



## **Senate Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023**

**Present:** Lisa Tessier, Alice Krause, Genevieve Salerno, John Padovani, Cheri Rossi, Kristy Fitch, Erin Wagner, Lindsay Walker, Doug Gulotty, Lauren Sloane, Dan Gashler, Shannon Shoemaker, Simon Purdy, Brett Meckel, Shelly Jones, Louis A. Reyes Jr., Beth Boyd, Chelsea Mathieu, Jennifer Collins, Leslie Barger, David Brower, Brigid Finn-Maguire, Doug Holub, Shawn Brislin, Lori Tremblay, Michael Tweed, Laurie Jones, Michael Sullivan, Lars Schweidenback, Lori Ciafardoni, Joyce Shim, Dan Davis, Max Dehne, Nazely Kurkjian

**Proxies:** Kristy F. for Robb Munro, Cheri Rossi for Misty Fields, Dan Gashler for Jason Cash

**Meeting called to order at: 4:32 PM.**

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute.

**Approval of September 25, 2023 meeting minutes.**

Motion made by Shelly J., Doug H. second.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no, vote passes.

**Updates: Interim Provost** – David B. -- Micro credential task force being launched. Multi-phase process. Some great ideas already in the pipeline or things that can be easily put together. Key members already committed to participating. Looking for faculty folks to participate and will do another call out for participation down the road. Prior Learning Assessment Learning Group committee being organized soon. Looking to see what best practices are such as billing and how students can document this kind of learning. Last update was 1976 so about time for a refresh. We are launching a Retention Committee for our campus. A Steering Committee and a series of work groups. We encourage you to be involved in that process. Congratulations to folks across campus. Accreditations Commission has reaccredited our Nursing program! An exceptional visit. Automotive Technology reaccredited, Master Automobile Service Technician Credit. Last day for Lauralea Edwards is November 8, 2023. Thank you for your contributions! We wish you the best. Academic Forum in Sanford 101/zoom next week. APAC for 2 pm Bush Hall on 10/31/23. Regional Economic Development Council meeting Okun Theater October 19, 2023, 5:30 to 7:30.

Erin W. – Micro credential task force. Lars is interested in being a part of that. Might make it run smoother if he is there as he is also part of the Curriculum Committee

David B. – We are happy to know he is interested! We were hoping he would be.

Alice K. – How will Curricular Planning and continuation with that work once Lauralea leaves and how will faculty and staff be involved in this?

David B. – Lauralea is working on drafting some materials to go out to the PDs. The data we are trying to come up with is going to enable us to make better decisions.

Alice K. – Thank you Lauralea for the work you have done. Your participation in College Senate, as well as your willingness to be deliberative in your work is appreciated.

E-board updates: Shared Governance Award and E-Board activities related to our Bylaws related to the restructure. Some discussions with faculty, staff, and administrators regarding student physical safety as well as the Plenary coming up this weekend.

Shared Governance Award and the possibility of our campus nominating ourselves for this award. Two criteria one can apply under. One is sustained excellence in shared gov and the other is a significant improvement in SG. I would like to put us forward for it if possible. One reason is to acknowledge all of the work that we have all put forth for shared governance. Another reason is to identify the gaps where we can improve. I know many of us have strong feelings about ways shared governance could continue to improve. This is a good opportunity to formalize strategies to improve. Good way to document our growth. Thinking ahead to next Middle States. No one from a technical institution has won the award in the 10 years it has been available. We would have to put a committee together and we would have to work quickly on this as the deadline is next month! Please let me know what you're thinking

Doug H. – Curious if there are any downsides other than the work that will be involved.

Alice K. – Not that I am aware of. You can apply as many times as you want to. And we can use the materials to improve our campus as well as for Middle States.

Lori T. – I am in full support

Genevieve S. – I think it's a good idea because we can use it as a tool to assess ourselves. Plus winning the award is not a guarantee so it really is just a question of how much bandwidth we are able to put towards this. Thank you for bringing this forward!

Alice K. – I have no idea what our chances are for winning this but it seems like we are pretty middle of the road in the pack and we have lots to learn from. There are some places, for example, that cannot even get meetings going or getting quorum. We have had some major improvements and I think it would be a good thing to help us.

Beth B. – This is a great idea!

Alice K. – Thanks! Any other questions or concerns? Please feel free to reach out personally to me as well if there is something you feel you would not like to share in public.

Shelly J. – Looking over checklist. Have you had a conversation with Mary B. about this? Needs presidential support.

Alice K. – Yes . Mary B. is on board with it. We would need some volunteers and a local group who would start that. I am happy to take over most of the heavy lifting with it as my 7-week class has just ended. I will take this conversation as it is ok to take this to the next step of getting a committee together.

Erin W. – Is this the kind of thing where there will be a vote eventually or is this a sort of informal thing?

Alice K. – We can certainly have a vote on it if someone wants to make a motion?

Lori C. – I think since it falls under chancellor's awards it means it does not need local voting for it. Because this is SUNY wide it does need local endorsement.

Erin W. – Was just seeking clarification on that, thank you.

Genevieve S. – Can people come to the E-board or any member of E-board if they have concerns, is that ok? I think it would be good to have a place to come forward with those concerns because they are very useful.

Alice K. – Yes absolutely. Concerns can be incredibly useful for us to use as ways to identify areas of improvement.

Bylaws -- Met with areas and PD's in Applied Tech and Applied Sciences, would require change in representation in the bylaws. Adding representative from applied tech and architecture to the senate as well as other bodies so that each school has two senators each. Will also be asking LAS&N as well. Making sure it is equitable for all parties involved. Will be sending language out to LAS&N so they can look that over as well.

Student mental health -- Student mental health and physical safety and how those concerns effect academics and classroom safety. Met with Mary B. to discuss many aspects of these concerns. Please continue to bring these issues up, the more we know about them, the more we can do about them. Bring them up during Academic Forums as well. The next Academic Forum will have this as an issue. Next Thursday at 12:30 pm.

Finally, the UFS Plenary at SUNY Geneseo this weekend! Resolutions that will be up for discussion are as follows.

Lisa T. – While Alice is bringing this up, we do not usually have a chance to bring the resolutions to the full body so this is a great opportunity. Have not gone through Executive Board yet of UFS, so there may be revisions, but these are what is up right now. Process for professional Staff Advancement. No word smithing right now, but do you feel SUNY Delhi should support this. Timely especially since we have worked on our faculty promotional process.

Erin W. – Speaking strongly in support of this. There should be more availability for staff to advance.

Lisa T. – Also stresses the need to partner with Union on this.

Jenny C. – Seconding what Erin said. This is an important resolution because there is so much that can be done to make the processes clearer. I am in support of this.

Cheri R. – I am reading how it says: Make every effort to avoid creation of positions that have no chance for advancement. But does it say anything about titles that have already been created? Wondering if that has been considered? I would like to see more language about what would happen, what options and benefits are there for already established staff?

Lisa T. – I have not heard the conversation with the details in it, but it is definitely something I can inquire about. This came from the Operations Committee so I can ask them directly about it.

Cheri R. – Thank you!

Alice K. – I am also on favor of this.

Lisa T. – Resolution that came from SUNY Plattsburgh. Basically looks at whether or not SUNY Chancellor will allow campuses to opt out of vendors that utilize prison labor.

Erin W. – I agree with this resolution. Should not profit off of a system that utilizes free labor.

Lisa T. – Last one is lengthy but originated from Executive Committee. Starting to advocate for the next budget. Asking SUNY UFS President Landa be permitted to work with SUNY System with research and advocacy with the governor. Asking to increase support for the SUNYs. Also goes through 3 areas in particular that they advocate for in terms of assistance. Calls on each campus to make resolutions to encourage advocacy for SUNY.

Alice K. – Seems like a no brainer to support more funds! Any other comments or questions? Anything else Lisa?

Lisa T. – If you have any questions you think the Tech Sector could directly ask the Chancellor please let me know. I welcome anything you think I should bring forward. Often a useful time to see how other schools are handling similar things.

## **Old Business**

**Budget & Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Rep** – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee) We do not have any nominations

Alice K. – If there is a staff senator who would like to joint his committee, please let Cheri R. know. This seat will stay open.

**Bylaws Proposal: Academic Policy Committee Membership** – Cheri Rossi (Bylaws Committee) This came from Academic Policy student financial services as their designee ex-officio on committee. Defer rationale to Lauren S.

Lauren S. – A lot of our policies that come through do have an impact on student's credits or financial aid standing and status so it is important that we have representation on this campus when we are looking at these policies where it influences student standing and aid.

Alice K. – Motion to approve

Motion made by Erin W., Doug H. second

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 22 yes, 0 no,

**UFS-Endorsed FCCC Resolution: "Inclusive Access" Bookstore Programs** – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee). For continuity since Michael T. already proposed this to the Senate last meeting, and because I was not present at that meeting, Mike will continue the dialogue, but I will be here in case there are questions that he cannot answer.

Mike T. – I think we covered everything but this time we are looking for a vote of yes or no. Essentially all this really says is that if admin and bookstores are looking to go with this model they work with Senate in decision making processes.

Alice K. – Jenny are you motioning to approve?

Jenny C. – Yes, but also would like to give context

Simon P. -- I second.

Alice K. Motion made by Jenny C., and seconded by Simon P., to endorse this motion.

Jenny C. – Wanted to put out there that this is an essential resolution in involving the faculty in what the course materials are. As someone who has worked with OER initiatives for many years, having input that is not the bookstore is very important in this.

Alice K. – Thank you Jenny. Any other comments?

Michael T. – I am also in support of this because it means flexibility for students and faculty. We should be involved in this process. I encourage everyone to vote yes on this.

Vote taken: 23 yes, zero no. Resolution passes.

**New Business**

**October Curriculum Proposals** – Lars Schweidenback (Curriculum Committee) : Only Vet Sci and Professional Studies. CITA 330 updates. CITA 236 and 336 are new courses. Needed for the mechatronics degree. Designed for what they needed.

Alice K. -- Motion to approve 1-3?

Motion made by Lindsay W. and Cheri R. second.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 23 yes, 0 no. Curriculum passes.

**Announcements –**

Lori C. -- LGBTQI speaker that is coming tomorrow is well worth everyone's time. Encourage everyone to attend. Please post in your classes and encourage all to attend!

Genevieve S. – Haunted house!!! Going to be a big event and we all hope to see you there. Also please show your support for all of the great things going on around campus! Thank you to all of the support we have received so far as well. It makes a huge difference.

**Adjourn at 5:31 PM**