Suffolk County Community College

Grant Campus

Academic Assembly

2/20/2018

Meeting commenced at 3:39 pm

1. Call to Order (Chair of the Assembly Alexander Kasiukov)
2. Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2017: Elisa Mancuso would like objection she noted in the December meeting included in the minutes. Edit noted and minutes approved.
3. Chair’s Report(Alexander Kasiukov) available on website (<http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/kasiuka/assembly/updates/2018-02-20/index.html>).
   1. Congratulations to Dr. Paul Beaudin.
   2. Pilot program for websites for faculty—interested faculty should apply for next semester
   3. Middle States—Read schedule under Assembly update (<http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/kasiuka/assembly/updates/2018-02-20/index.html#Grant-Campus-Academic-Assembly>)
   4. Micro-credentials—SUNY task force. Please read on Assembly website.
   5. Governance survey needs to be completed sooner rather than later—stay tuned.
4. Resolutions
   1. Resolutions from the Faculty Council on Community Colleges
      1. Resolution 2018-02-[01] in Support of Accommodations for Military Absences
         1. Discussion: active duty military only
         2. **Vote: Passed yes 47-no 1-abstain 1**
   2. Resolution 2018-02-[02]: New Funding Model for Community Colleges
      1. Not going to effect SCCC funding, but will not hurt and will help other CCs upstate
      2. Discussion:
         1. Ginny Horan: My initial reaction was that it was good to move away from an FTE. Wouldn’t it help the academic integrity also?
         2. Alex: it might. It still uses count of students, but gives it less weight.
         3. It changes our college budget by an additional $100,000
         4. Q: Is the funding only from the state? A: Yes, it is state funding.
         5. **Vote: Passed 41-4-6**
   3. Resolutions on Curriculum Proposals
      1. Resolution 2018-02-[03] in Support of Course Adoption Proposal: AST 103, Search for Life in the Universe (Janet Haff)
         1. Janet Haff: It ws requested by students and one of our Astronomy professors requested to teach it. It has been successful at Ammerman for ten years. I wanted to increase our general education offerings here. Astrobiology is a big field.
         2. As a department, we had an e-vote and many voted against it. We did not get our vote count.
         3. Janet Haff: it was a few—4 against and the rest voted for, then it went to Curriculum. A small Biology contingent voted against it. This is a course adoption, not a new course. Objections were addressed. The lab session is different in Astronomy. Satisfies SUNY Gen ED requirements.
         4. Donald Feruzzi: Are you suggesting that the professor who teaches it at Grant could address the lab deficiency? The four nays included a small group of Biologists and one Astronomer. Is there latitude in the lab session after the course is adopted.
         5. The department vote is recorded in the Course proposal (under Curriculum Committee report).
         6. **Vote: Passed yes 41-no 7-abstain 5**
      2. Resolution 2018-02-[04] in Support of Course Revision Proposal: HIS 205, Women in U.S. History (revision of HIS 105 – Women's Role in American History) (Judith Travers, Professor of History, Ammerman Campus).
         1. Janet Simpson, chair of College Curriculum. Change is straightforward.
         2. Jason Ramirez: Shouldn’t it say HIs 105. Do we teach it here?
         3. It is on our books but we don’t teach it.
         4. This is a course that should be revised. There is no pre-req. We need more 200-level history courses. I hope that we will have someone to teach it soon.
         5. **Vote: yes 46-no 1- abstain 3**
   4. Resolutions on Curriculum Proposals (pending Monday, February 19, 2018 approval by the College-wide Curriculum Committee). These are to prepare for Middle States visit and priority registration.
      * 1. Janet: These four programs needed to be brought into compliance with Middle States by requiring Lab and critical thinking, while staying within all the requirements necessary.
      1. Resolution 2018-02-[05] in Support of Expedited Curriculum Revision Proposal: Accounting AAS Degree (Diane P. Fabian).
         1. **Vote: Passed 47-0-1**
      2. Resolution 2018-02-[06] in Support of Expedited Curriculum Revision Proposal: Accounting AS Degree (Diane P. Fabian)
         1. **Vote: Passed 48-0-2**
      3. Resolution 2018-02-[07] in Support of Expedited Curriculum Revision Proposal: Business AAS Degree (Christopher Gherardi)
         1. **Vote: Passed 48-0-2**
      4. Resolution 2018-02-[08] in Support of Expedited Curriculum Revision Proposal: Business AS Degree (Christopher Gherardi)
         1. **Vote: Vote: 48-1-0**
      5. Resolution 2018-02-[09] in Support of Course Revision Proposal: ACC102, Principles of Accounting II (Eric Weinstein)
         1. Discussion: Eric Weinstein: the change is to comply with SUNY transfer path. Modifications here mean that we can use the 102 class as the second sequence. Lab component added.
         2. **Passed Vote: 45-3-2**
5. Governance Survey: Upcoming
6. Campus Update (Executive Dean James Keane) (slides will be available in Assembly Update):
   1. Great speakers and events on campus for Black History Month.
   2. SUNY Trustee Tish spent time on our campus and with our students.
   3. County Executive came to see LRC and see impact on students.
   4. Strong enrollment for Spring semester. Retention efforts seem effective. The extra week might have helped.
   5. January budget: Grant students tend to have greater financial need but similar GPAs to college as a whole.
   6. More part-time students on Grant, many of whom take day courses.
   7. Enrollment: high school visits by admissions and call center.
   8. New special needs testing center with new coordinator.
   9. Budget is flat.
   10. Degree Works will be new advising and registration for students (after priority registration).
   11. CLEP exams are up and running. Christine Crow is contact.
   12. Open Education Resources: more on OER at PD day through Dr. Beaudin.
   13. LAGS Pilot: programmatic sense for LAGS students (largest group on campus and most challenging for retention).
   14. FLEX scheduling: offering majors courses in evening and weekend timeslots.
   15. Early Alert: broaden usefulness of grades placed before mid-semester.
   16. Parking: Public Safety does not ticket for first two weeks. Ticketing has now started. Lines will be repainted this summer.
   17. Safety and Security: review of procedures, protocols.
   18. EOP/Trio moving to HSEC
   19. Sagtikos renovation: continuing.
   20. Physical plant committee: outdoor classroom and ticks has designed a space that would go outside Sagtikos that could serve as outdoor classroom or space for performance and quiet space for students.
   21. Spin room upcoming.
   22. Upcoming: PD Day (pt faculty invited) in March, President’s Town Hall, Middle States visit
       1. Discussion: Dave D. Parking enforcement related to faculty and LED parking spot. Will ticketing commence? Our library building built on patch of trees—200 were removed and nothing hasn’t been replanting. Are we going to plant native trees around our library?
       2. Michael Ann Tostoski: let’s start with a proposal. There are always blank proposals outside my door in Sag 214.
       3. A: Physical Development committee.
       4. Camilla Cologne [TK] Has there been anything more about getting a specimen room for Vet Science? 5-credit Anatomy will need more outside class time as well. And possibly adjunct space too.
       5. A: Dental is probably close to two years out and photo imaging is about a year out. Probably mid-Fall we could make some decisions.
       6. Kathy Ayer Lanzilotta: more students with special needs incoming supports the need for tutors.
7. For the Good of the Assembly:
   1. Elisa Mancuso: St. Baldrick’s to raise funds for pediatric cancer research.
   2. Don Feruzzi: April 13 Take Back the Night to end sexual and domestic violence Grant, 6-10pm. Sign-up sheet
   3. Dave D OER lecture space. Email Lou Roccanova
   4. February 26th 11-12 Captree 114, African American Literature Association Read-in
   5. Michael Ann Tostoski: exhibit open
   6. Motion to Adjourn
   7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

Minutes recorded by Kate O’Donoghue.