

Minutes of the Senate – APPROVED

February 21, 2019

Convener: Dom Licata

Officers Present: Dom Licata, Tim Tryjankowski, ~~Hugh Jarvis~~ (absent)

Senators Present: Kim Behun, Rachel Blane, Karlen Chase, Jessica Coram, Kelly Cruttenden, Matt Deck, Diane Dempsey (for Gerri Kremer), Kalpesh Desai, Lynn Emminger, Don Erb, Mary Clare Fahey, Fran Fiscus, Jonathan Freifeld, Reed Jones, Tara Kaye (for Harrison Cheung), Dan Kelly, Theresa Kruse, Lauren McGowan, Sherene Milizia, Lisa Pano, Matt Reitmeier, Mary Jo Sicurella (for Ben Poremski), Cassandra Walker-Whiteside, Kevin Westling,

Senators Absent: Karen Anderson, Susan Bagdasarian, Cheryl Bailey, Kevin Baron, Kurt Baumgaertner, Charles Baxter, Mike Brown, Chris Cheung, Harrison Cheung (sent alt.), Fred Covelli, Russ Crispell, Tom Dzimira, Phil Glick, Jim Gordon, Anne-Marie Hantman, Janiece Jankowski, Chris Keough, Julie Kim-Proehl, Gerri Kremer (sent alt.), Kira Love, Jessica Labella, Carl Lam, Jenna Lenz, Doug Levere, Kira Love, RJ Multari, Joy Piper, Ben Poremski (sent alt.), Arind Ramaswamy, Kathy Roach, Eileen Sirianni, Debbie Stamm, Pam Stephens-Jackson, Daniel Vargas, Michael Yates,

Members/Guests: Mark Alnutt, Jason Bachert, Sevie Kandefer, Dianne Notaro, Joanna Young

Parliamentarian: ~~Joshua Wallace~~ (absent)

Staff: Lindsay Allen

Recorder: Lindsay Allen (final editing by Hugh Jarvis)

Meeting called to order by Dom Licata/Tim Tryjankowski at 3:05 p.m.

Quorum reached: 24 senators and 2 officers present.

Supporting documents on Box:

<https://buffalo.box.com/s/drj7lxbv3gi6laxpsb9ut8n4ygh1s911>

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Dom Licata

- Thank you to Athletics--Mark & Kelly--for hosting PSS in the Team Room.
- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Mary Clare Fahey (Matt Deck). Passed.**

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Dom Licata

- **Motion to approve Minutes from December 13, 2019: Karlen Chase (Don Erb). Passed.**

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dom Licata

- Shared Governance Day reminder - speakers from all over the SUNY system; a special meeting - required attendance - UB food trucks will be serving food
- Elections - new officers term begins July 1st
 - Elections should conclude by December/prior to spring semester - should come up later for discussion to change bylaws/standing orders.
- VPUL search - PSS submitted list and Tom Slomka was chosen to serve on committee.
- FS approves formation of new CAS dept.: Environment & Sustainability; important to note for sustainable living committee
 - Don Erb add comment - director of new department would like to speak to PSS in the near future. SL Committee has met with director.
- SUNY UFS Winter Plenary at SUNY Cobleskill.
 - Governor's budget is in question - outlook is uncertain. \$12 billion shortfall to cover UUP retroactive pay: Dom encourages individuals, as private citizens, lobby politician about this.
- Consensual Relationship Policy
 - Was discussed by Sharon Nolan-Weiss with PSSEC, also discussed at UFS Plenary. Decisions on this policy will take place at campus level.
- SUNY online degree programs - SUNY Provost Todd Laursen has milestones - target 40K students; white paper in Box folder; has brought up many questions from many sides.
- Other SUNY UFS Plenary resolutions on box.
- Chancellor's Awards: 10 chancellors award nominations sent to SUNY - nomination period has closed; PSS awards nominations are still open - closes 3/13/19
- Free sanitary products resolution - UB will be starting a menstrual products pilot program - OIX, and Sharon NW Office will be leading this. Lisa Pano provided an update of the initiative.
- Resolution on Fossil Fuel Divestment (PSS passed 9/21/17) - phone bank today in SU to push for SUNY to divest from fossil fuels. Chancellor Johnson outed for being on the board of a company who is dumping toxic waste in Puerto Rico.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - March 5: University Shared Governance Day (special PSS meeting, attendance required)
 - March 7: PSSEC Meeting - Ryan McPherson and Chris Austiin on EVs, parking & trans
 - March 14: PSS Meeting - Jay Roorbach Emergency Planning - simulate an emergency event
 - Updates of who is presenting in April, May, June.
- **Motion to receive: Don Erb (not record). Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- update on newsletter performance; Any topics for newsletter - reach out to M&C committee
- Cornhole meet ups in January - many enjoyed the activities
- PSS Lunch Bunch is being planned - Ed Brodka spoke about it - signup sheet passed - contact Ed for more details; new hires will be invited at breakfast in April - will match new employees with those interested in lunching
- April 12 new employee welcome breakfast; 8:30am, Center For Tomorrow



- Cortland Trip - rec & wellness committee - check minutes from PSSEC meeting to learn more on their trip/experience
- Sustainability Cmt: Plant exchange planned; Ken Kern looking for reuse items for project; April 25 electronics recycling - may be last year that they will accept tube TVs; Jim Gordon described NFTA light rail expansion
- Professional of the Game - presented by Athletics
- Diversity & Inclusion Cmt: brown bag events, and conference; topic on diversity of food - aligns with One World Cafe opening next year
- Slush money exists for committees if they would like to utilize it
- Elections close Friday, March 1. Please vote!
- **Motion to receive: Dan Kelly (not recorded). Passed.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(none)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(none)

NEW BUSINESS

Shared Governance Doctrine – Dom Licata

- Developed by FSS Chair Phil Glick & PSS Chair Dom Licata around issues they've championed over the last four years. Ad hoc committee has been created to review the doctrine. Joe Helfer from PSS Governance Committee to be on the committee. Cindy Konovitz and Kevin Westling also on Committee. Resolution will be presented at SG Day this March, and will hopefully be passed by both senates.
- Dom read statement - see slides or doctrine document in meeting Box folder.
- **Motion to accept the proposed doctrine: Mary Clare Fahey (not recorded). Passed unanimously.**

Presentation by Athletic Director – Mark Alnutt

- **UB Bull's Professional of the Game (new) special honor to professional staffer**
 - Ed Brodka will be attending 2/22 bulls basketball game with his daughter Chelsea.
 - Gift presented by Kelly Cruttenden and Mark Alnutt (Athletic Director). Ed accepted.
- Alnutt: was GA in Missouri - got master's - learned behind the scenes as a student, inspired him to become an administrator - hired as AD in Missouri, then Memphis, then here in Buffalo - wants to stay here for a long time; loves the community in Buffalo; branding was important - loves the bull head for its strength; stability and leadership are important to him - establishing roots and creating leaders
- 125 full time employees with UB Athletics



- Student-athlete experience is a core value of the AD/athletics - community service is a part of the key of the program; AD says if anyone gets down in the doldrums, community service can turn that feeling around when you see that young people admire you
- 2018 was an amazing year from a championship stand-point
- Blue & White Fund has grown tremendously last year alone; as has game attendance; the value of community investment = sustainability & growth
- Facilities updates: fieldhouse April 2019 completion estimate; fueling station; bull pen; b-ball court; bull head branding everywhere
- Expressed satisfaction that PSS Rec & Wellness Cmt sent representatives to Cortland to check out their wellness facility
- Discussion:
 - What was his biggest challenge coming to Buffalo/UB?
 - AD: nothing has really surprised him, but he wishes UB Apparel and merchandise was in more local stores.
 - Athletics seems separate from the rest of the Spine, but having a presence in the spine is great.
 - AD: staff/Faculty appreciation - discounts and events
 - Ladies b-ball tix are general admission - devalues season tix
 - 5 years ago there seemed to be a shift in path to championships - is growth anticipated to continue into more championships.
 - AD: yes, hopes UB is attractive to more conferences, of course.
- Athletics promotional video was played by Kelly Cruttenden

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: 4:13 p.m.

Followed by tour of facilities in the UB Stadium, with Kelly Cruttenden.

Attendance sign in sheet(s) housed in the PSS office.

Meeting audio recording available in the PSS office.