General Faculty Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2020

Chair: Lisa M Glidden  
Recorder: Lisa Teters

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M.

I.  Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved unanimously.

II.  Approval of Minutes of General Faculty Meeting of September 3, 2019
The minutes were approved unanimously.

III.  President's Report – D. Stanley
Enrollment—most important student numbers are annual average full-time equivalent student (AAFTE). We tell Albany what we thought we’d bring. 8,004. We had 7,830 in Fall. We don’t have firm Spring numbers yet, but tentatively we brought in 286. Our FA to SP retention of new students was excellent (93% for first year students, 94% for transfer students). Faculty have direct contact with students, the president would like to encourage us to make the most of it. What we know works—knowing students’ names, being present for students, etc. She knows we do a lot of this already. Be mindful so we can make a difference.

Application rate is down from last year. We’re doing new things to contact admitted students, e.g. SCMA reception in NYC-metro area. The president is asking departments to help. Admissions is happy to provide us with resources to help contact admitted students.

Budget: Governor’s proposed budget (see slide for details)
President is leading an advocacy team to Albany this week. She noted we have 1,100 Excelsior Scholars on campus.

Oswego College Foundation: increase of 97 need-based scholarships from The Path Forward campaign since its launch in October.

Campus Initiatives:
Searches underway.
ProdiG fellowships for ABDs.
Middle States self-study is underway, the visit will be in 2022.
Strategic plan (Tomorrow Plan) refresh. It’s been five years…
Launching a search (with a search firm) for an executive director of enrollment management

The President’s presentation is available on the FA website.

III.  FA Senate – Frank Byrne and Eve Clark
Senators Benevides-Clark and Byrne reported on the Fall and Winter SUNY Senate Plenaries that both met in Albany. Topics included the SUNY budget request for 2020-21 in light of the state budget deficit, enrollment challenges across the system, the continuing revisions to General Education requirements, and SUNY’s ongoing negotiations with the Elsevier publication corporation.

The Faculty Senate presentation is available on the FA website.
IV. UUP Report - William Canning
On the UUP Oswego webpage, there is a link to the “Compression Intake Form” for DSI as well as a link to DSI’s as distributed in the last round. The will be a Chapter meeting on February 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm in 201 Marano Campus Center, the VP for academics will be there to answer any questions you may have. There will be only one “round” of IDAP awards beginning this year. There were two rounds last year to cover the time prior to the contract and the current contract. In order to address workplace concerns/issues, a Workplace Conduct Survey will be sent to all UUP members.

V. Chair Report – Lisa M Glidden
The Chair of Faculty Assembly presented no report due to time constraints. Here is the report she was going to give:

We approved the 2023 – 2024 Academic calendar today. Note that we have a Fall break (the Thursday and Friday of week 8) and a full week off for Thanksgiving. This format should be consistent as we move forward.

Middle States accreditation process is underway. We have faculty representation from each of the Schools and the Library on the Steering Committee. A number of faculty are on the subcommittees. You can find a list of committee membership and more information about our re-accreditation on the campus re-accreditation website.

Faculty Assembly passed an Open Access Policy
For us to deposit our scholarly works (when we are legally able to) with Penfield Library. We also had a discussion about our rights as authors that we should be aware of during the publication process.

If you are thinking about making changes to your programs, please feel free to ask questions to a Council early in your process. If you have any questions about how courses or program revisions go through governance, please feel free to ask me.

VIII. New Business
Bylaws revisions: Eliminate Student Issues and Concerns Council and resulting updates including: Article XII, section 2, remove reference to Students Issues and Concerns Council from Articles XIII and XVIII, renumber remaining articles accordingly.

Approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.