Members Absent: Mehran Nojan - Admin, Ulises Mejias - COM, Sandy Moore - HPW, Gregory Parsons - HIS, Alyssa Amyotte - Prof Staff, Kitty Macey - THT

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to strike Item II from the agenda since the minutes had not been distributed. The revised agenda was approved.

II. FA Chair’s Report – Joan Carroll

The chair reported that there is a new opening on the Graduate Council – Fehmi Damkaci’s Non-FA seat (11-13). After being appointed Assoc. Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Damkaci resigned from the council. There is also a vacancy on the Campus Concept Committee – an at-large position to be filled by FA. Both of these will be on the October 15 agenda.

Since sharing through Google Docs seems to be ineffective, minutes and handouts will be sent to the FA listserv and posted on the website.

Please continue to send reports to faculty.assembly@oswego.edu, identify yourself prior to speaking and bring a reusable beverage container to meetings.

III. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- Personnel Policies Council

Met on September 21; a question was raised about the various terminology used in policy statements on campus that refer to sexual orientation. The members present agreed that consistency with the SUNY Board of Trustees policy and language is important. This matter will be investigated further.

The issue of council membership when a member changes from FA to non-FA status (or vice-versa) was examined. Our by-laws, Article XII, sections b and c, explain how the changes in FA membership impact council representation and membership. The Task Force on Shared Governance might visit this topic.

The concern for administrators serving on councils was re-examined. Article I, sections 1 and 2, address this matter. Any member of the academic staff having academic rank and term or continuing appointment may so serve. This concern was raised in FA in 2005. There was a spirited exchange on the floor of FA. FA voted to maintain the status quo. PPC is reluctant to move forward with proposed bylaw changes without clear FA directions.

The PPC again visited the topic of interdisciplinary appointments. A draft from last spring requires further work on the language about a committee on the shared appointment being comprised of faculty from both departments. Then the deans must review and edit/approve the pilot before it is presented to FA.

Next meeting scheduled for October 5, 2:00 pm, 239 Campus Center.
• **Academic Policies Council**
  Met on September 21 and elected Sue Fettes, Paul Tomascak, and Steven Abraham as Chair, Recorder and Reporter, respectively.

  The proposed Minor in Logic was approved as were the C&I department’s requests for blanket deviations for PSY 320 and MAT 106 and the proposal to revise the B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

  Questions were raised about the proposal to revise the B.S. in Accounting and the proposal to create a Minor in Technology. These proposals will be discussed further once these questions are answered.

  The Council briefly discussed the Mathematics/Applied Statistics co-op proposal. Discussion will continue at the October 5 meeting.

• **Priorities and Planning Council**
  Met on Friday, September 28th and approved the revised B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering. They discussed budget transparency and began discussing the Academic Affairs goals for the year. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th.

• **General Education Council**
  Met on September 12 and approved ART 323 for the Art Writing Plan and PBJ 383 for the Law and Public Justice Writing Plan. They also discussed ramifications of the migration to the new Gen Ed.

  At the September 19 meeting, the council approved MUS 490, 491, 492 and 497 for meeting the Fine and Performing Arts category by taking a total of three credit hours of approved music ensemble offerings. Also approved ECO 330 for World Awareness-Social and Behavioral Sciences, and ENG 347, 360 and 486 for World Awareness-Humanities. Additionally, the council discussed the guidance to offer to departments who are preparing infusion plans for computer and information literacy.

  During the Q&A on this report, Chris Lalonde announced the availability of [GE 21: A Look at What's To Come](#) which offers a brief guide to departments for development of courses for World Awareness and of infusion plans for Computer and Information Literacy. He also reported that a number of courses approved under our current Gen Ed have been migrated to GE 21 unless departments requested otherwise.

• **Information Technology Council**
  Will have its organizational meeting on October 12.

• **Graduate Council**
  Met on September 21 and re-elected Damian Schofield as chair. Mark Hardy was elected recorder and Linda Rae Markert will report at FA meetings.

  The Council unanimously approved the following courses pending minor revisions: GST 598-Cooperative Education and HCI 525- Multimedia/Hypermedia Design & Authoring.

  Scheduled to meet again October 5th at 8am.
Undergraduate Curriculum Council
Met on September 19 and elected James Early and Lenuta Giukin as co-chairs for the 2012-13 academic year. The council also approved the following course proposals:
  o CSS 235 - Introduction to Cinema Production
  o CSS 335 - Intermediate Cinema Production
  o HIS 205 - History of Police in America
  o PBJ 387 - Research Methods and Data Analysis
  o PSY 324 - Psychology of Adulthood and Aging
  o PSY 495 - Capstone Senior Thesis in Psychology
  o PSY 496 - Capstone Laboratory Research
  o PSY 498 - Capstone Internship in Psychology

The Council discussed the notion of course repeatability and will be looking to the campus community and Faculty Assembly for clarification. The next meeting will be on October 3.

Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
Met on September 25 and heard from Cathy Santos who talked about Campus Tutoring and Writing Tutoring and Online Writing Help after hours. She is willing to speak to classes about what the Writing Center has and does to help students.

The committee is working on the user friendliness of the WAC website, and will meet again on October 9.

IV. Election for Vacancies on FA Councils and Committees

V. Unfinished Business
General Education 21 Unification Motion
Discussion centered on the impact on students, availability of information via MyOswego and CAPP reports and dealing with waivers in the event they are needed. Motion was then approved 30-1.

VI. New Business
There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.