

MINUTES OF  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2021

The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2021-2022 academic year was called to order by Professor of Art and Design Natalija Mijatovic, Faculty Senate chair, at 11:47 am via Zoom.

1. ~~Agenda~~ *New Business*

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a. MFA Cinema – New Program Proposal

Chair Mijatovic reviewed the MFA Cinema new program proposal noting that this is the first MFA program being launched by one of our departments in many years. This proposal has been approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The Budget Review Committee has reviewed and approved the business plan as well. Prof. Tomonari Nishikawa, Cinema chairPPProf. Sara Reiter reported that the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee was impressed by the planning for diversity in the proposal.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal. After no discussion, it was approved with 42 in favor, 1 opposed, with no abstentions via a vote on zoom.

b. UFS Resolutions

Chair Mijatovic presented three UFS resolutions that need to be approved. The resolutions have already



b. Prof. Tom Sinclair, University Faculty Senator provided a report on the University Faculty Senate Plenary meeting that was held on October 7, 2021, online. He reported that SUNY is under a lot of stress with the current academic climate. He noted two concerns from the plenary meeting that are putting stress on the system which include the implementation of the COVID vaccination requirements for students, staff, and faculty and declining enrollment. He noted that the Chancellor focused on two initiatives which include: continuing to expand online programming and focusing on students who never completed their degree. He added that the Chancellor's main focus was encouraging Faculty Senate and campuses to be thinking about higher education differently. There was also discussion on technology, the system-wide conversion from different kinds of learning management systems to Brightspace.

Prof. Sinclair discussed the general education framework, noting that the faculty governance was deeply involved in the development and these have been passed by the board of trustees at the November meeting. He added that the campus will be tasked with aligning our general education requirements with the framework.

Finally, Prof. Sinclair noted that the Faculty Senate Executive board at the system level is very tired of dealing with the unfortunate controversies (i) 2.6