



****DRAFT** SUNY Delhi College Senate Meeting Minutes: October 31, 2022 **DRAFT****

Present: Alice Krause, Mary Bonderoff, Shelly Jones, Jenny Collins, Kristy Fitch, Michele Frazier, Robb Munro, Simon Purdy, Cheri Rossi, Liz Frisbee, Genevieve Salerno, Shannon Shoemaker, Lisa Tessier, Michael Tweed, Erin Wagner, Lindsay Walker, Doug Holub, Lori Ciafardoni, Joyce Shim, Thomas Jordan, Terry Hamblin, Beth Boyd, Laurie Jones, Kaleigh Herman, Leonel Diaz, Karen Teitelbaum, Dave Wakin, Daniel Gashler, Doug Gulotty

Proxies: Lindsay Walker proxy for Simon Purdy, Lisa Tessier proxy for Michael Tweed, Mary Wake proxy for Lou Reyes, Cheri Rossi proxy for Brigid Finn-Maguire, Daniel Gashler proxy for Jason cash

4:01p meeting called to order

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

Approval of October 17, 2022 meeting minutes

Shelly J. made motion and Erin W. seconded.

Follow up regarding titles: First and last names will be used moving forward, job titles will be used when necessary.

Vote taken: yes – 20; no – 0; abstain – 0. Minutes approved.

Updates: E-board

Lisa T. and Alice K.: Plenary held at SUNY Purchase. Lisa T. has prepared report for November with update at future meeting. Lisa T. shared some insights: Budget challenges are across SUNY in general. Faculty and staff burnout was also discussed. A statement containing four new resolutions will come forward for discussion in subsequent meetings so stay tuned.

Elections coming up in November.

Bylaws changed to two times a year to fill vacant seats.

Cheri R. gave update: nominations for one at large faculty and one at large staff are being held. Faculty senate seat is a two year position. At large staff is alternate seat and therefore it is a one

year. Next week is voting. This week nominations. Please encourage everyone you run into to vote because voting is traditionally low.

Preliminary visit from the Middle States Chair occurred last Friday. Alice K. gave an update: The E-board got to meet him along with Union E-board and Curriculum Committee chairs. Asked preliminary questions and impressions about shared governance. Overall seemed to be a positive visit. Seemed to be a positive experience.

Also please don't forget the about the Robert's Rules and Shared Governance trainings in Vancko Hall.

Meetings continue between Alice K. and Mary B. as well as between Alice K. and senators. These meetings have been a great experience as they have offered everyone a chance to learn and appreciate the unique characteristics of everyone's jobs.

Old Business

Bylaws Proposal – Lindsay Walker (Bylaws Committee)

Wording on paragraphs changed. Dean section changed. Separated into sections for ease of viewing. Timing has not changed on anything.

Motion to approve made by Doug H. and seconded by Shelly J.

Kristy F. wondered if the wording on "learning management system" could be more generalized as we are in the process of moving to MS Forms. More generic language would allow flexibility from this angle.

Kristy F. made motion to amend and Terry H. seconded.

Amendment suggested: Change "through current management system" to "learning management system or similar means" and change wording that suggests election results will be shared through learning management systems to simply state the election results will be shared.

Vote taken: yes – 20; no – 0; abstain – 1. Amendment to By-laws Proposal passed.

Motion to approve resolution already made.

Vote taken: yes – 21; no – 0; abstain – 1. Bylaws change approved.

UFS Resolutions – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee)

Last two from Spring Plenary:

A vote to endorse the health and wellness resolution to expand offerings for faculty and staff.

The asks are to the SUNY Chancellor to endorse the resolution, name a committee, and also try to fund and deploy a network of chief wellness officers on all SUNY campuses, including ours.

Motion to endorse made by Terry H. Seconded by Lindsay W.

Discussion:

Genevieve S.: Constituents are in favor of this resolution, but are hopeful this will not impact our campus financially.

Jennifer C.: Constituents expressed positivity that health and wellness of SUNY employees is being looked into, but they voiced concern that studies have shown this does not solve burnout. Hiring more people to reduce workload, and therefore reduce burnout, may be a more effective use of funds and time.

Cheri R.: Shared similar feedback as Jennifer C. Opportunities to improve physical and mental health for SUNY employees is welcome, if the methods and models employed are evidence-based and not a result of following trends.

Vote to endorse: yes – 20; no – 2; abstain – 3. Motion passes

Motion to endorse recognition of Elizabeth Bringsjord's service.

Motion to endorse was made by Terry H. and seconded by Shannon S.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: yes – 26; no – 0; abstain – 1. Endorsement passed.

New Business

UFS Statement – Lisa Tessier (UFS Senator)

Support of basic human rights for all Iranians following recent protests.

Difference between a statement and a resolution discussed. Statements originate from executive committee of SUNY and brought to floor to be endorsed by SUNY UFS. Now statement from SUNY UFS Senate. Resolutions typically regard direct work within the committees.

Please share with areas. No questions asked. Discussion for next time regarding whether or not to endorse statement.

Academic Policy Committee Update – Lauren Sloane

Universal Grading System Policy continues to be worked on. Hopefully by end of month we will see something. Procedures for academic policies have also been discussed. Progress is being made in that area. Updates will be provided.

Talk to Academic Policy members in your area for more information.

Announcements – none.

Adjourn 4:41