

Joint Meeting of the Professional Staff Senate and General Membership

April 27, 2017

Center for Tomorrow, 3:00–4:30p.m.



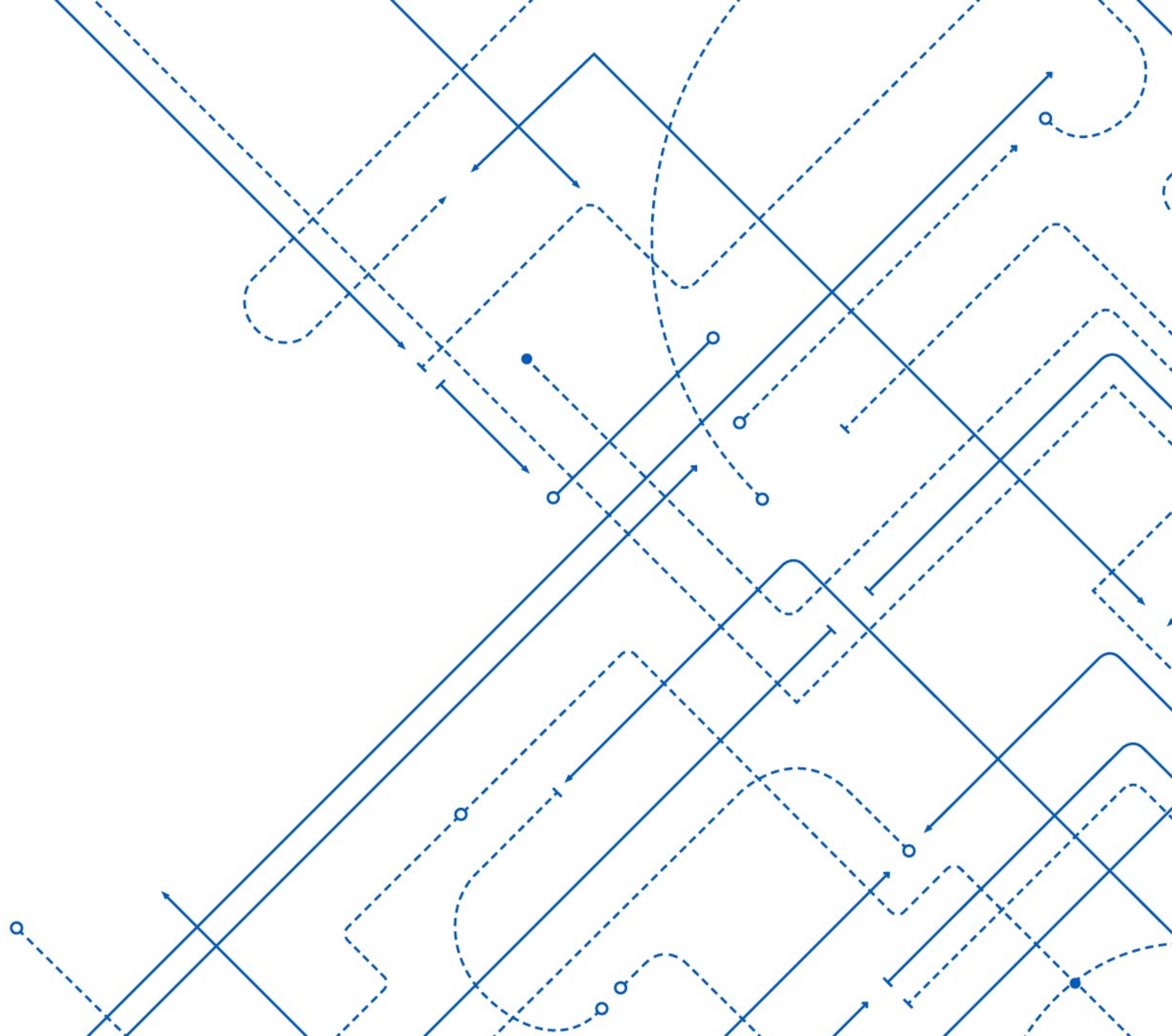
**2017-04-27 Professional Staff Senate
General Membership/Senate Meeting
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Time	Item	Leader	UB Box Link	Action Needed
3:00PM–3:05PM	Call to Order	Chair		
	Adoption of Agenda	Chair		Approval
	Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2017	Secretary		Approval
	Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2017	Secretary		Approval
Program				
3:05PM–3:30PM	President Satish Tripathi, remarks and Q&A			Engage
Reports				
3:30PM–3:45PM	Chair's Report	Chair		Receive
	Vice Chair's Committee Report	Vice Chair		Receive
General Membership Unfinished Business				
	None			
General Membership New Business				
	None			
Senate Unfinished Business				
	None			
Senate New Business				
	None			
Program				
3:45PM–4:30PM	"Big Idea" discussion with senators and members	Chair		Discuss
4:30PM	Adjournment			

Notice of Audio/Video Streaming and Recording: Audio from all meetings of the PSS Senate and the Executive Committee may be recorded and archived by the UB Office of University Shared Governance. Audio and video of meetings may also be live-streamed and archived.

Approval of Minutes

February 16, 2017
March 16, 2017



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Program:

President Satish Tripathi

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Chair's Report to the PSS & General Membership

Office Assistant Search

- Search Committee has been finalized
- Internal Search will be posted any time now



UBreathe Free Now Update

- Smoke-Free announcements will be read at upcoming Commencement Events
- Report to the President being prepared
 - Wellness and Sustainability
 - Culture Change and Education
 - Legal Risks
 - Enforcement
- “Healthy Campus” Survey about to launch
- Interview with The Spectrum

Faculty Senate Committee on IT

Charge: Conduct regular reviews of policies and practices of the university computing services, and other information resources and services including such matters as operational aspects, facilities, and general policies for future development.

Maintain continuous liaisons with the Chief Information Officer, the director of the educational communications center, and other appropriate university officers concerned with the development, integration, and administration of information resources.

Carry out such specific studies or investigations regarding informational resources as may be assigned to it by the executive committee.

Dr. Valerie Nessel, Chair

New York State Constitutional Convention

- NYS offers voters the opportunity to open up and amend the constitution every 20 years
- Will be on the ballot in November 2017
- If voters agree to hold a Constitutional Convention, delegates will be elected in November 2018
- When their work is complete, the delegates' amendments will be brought before New York Voters for an all-up or all-down vote

176th SUNY Plenary, Canton, NY

1. **Resolution in Appreciation of Chancellor Nancy Zimpher**
2. **Joint Statement on Shared Governance**
(already approved by the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the Student Assembly)
3. **Resolution on Contingent Faculty in Governance**
4. Resolution on Faculty Involvement in Administrative Searches
5. Resolution on Part-Time Assistantships
6. Resolution on Postdoctoral Fellowships
7. Resolution on Broad-Based Fees
8. Resolution on Open-Access Repositories
9. Resolution on Selection Process for Distinguished Professor
10. Resolution on Criteria for Length of Service for Distinguished Professor
11. Resolution on Liberal Arts Credit Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees
12. **Changes to Bylaws and Associated UFS Procedures**
13. Motion 2 (used if and only if above passes)
14. Resolution in Support of Stand-Alone Unit Head for New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University

Chancellor-elect Dr. Kristina Johnson

- Former provost at Johns Hopkins University
- Senior vice president of academic affairs and dean of the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University
- Former energy undersecretary for former President Barack Obama
- National Academy of Engineers Member and Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee, Helped Create the Technology Behind 3D Glasses

[Dr. Johnson] has experience in three different areas from which we might have looked for a new chancellor—academic administration, public service (esp at the federal level), private sector. So despite that seeming lack of experience with public higher education, and her time away from academia for most of the last decade, she has particularly impressed me with her understanding of the key issues facing higher education, her political acumen, and her realistic appraisal of what she knows and needs to learn about SUNY.—Peter Knuepfer, President, SUNY UFS

Fossil Free UB: Updated Resolution

Student Initiative led locally by Vanessa Dwyer

- Resolution “In Support of University at Buffalo Divestment from Fossil Fuels” Passed by:
 - UB Undergraduate Student Association
 - Graduate Student Association
 - UB Faculty Senate Executive Committee (to be brought to Full Senate)
 - SUNY Student Assembly

Faculty Senate Resolution on Freedom of Expression

- Modeled on University of Chicago Statement
- Passed unanimously April 18, 2017
- Teri Miller is developing a university-wide statement

Faculty Senate Resolution to Protect Non-Citizen Members of the UB Community

- Consistent with SUNY-wide policies
- Consistent with University (including UB Police) requirements under federal law
- Chief of Police is personally supporting each, but has not offered an official position on behalf of UPD

Drug Take Back Day, Saturday April 29, 2017

Drop off your unwanted medications at **Drug Take Back Day**, held on **Saturday April 29, 2017**. There will be a pharmacist and UB students at every site helping collect expired or unwanted medications for disposal.

Find a location near you: <http://bit.ly/2oAjXTa>

- Protect our waterways
- Poison prevention for kids
- Misuse by teens/adults
- Accidents by elderly

Can't make it? There is a drug disposal box at Bissell Hall on North Campus.

UB Professional Staff Senate

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar for our annual recognition luncheon where we will honor the 2017 professional staff award winners.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Center for Tomorrow, North Campus

[Invitation to follow.](#)

Upcoming Events

May 4, 567 Capen

May 24, Center for Tomorrow

June 20, Kapoor Hall

Executive Committee Meeting

Annual PSS Awards Luncheon

Inclusion and Diversity Conference

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Vice Chair's Report

Committee Activity

Call for Committee Membership

Awards

Budget Oversight

Constitution and Bylaws

Continuous Improvement

Elections

Inclusion and Diversity

Marketing and Communications

Mentoring

Policy and Governance

Staff Development and
Engagement

Social & Networking
Subcommittee

Welcoming Subcommittee

Sustainable Living

Alternative Transportation
Subcommittee

Plant Exchange Subcommittee

Website

Inclusion and Diversity Committee save the date

Knowing, Being, Doing:

building a diverse & inclusive community at UB

Tuesday June 20, 2017

8:30 am-4:00 pm

UB South Campus

Kapoor Hall

Full day conference

incorporating inclusive excellence by:

Being (re)introduced to diversity theories and models that help guide our daily interactions with others across difference and identifying ways to infuse theory into our practice

Increasing awareness of how one's multiple identities impact their work at UB and recognizing the importance of increasing the multicultural competency of our campus

Engaging in diversity and inclusion related conversations among and between colleagues and identifying institutional policies and procedures that help create and build an inclusive campus community

Awards Committee

- Waiting for the names of awards recipients from SUNY Central. They should arrive any day now.

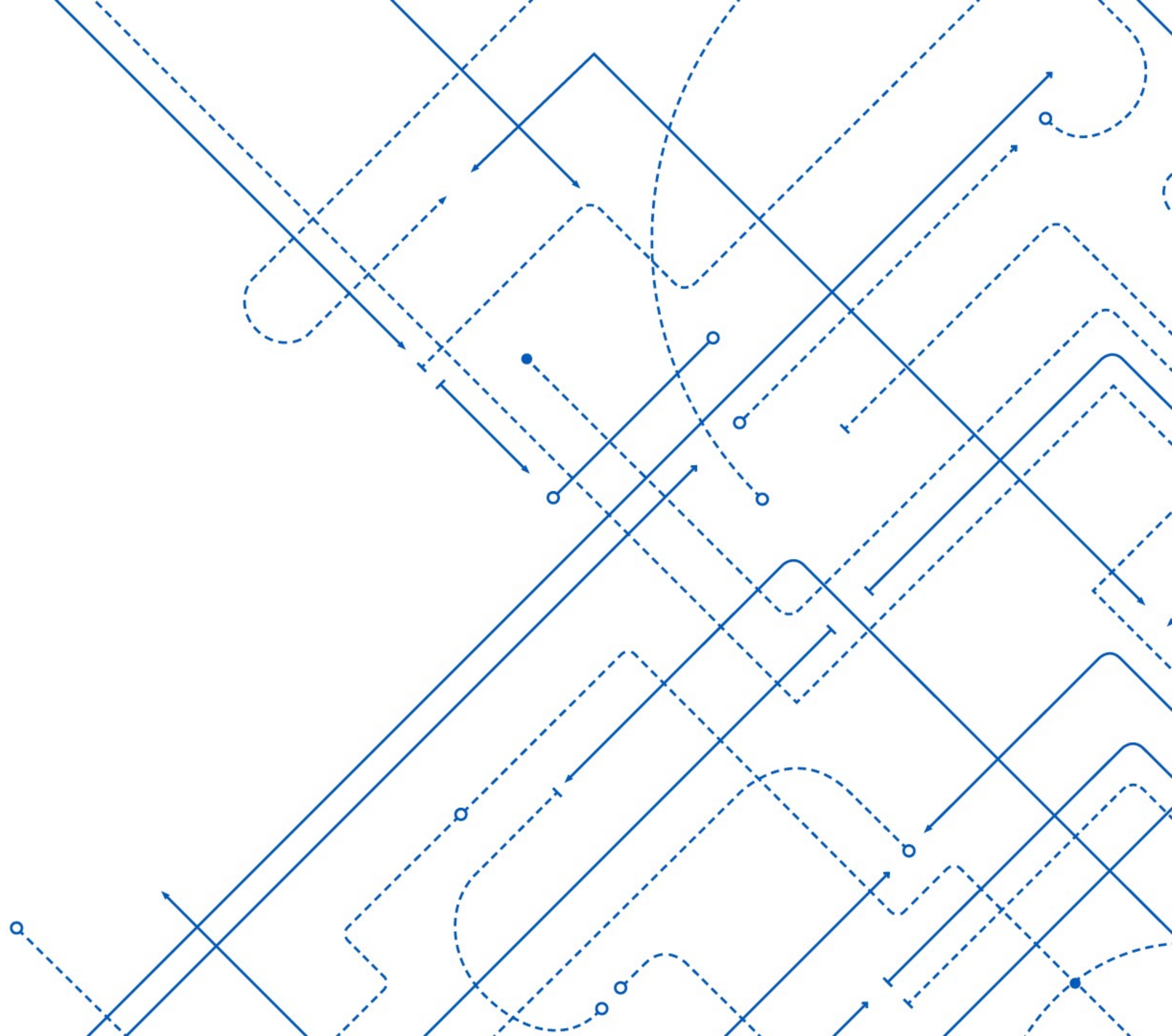
Elections Committee

- The Elections Committee is reviewing membership roster and senator election calls will be emailed out

Sustainable Living Committee

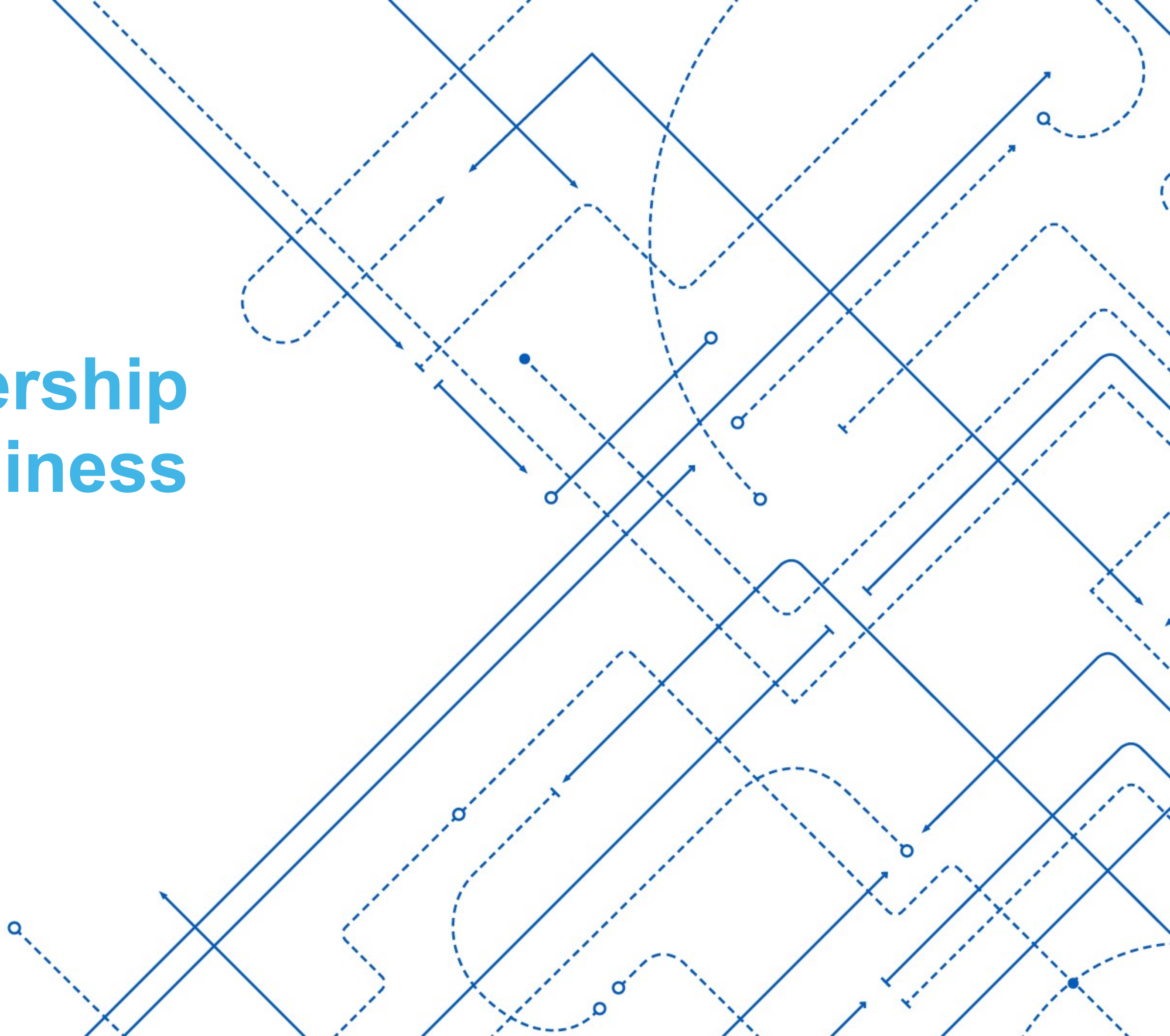
- Sponsoring today's recycling and clothing donation event
- Evaluating funding possibilities for sustainable initiatives
- Discussion re-treeing efforts specifically along Putnam way
- Discussing the possibility of bulb planting around campus

Business



General Membership Unfinished Business

None.



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**General Membership
New Business**

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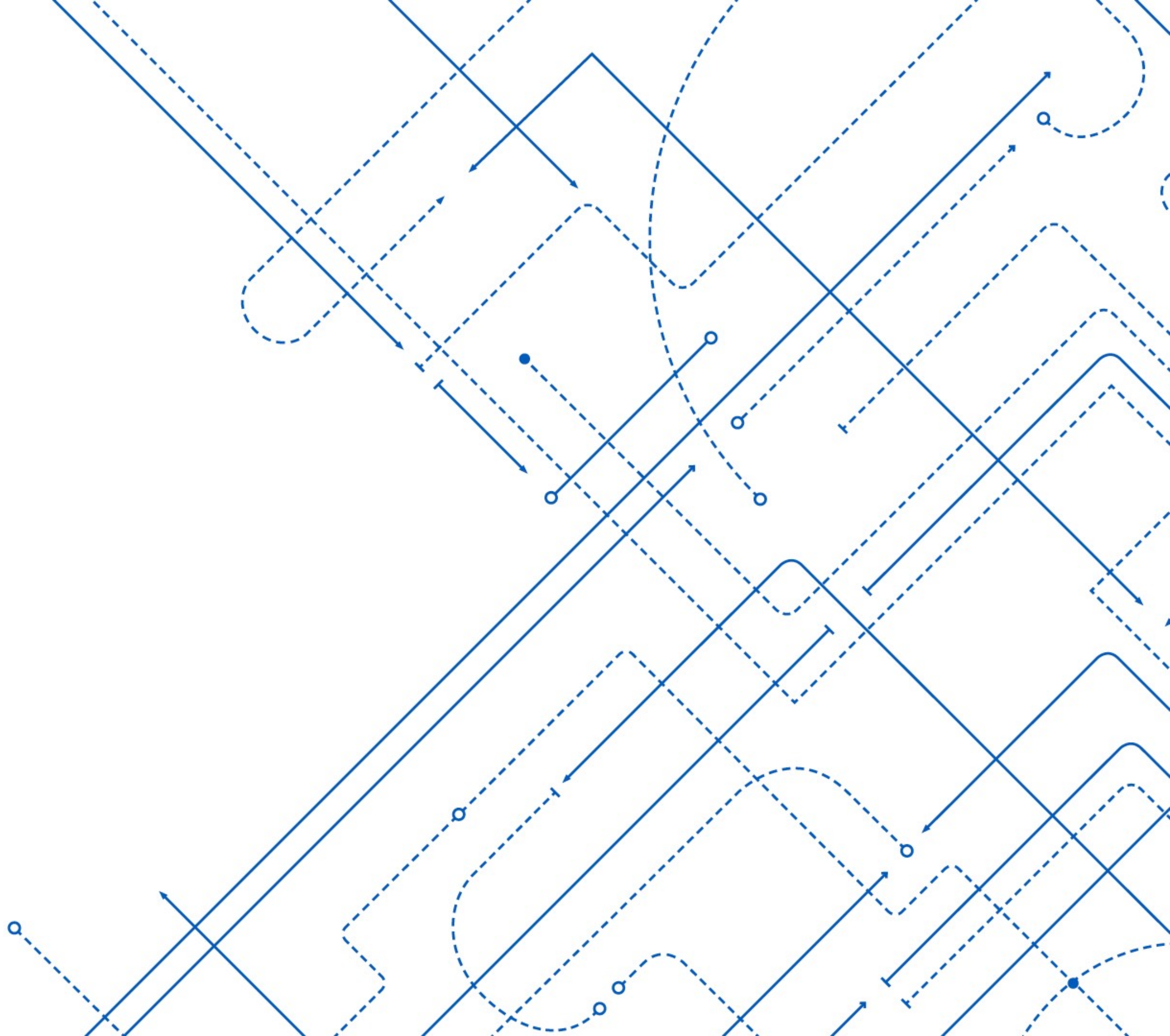
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Senate Unfinished Business

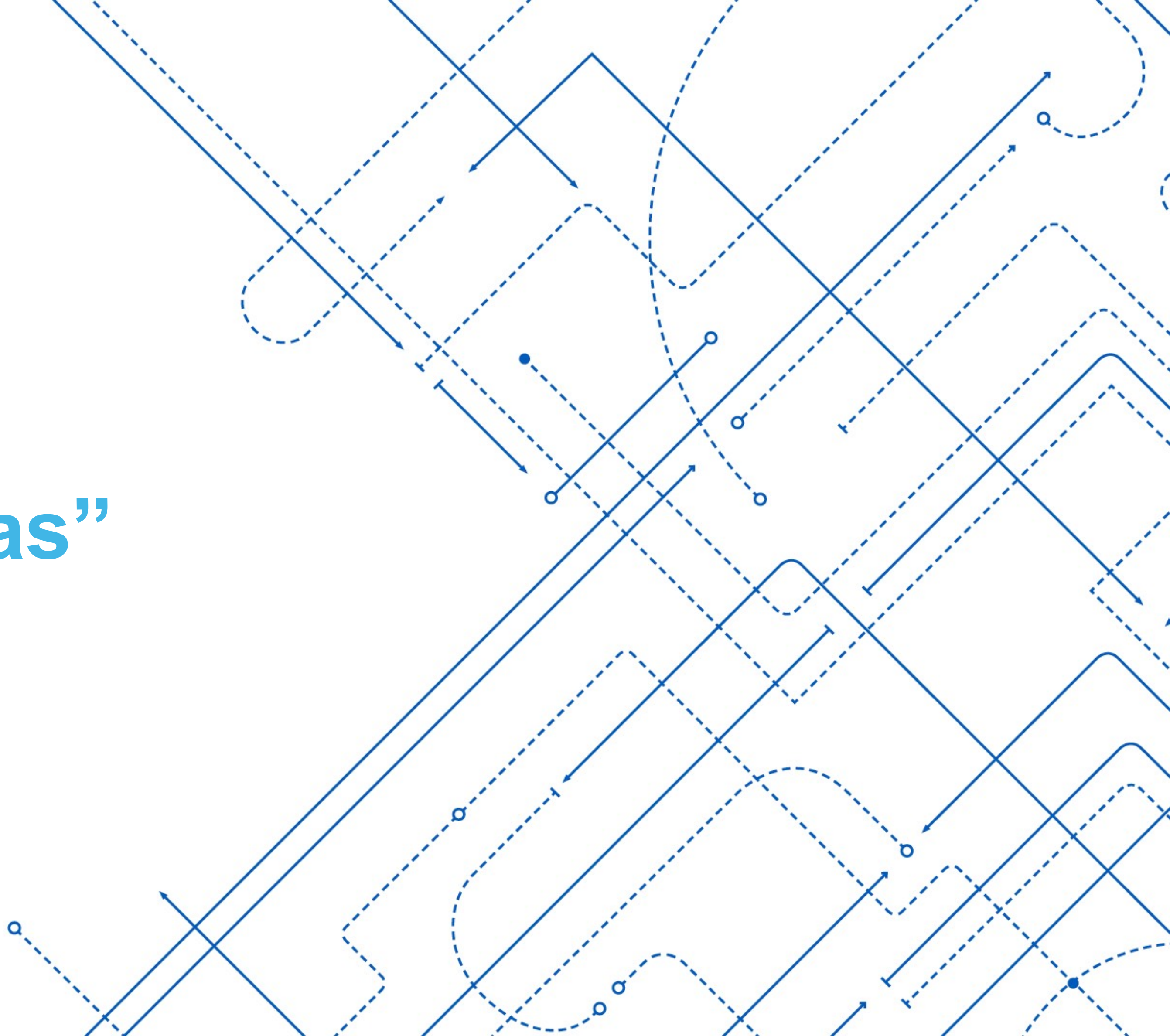
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Program: PSS “Big Ideas”



PSS Key Focus Areas:

Community, Culture & Collegiality

Professional Development & Career Mobility

Shared Governance

Focus Area—Community, Culture & Collegiality

The PSS works to define shared values, celebrate diversity, contribute to a sustainable environment, and to promote wellness and a balanced work/life.

Examples in action

- Inclusion and Diversity Committee potlucks and workshops
- Sustainable Living Committee annual fair and recycling events
- Long-term tree-planting initiative
- UBreathe Free Now

Focus Area—Professional Development & Career Mobility

Every employee at UB should have access to opportunities for professional development, new skill acquisition, continuing education and mentoring.

Examples in action

- Staff Development and Engagement Committee workshops/training sessions
- Mentorship Program
- New employee Welcome Event

Focus Area—Shared Governance

The general membership participates in shared governance by (including but not limited to) electing senators to the PSS; serving on committees of the PSS, UB Faculty Senate and other university committees; and by consulting with faculty, administration, governing boards, and the student assembly to aid in the development of policies and decisions that affect the University.

Examples in action

- Increased collaboration with student and faculty governance bodies
- Continuing discussions with senior leadership
- Involvement with SUNY UFS Governance

Questions for discussion (Please appoint a note-taker):

1. What does the Professional Staff Senate stand for?
2. How can the efforts of our senators and committees contribute to the overall impact of the PSS?
3. What are **THREE** Big Ideas (long-term tactics) that the PSS can work on to maximize our impact over the course of the next several years and beyond?

Adjournment

