The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.

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

II. Minutes of October 8, 2018 – The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair’s Report – Lisa M. Glidden

1. SUNY white paper on general education is up under meeting items FYI. At the UFS meeting last weekend we got a brief overview. Former system provost Cartwright convened a group in Summer 2017 to review Gen Ed. This white paper is the result of “an environmental scan” and the history of the SUNY gen ed. The first version 1997 was a great Gen Ed for the 1950s, and was done top down. Now the issue is alignment with Middle States, and there is faculty involvement.

   Step two is for (new) Provost Laursen to convene a new group to determine what SUNY gen ed should be. Then they’ll send to campuses to align with their gen eds. (~1.5 years away).

2. Reminder about what kinds of things need to come to FA or go through campus governance: any change in your own program that will impact or put demands on another program. e.g. changes in how your program is delivered. In general communication beforehand means fewer problems to clean up afterwards.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

A. Personnel Policies Council (Elizabeth Schmitt)

   PPC did not meet on 10/15, but did work virtually to craft syllabi language for the new mandatory reporter requirements. This draft was passed to APC and the Title IX office for revision and comment.

B. Undergraduate Curriculum Council (Brian Moritz)

   UCC approved the following course proposals
   - CRJ 435 (new): Police Management
   - HIS 372 (new): History of Blaxploitation Cinema
   - HSC 198 (new): BOUNCE onto Campus

V. Elections

   Student Association Senate: 2 FA seats (18-19) – No nominations this meeting
   Assessment Advisory Committee: SBS seat – No nominations this meeting
VI. Action: MA in Graphic Design and Digital Media Generalist Track  
Unanimous vote to approve

VII. Action: MA in Graphic Design and Digital Media Specialist Track  
Unanimous vote to approve

VIII. Graduate Studies update (Kristen Eichhorn)  
Kristin introduced the SLATE program. She also discussed grad student housing (Sheldon Hall) and financial packages offered. She gave an overview of the “Stay and Complete” and “Bachelor Plus” programs. Kristen closed out her presentation with details of Grad Studies Week of events. Of particular interest to the faculty may be the 3 Minute Faculty Competition:  
“3 minute faculty is a competition that celebrates exciting research done by our own SUNY Oswego faculty. This competition is sponsored by the Division of Graduate Studies to inspire students to continue their academic journey beyond the undergraduate level. In three minutes or less, faculty will be asked to discuss a specific research or creative project by utilizing only one PowerPoint slide. $500 in travel support will be awarded.”

Please visit the Grad Studies website for details on all that Grad Studies offers.

IX. Free Speech, Peaceful Assembly, and Civil Discourse Task Force summary (members)  
Allison Rank presented a brief overview of the Free Speech Task Force Report. As a reminder, FA created this task force in the 17-18 academic year. At our next meeting, November 5, 2018, the task force members will present the report with their recommendations. The vote at the 11/5 meeting will only be to accept the report. It is not a vote to make what is in this report policy. Once FA has accepted the report, a separate motion would be needed to ask the administration to enact the policy recommendations.

X. Provost/Academic Affairs update (Scott Furlong)  
Scott reports that the Dean search for CLAS and School of Business Deans are moving along at a good pace and nominations are welcome. The ABET review was positive and the Provost is looking forward the final report in the summer. Last week’s Media Summit was a success. Visit the Media Summit website for highlights.

XI. CTS update—IT – Accessibility and Inclusion (Sean Moriarty)  
Sean summarized for us that our campus, along with most of the other SUNY campuses, had Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaints because of accessibility issues on our websites. CTS has improved communications with the implementation of closed captioning abilities through the Youtube application (services begin November 5, 2018). Website training for staff and upgraded 3rd party applications to meet accessibility needs are in place. Also, with the help of CELT, an Accessibility Website has been created. This site provides useful information as well as helpful links.

Sean also discussed the “Accessibility Fellow Program”. “Individuals who would like to participate are asked to gain approval from their chair, and then complete an application form indicating their interest by November 2, 2018.”
XII. New Business

Calendar rules

Rick Back (BIO) presented a DRAFT of proposed changes to the College Calendar rules and there was lively banter regarding calendar guidelines. In particular, we discussed the lack of a “fall break” and the possibility of having no classes for the entire week of Thanksgiving. In our discussion we realized that we had to make an additional change regarding the last date for graduation because of the new Academic Probation processes. Rameen has offered to make a request to Admissions to rename Columbus Day and Veteran’s Day Open House to Fall Open House I and II in the calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.