Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and Student Government), review of Student Feedback, revisions to the service section of the Reappointment and Promotions document, Use of Copyrighted Materials and 5-year reviews of the Reviewing Undergraduate Advising Policies & Practices Policy, Financial Conflicts of Interest Policy, and Retention of Student Work Policy. We plan to seek written and oral feedback on several of these charges in the coming months.

**Steering Report – Senate Meeting - March 2, 2022**

**Jill Bush**

A number of new minors/certificate programs that are going through Governance (CAP) and have been approved.  There have been a number of policies reviewed under the 5-year review. We are discussing the proposed Executive committee based on initial feedback in the fall and are continuing those discussions this spring.