

**Professional Staff Senate Executive Meeting
December 4, 2014**

Convener: Ann Marie Landel

Recorder: Kathleen M. Kielar

Agenda:

1. Approval of past minutes from October 2, 2014
 2. Chair Report
 3. Guest Speaker – John Sellick, Jr., D.O., M.S. – associate Professor of Medicine. UB’s preparedness to handle Ebola on campus
 4. Vice Chair Report
 5. Meeting Adjournment
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- Meeting called to order by Ann Marie Landel
- Minutes from October 2nd, 2014 and November 6th. Meeting minutes from October 2nd were approved. The meeting minutes from November 6th WERE NOT APPROVED and were deferred to the next meeting.
- Chair Report
 - Ann Marie was approached by Christopher Daly, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the School of Pharmacy looking for collaboration with the Professional Staff Senate and request or participation regarding support and creation of a community pharmacy in the John and Editha Kapoor Hall on the South Campus.
 - This “Model Pharmacy” will be focused on serving the University at Buffalo employee and other applicable populations.
 - This 5-10 minute anonymous survey will help us gather information on your experiences, preferences and needs in regards to community pharmacy services and offerings (e.g. adherence education, deliveries, etc...).
 - We will also analyze the characteristics of those services (e.g. quality, availability, etc...) and the potential for offering expanded services for employees in the University at Buffalo community. Your assistance in completing this survey is very much appreciated.
 - All responses will remain confidential, and will be used (in aggregate form) for the purposes of developing our business plan for establishment of a community pharmacy best able to meet your pharmacy service needs.
 - To complete the survey, <http://goo.gl/forms/ZMH2zmjHiw>
 - Will email the link to all senators tomorrow

- Elections – There are a few nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The deadline for any further nominations is December 5, 2014.
 - The General Membership meeting for December has Brice Bible scheduled for it. Brice will be unable to make the meeting and we will need to find a replacement. Do you guys have anyone in mind that you would like to speak to the group? Suggestions included President, Provost, Nancy Wells, John Sellick, Robert Granfield, new football coach. We could do a learning thing or professional development opportunity. Kelli Hennessey or Ed Brodka on Career Development. Newly proposed Undergraduate General Education program with Andrew Stott. The group felt that if Andrew Stott could do the presentation would be the top choice. Another topic was Heart of the Campus.
 - Anne Marie will be meeting with President Tripathi. She will be talking to him about the things PSS has been doing over the past year such as the Survey, Committee work, PSS Partnering with other units, concerns facing staff (e.g. workload burdens, supervisor support for Professional Development and Career Path Development). She asked Executive Senators if they had any further topics to be brought to the President. Bring up the budget cuts and how they are impacting hiring, workloads, replacement of critical staff lines. Present it as PSS shares the university's concerns to finance the UUP pay raises. As an institution we need to fund the things we do well, and not fund the things we don't do well.
 - There is a new Parliamentarian. His name is Richard Gronostajski, Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry.
 - Anne Marie brought up the fact that we have hired 148 new staff and we have a welcoming committee. We get great reviews. Then it ends. She has been thinking about a path within PSS to nurture more staff to build a better culture of collaboration, communication, and engagement. We can do that through the PSS Senate, but we need to determine the best method. Do you have thoughts about this to better integrate Professionals better into the community and change the culture? The group felt that this should be an ongoing discussion to search for a solution. Thoughts that cultures were defined within the departments. How does PSS talk to leadership in the various units and support them in their units and then bring it together at the University level. We have to define what we want as a culture, offer a similar "onboarding" standard, and then follow through with it.
 - Diversity & Inclusion Committee is offering a potluck lunch on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 from Noon – 1:00 PM.
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- John Sellick, Jr. – Dr. Sellick discussed the current Ebola outbreak in terms of its history, public awareness, media misconceptions, efforts by medical professional to address the outbreak and what is being done to prepare at the local level. Questions Executive Senators included:
 - a. People coming to the United States from Canada. We are making it more challenging for people to come into the country. Canada has very strict policy of cutting off all travel to Canada from Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia.
 - b. Does the science dictate limiting travel? No. It's very political.

c. Why does UB not place more emphasis on the transmission of Blood Borne Pathogens? If we feel we are falling between the cracks, we should be talking with Jim Reger.

- Old/New Business
- Adjournment



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Executive	12/4/2014			Area
Candy	Morris	Executive Senator	A	1
Jonathan	Navratil	Senator	A	1
Christine	Stumm	Executive Senator	EXCUSED	1
Ilene	Fleischmann	Alternate	A	2
Kesha	Lanier	Senator	A	2
Domenic	Licata	Executive Senator	A	2
David	Love	Senator	A	2
Marianne	Sullivan	Executive Senator	A	2
Chris	Bragdon	Senator	A	3
Arlene	Kaukus	Alternate	A	3
Kathleen	Kielar	Officer	A	3
Michael	McManaman	Executive Senator	ABSENT	3
Sarah Ann	Piraino	Executive Senator	A	3
Kirkshinta	Turnipseed	Executive Senator	A	3
Janiece	Jankowski	Executive Senator	A	4
Kathleen	O'Brien	Senator	A	4
Cheryl	Williams	Senator	A	4
Denise	Wolfe	Alternate	A	4
Laura	Barnum	Officer	EXCUSED	5
Ann Marie	Landel	Officer	A	5
Joe	Mantione	Senator	A	5

Linwood	Roberts	Executive Senator	A	5
Susan	Steck	Executive Senator	A	5