

Joint Meeting of the Professional Staff Senate and General Membership

March 16, 2017

Center for Tomorrow, 3:00–4:30p.m.



**2017-03-16 Professional Staff Senate
General Membership/Senate Meeting
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Time	Item	Leader	UB Box Link	Action Needed
3:00PM–3:05PM	Call to Order	Chair		Call to Order
	Adoption of Agenda	Chair		Approval
	Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2016	Secretary	Link	Approval
Reports				
3:05PM-3:40PM	Chair's Report	Chair		Receive
	Vice Chair's Committee Report	Vice Chair		Receive
	Subcommittee on Alternative Transportation	Jim Gordon and Matt Reitmeier		Receive
General Membership Unfinished Business				
	None			
General Membership New Business				
	None			
Senate Unfinished Business				
	None			
Senate New Business				
	None			
Program				
3:40PM-4:30PM	Ryan McPherson, UB Chief Sustainability Officer	Ryan		Engage
4:30PM	Adjournment			

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Chair's Report to the PSS & General Membership

2nd Annual Shared Governance Day: March 7, 2017

(SUNY Shared Governance Award Winner)

Fredonia President Ginny Horvath:

Open communication and bringing all ideas to the table are keys to developing policies and agreements that work to achieve larger goals.

“Bringing everyone’s opinions to the table at the start brings ‘build-in vs. buy-in.’”



Fredonia President Ginny Horvath



PS Member
Jim Whitlock



SUNY FS Parliamentarian Sharon Cramer



UB Provost Chip Zukoski



SUNY FS President Peter Kneupfer



GSA President Tanja Aho



Management SA President Sai Bidarkoti



Police Chief Gerald Schoenle



Medical School Polity President Connor Arquette



PSS Senator Don Erb



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Connor Arquette, President Medical School Polity:

**“If you want to go fast, work alone.
If you want to work well, work together.”**

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Police Chief Gerald Schoenle:

“Everyone benefits from building greater trust between a university community and a university’s police department. Hearing everyone’s voice, even while disagreeing with them, works for the common good.”

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Provost Chip Zukoski:

“In particular, there has to be trust that we share common goals and objectives. That we hear and take advice from each other, and that we are, in concert, dealing with issues in a timely and nimble manner...We have a robust governance system in place and we have already demonstrated that we can make large, significant changes when all of us work together.”

Shared Governance in Higher Education, Volume 1: Demands, Transitions, Transformations.

**Edited by Sharon Cramer.
Daniel Ryan: Shared Governance and Faculty-Student Partnerships: A History**



UBreathe Free Now Update

- Committee met Feb 22
- Presentation by the Wellness and Sustainability Subcommittee
 - Discussion of Compassion, Education, Cessation Programs
- Must address Enforcement. Tobacco-Free Western New York with Kenneth Dahlgren (Roswell) and nationally known Ty Patterson (Executive Director for the National Center for Tobacco Policy) will assist
- Asked by UB Communications to alter the name of the initiative to conform to current branding guidelines.
 - Suggested: **Breathe Free UB**
- Committee will meet next March 29

Meeting with Senator Ranzenhofer's Office, March 10, 2017

As UUP Delegates, Shirley A Bennett, Associate Professor for the Educational Opportunity Center and I met with John McNulty, Senator Ranzenhofer staff member.

Governor Cuomo has maintained slashed funding in his current proposal.

Chancellor Zimpher has advocated that funding for SUNY be restored in the NYS Budget.

SUNY and the UUP have shared concerns:

Meeting with Senator Ranzenhofer's Office

Restoring SUNY Operating Aid

- Request to add \$50M to 17-18 operating budget, part of a 5 year program to replace half the state funding cuts that occurred during the Recession.
 - State Operating Aid was slashed from \$1.36B in 2008 to \$676M today
- Crucial Shortage of Full-Time Faculty
 - Invest \$30M for first of a 5-year commitment to add 1500 full-time faculty
 - 10,300 full-time faculty to teach 185,000 students in 1996
 - 8,700 faculty teach 220,000 students today
 - SUNY needs 12,200 full-time faculty to maintain past faculty-student ratios and to accommodate enrollment growth
 - End reliance on adjuncts who are earning lower than a livable wage

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Transparency of Research and Campus-based Foundations

- Enact legislation requiring oversight of transactions
- Require submission of annual budgets for comment and approval by campus and SUNY system administration

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The Assembly and the Senate will soon be releasing their budget proposals.

Negotiations will occur and a reconciled version will be presented by April 1.

There is still time for advocacy.

UUP Workload Creep Workshop For Professionals

Thursday, March 23, 2017

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

in 330 Student Union

Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 21:
Maureen Kanaley, Vice President for Professionals
buffalocenter@uupmail.org

Fossil Free UB: Updated Resolution

- Student Initiative led by Vanessa Dwyer
- Statement “In Support of University at Buffalo Divestment from Fossil Fuels”
- UB Undergraduate Student Association has passed a resolution for divestment

2017 UB on the Green Experience UB Day



Wednesday, July 26th
6pm-8pm

Interested in meeting the community?
Showcasing your work?

Looking for new participants in your
programs or initiatives?

UB on the Green is an annual summer concert series hosted by the Office of Community Relations to bring the community and university together. It provides the community opportunities to learn about various university resources in fun and engaging ways while listening to great local music.

EMAIL: communityrelations@buffalo.edu

PHONE: 716.829.3099

Ride for Roswell and the UB Spirit Team

Registration Now Open

<https://rideforroswell.org/>

UB will cover your registration. Use promo code UB2017.

Senator Name Tags

- Check your tag for accuracy.
- We will be reprinting the table cards, featuring Area names instead of numbers.
- Email pssenate@buffalo.edu with changes

Upcoming Events

April 6, 567 Capen

April 27, CFT

Executive Committee Meeting

Joint Senate and General Membership
Meeting, President Satish Tripathi

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Vice Chair's Report

Committee Activity

Inclusion and Diversity Committee

- Congratulations to Chris Bragdon. Chris has started a new position within Campus Living.
- Thanks to the committee and especially Heather Hagenbuch who has taken over planning of the diversity conference.
- Planning is on-going and dates and locations are in flux, the next meeting for the committee is March 24th at 9am in 262A Kapoor Hall

Continuous Improvement Committee

- Next Meeting will be March 20th 3:30 – 4:30 in 206D Crofts Hall
- Working on Continuous Improvement tips for the website.

Elections Committee

Officer elections closed 2/28

Chair – Domenic Licata, Instructional Support Technician for the
Center for the Arts

Vice Chair – Timothy Tryjankowski, Director, Center for
Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities

Secretary – Hugh Jarvis, *Digital Products Specialist*, Office of
University Communications

Marketing and Communications Committee

- In the process of developing a monthly newsletter.

Sustainable Living Committee

- Recycling Event will be held April 27th 2017, full details to follow.
- Networking with campus departments and local municipalities to initiate a Re-treeing UB effort

Budget Oversight Committee

- Committee Chair Budget meeting Scheduled for April.
- Establishing a Budget Handbook

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Committee Report

**Sustainable Living Subcommittee
on Alternative Transportation:**

Jim Gordon, Chair

**Matt Reitmeier,
UB Parking & Transportation**

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General Membership Unfinished Business

None.

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General Membership New Business

None.

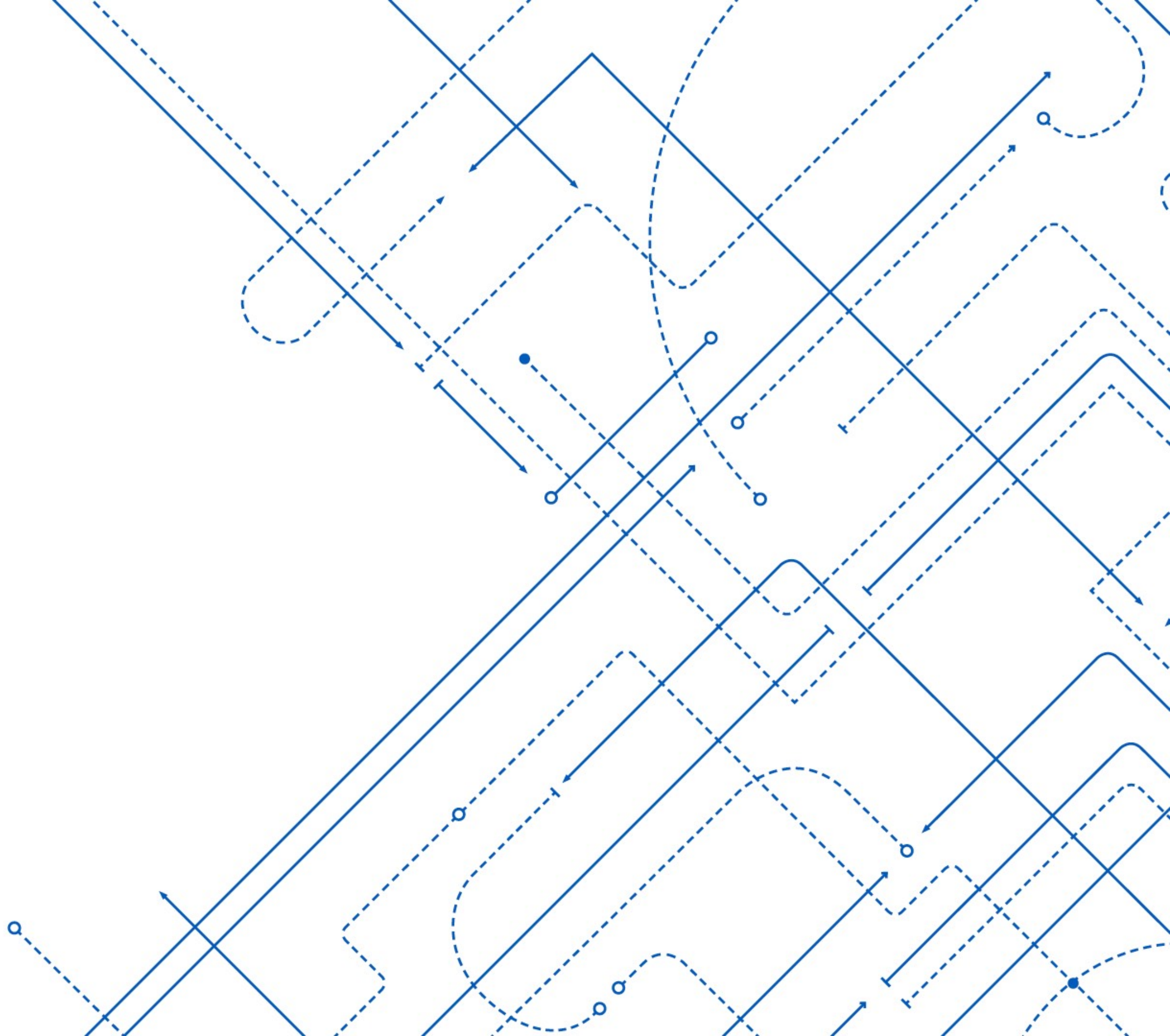
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Senate Unfinished Business

None.

Senate New Business

None.



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Program:

Ryan McPherson,

UB Chief Sustainability Officer

**This is Where Change Begins—
A conversation with UB's Chief
Sustainability Officer about current UB
initiatives, ramping up renewables
on campus and throughout the region,
sustainable investments and being the
change we wish to see in the world.**

Adjournment

