



Minutes of the Joint General Member- Senate Meeting

April 27, 2017

Convener: Chair Domenic J. Licata

Officers Present: Chair Domenic J. Licata, Parliamentarian Joshua Wallace

Officers Absent: Vice Chair David Love, Secretary Sarah Piraino

Senators Present: Attendance List Attached

Senators Absent: Attendance List Attached

Members Present: Attendance List Attached

Guests: Attendance List Attached

Recorder: Joshua Wallace, Parliamentarian (Secretary pro tem)

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm by Chair Licata. A quorum was not present.

Chair Licata asked for an amendment to the agenda to move the approval of the minutes to after the President's Speech.

Senator Don Erb moved to make the proposed amendments to the agenda. Second. Motion passed without debate.

1. President Tripathi's Address

President Tripathi addressed the Professional Staff concerning the state budget, and issues concerning the Excelcior scholarship and the free tuition scholarship, the downtown campus, the move of the medical school, One Capen, incubator space in the Commons, the UB Field House, commencement, uncertainties surrounding visas for international students, and the role of alumni in recruiting students. President Tripathi affirmed the important role of the Professional Staff in the operation of the University.

President Tripathi answers questions from Professional Staff Members.

Q: Increased enrollment's role on dependence on tuition?

Q: Budgetary precaution measures regarding cuts in Federal Aid

Pell Grant money is safe

Bipartisan support in House to keep NIH/NSF money, however research is subsidized, which is a major issue.

Q: Senator Jarvis: As we move schools to the South Campus, what are we to do with vacated space?

Already crunched for space, we will have no issue filling the space, especially with school of management.

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2. Report of the Chair

Chair Licata gave the report of the Chair. (Report available on PSS Website and [UBBOX < https://buffalo.box.com/s/0sca34e7c0bhw86h9z3c9e7lowy456xg>](https://buffalo.box.com/s/0sca34e7c0bhw86h9z3c9e7lowy456xg))

Chair Licata announced the Office Assistant Search for the Office of Shared Governance will open shortly on UB Jobs.

- The Shared Governance Continuing Education seminar held 4/11/17 on the use of Social Media was successful and there will be a followup seminar.
- The UBreathe Free Now committee continues to meet and will make a formal announcement to the UB Community regarding a survey inquiring about personal preferences in smoking to gather data for the committee's report to the President.
- The Faculty Senate Committee on IT has no member of the PSS. Chair Licata called PSS members's attention to this committee because of the direct impact this committee has on the role of Professional Staff.
- Note on N.Y. Const. Convention: This could have a notable impact on the work of the Professional Staff.
- Chair Licata welcomed the newly elected officers Tim Tyrjankowski: Vice Chair Elect, and Hugh Jarvis, Secretary Elect.
- Chair Licata reported about several resolutions passed at the recent (176th) SUNY Plenary Meeting held at SUNY Canton. A complete list of the resolutions adopted are available on UBBOX in the Chair's Report Slides.
- Noted the announcement of Dr. Kristina Johnson as the new SUNY Chancellor.
- Updated attendees regarding three pending resolutions:
 - Fossil Free UB – PSS Executive Committee met with the student leaders for information. Chair Licata asked PSS members to voice their opinions prior to the next meeting of the Executive Committee on 5/4/17.
 - FS Resolution on Freedom of Expression – Resolution is making progress
 - FS Resolution to Protect Non-Citizen Members of the UB Community
- Announced a Drug Take Back day – See Chair's report for times and locations for prescription medication disposal.
- Announced a save-the-date for the PSS Awards Luncheon.

3. Vice Chair's Report -

Chair Licata gave the report of the Vice Chair on behalf of Vice Chair David Love.

- Announced a call for Committee Membership, asking members of the Professional Staff to participate on any of the active and standing Committees.
- Announced the Inclusion and Diversity Committee's Diversity Conference to be held 6/20/17 in Kapoor Hall. PSS members encouraged to present.

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- Elections Committee working hard to review membership rosters to for senator elections.
- Chair Licata asked for interested members of the Professional Staff to become a Senator.
- Sustainable Living Committee E-Waste Recycling event collected 11 tons of waste!

4. “Big Idea’s” Session

Senators asked to brainstorm and generate action ideas for the upcoming year regarding three focus areas:

Community, Culture & Collegiality

Professional Development & Career Mobility

Shared Governance

Big Ideas:

- 1) Create/implement plan for transparency at UBF
- 2) Area Meetings
- 3) More aggressive with UB Admin → make them mean it.
- 4) Quarterly Newsletter to tie together all activities of PSS
- 5) Notify senators of new people starting to introduce them to PSS
- 6) More fun Social Events
- 7) Mentorship
- 8) Package what we do for “marketing” purposes
- 9) Communication – streaming live meeting
- 10) Knitting together the three campuses
- 11) Involving PSS members with their passions
- 12) Creating a culture of being proud to work for UB
- 13) Training for Admin/managers to create
- 14) Communication with outside community to highlight offers
- 15) Focused Senator involvement to encourage “clickable” content
- 16) Use surveys to get input
- 17) using Lunch and learns to address common interest/common issues.
- 18) Virtual access to meetings

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- 19) Seeking opportunities to talk about big issues
- 20) Survey PS by "SL Level" for interests and needs
- 21) Conduct how-to/learning modules at meetings to keep members up to date

5. Next meeting – August 2017, date to be announced

Meeting adjourned after the completion of the agenda items.

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Kelli Bocock-Natale	
Barbara Buckley	
Fred Covelli	
Matthew Deck	
Thomas Dzimira	
Lynn Emminger	
Lin Feng	
Gerri Kremer	
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Core Campus Academic Units - AREA II

Susan Buttaccio	
Michelle Chasse	
Shatorah Donovan	
Jenifer Lawrence	
Lauren McGowan	
Gloria Paveljack	
Kimberly Popielski Kriz	
Michelle Riggio	
Ryan Taughrin	




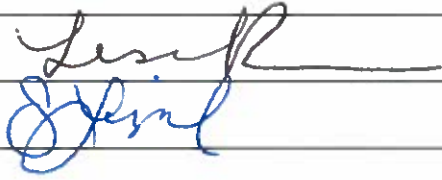
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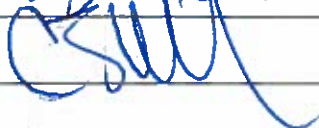
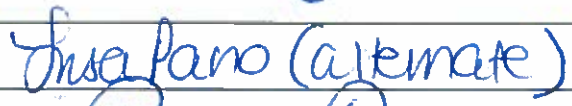

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Naciah Bell	
Anne Bouvier	
James Gordon	
Janiece Jankowski	
Chris Keough	
Mike McManaman	
Nora Renda	
Pamela Rose	
Eileen Sirianni	
Lisa Stephens	
Denise Wolfe	





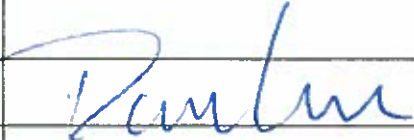
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Hugh Jarvis	
Daniel Kelly	
Kesha Lanier	
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Rachel Stern	



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+PRESIDENT TRIPATHI - PRESENT

+DOM UCATA

+JOSH WALLACE

28 senators present
NO QUORUM



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