Members Absent:
Jason Duffy  Robert O’Connor  Davis Sargent  Yasmin Alvarado  Takeena Strachan
Justin Techmanski  Patrick Mathis  Jan Woodworth

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM.

I.  Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as distributed.

II.  Approval of February 17, 2020 Minutes
The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair’s Report – Lisa Glidden
A. Free professional development webinar opportunity.  Registration required.
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Building Inclusion and Trust through Discussion Protocols
Anxiety is nothing new to college students, but with the current economic situation, our students are even more anxious -- anxious about the cost of college, and anxious about what good it will do them on the job market. Students with learning differences (dyslexia, ADD, ADHD) can feel that anxiety even more intensely. All that anxiety can augment the students’ sense of consumerism and entitlement, which can be exasperating for faculty. Faculty can reduce that anxiety by being supportive instructors, by building trust, and by creating a safe place in the classroom. Dakin Burdick (Director, Institute for College Teaching, SUNY Cortland) will describe the role of anxiety in the classroom and offer teaching methods that can help reduce anxiety. Participants will discuss ways to balance rigor and support in their disciplines.

B. The Ad Hoc Committee on Distressed/Disruptive Student Procedure has been convened and is meeting next week.

C. April 13 – 17 is Entrepreneurship week. Sarfraz Mian outlined the week’s activities, and noted that faculty from all over campus are participating. Workshops gear to entrepreneurial concerns are to be offered and students will earn a certificate for completing the workshops.

D. In 2009 FA asked the President to support awards to recognized excellence in Faculty and Professional Staff Service. This year President’s Award for Faculty Service went to Liz Schmitt, and the President’s Award for Professional Staff Service went to Josh McKeown. Congratulations to them both.

E. The Provost spoke about actions being taken to ensure the safety of students and faculty as regards the Coronavirus/COVID19 concerns. The Q3 travel courses with travel over Spring Break have been postponed to May or June. Students who are unable to complete the travel requirements will be refunded in full and will get course credit. If travel becomes possible, the college will cover additional expenses related to rescheduling international travel. Students who are currently
studing abroad (especially in Italy and South Korea) will be returning to the US. Administration is exploring ways to address absences and maintain the ability to continue studies.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces
A. Personnel Policies – Elizabeth Schmitt
   Preparing procedure for electronic submittal of DSI for Fall 2020. Working on a policy to observe faculty who teach on-line courses while respecting to course ownership.

B. Academic Policies Council – Eve Clark
   APC met on Friday, February 21. We passed the micro credential and changes to the SUNY Oswego withdrawal policy catalog language which are now on the floor for review. We also approved the changes to the Broadcasting/MPA 5 year program to reflect the changes this body approved for the Broadcasting BA last year. We are also reporting out language added to the Psychology Major footnote, it should now read, “A grade below C- must be repeated in all courses credited in the major; each of these courses which is a prerequisite for another course in the program must have a C- or better grade attained before taking the course for which it is a prerequisite”. We reviewed proposal changes to the Gender and Women studies program and the Public Relations Major and sent back the proposals with some questions and information. We will meet again this Friday, March 6

C. Graduate Council – Steven Abraham
   New courses from Chemistry Dept: Julia Koeppe
   CHE 564 Enzymes-approved pending revisions (revisions received and approved by Sandy 02/28/2020)
   CHE 527 Forensic Analytical Chemistry-approved pending revisions (revisions received and approved by Sandy 02/28/2020)

D. Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Ritu Radhakrishnan
   UCC approved the following courses.

   New
   BRC 355: Television Criticism
   PSY390H: Honors Semester in Psychology
   CSS 437: Cinema & Environment

   Prereq change
   MAT104: College Algebra
   Current Prerequisite(s): MAX 101 or appropriate score on the math placement test
   New Prerequisite(s): MAX 101 or MAT 101 or appropriate math placement score

E. Priorities and Planning Linda Rae Markert
   No meeting due to weather cancellation.

V. Elections:
   A. Task Force on Evaluating Assessment Practices SoE, Library
      SOE – Marcia Burrell
      Library – Michelle Bishop
VI. **Presentation:** Scott Steiger (AGS) “Being Prepared for and Reacting to Hazardous Weather in Central New York”  
Scott presented an overview of the variety of sources that can be used to determine weather conditions for the commuter. He provided addresses for the campus webcams and suggested using a variety of weather sources to help plan your commute (or not). Scott’s presentation can be viewed on the FA website.

VII. **New Business**
No new business this meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.*