



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

114 Wende Hall

Attendance: see Appendix 1

Call to Order

The chair, Suzanne Laychock, called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

1. [September minutes](#) /C. Tysick
2. Provost's Report/S. Weber
3. [Chair's Report](#)/S. Laychock
4. [Resolution to Adjust UBC Diversity in the United States Requirement Learning Outcomes by FS Academic Planning & Assessment Committee](#)/A. Biszantz
5. [Faculty Satisfaction Committee – Survey Results/Report](#)/B. Prinari

Action Items

- Approved September minutes unanimously
- Provost's report accepted
 - Middle States Assessment Chair visited campus this month. Full team will arrive March 10-13 for site visit
 - Research is not a measurement of Middle States thus no questions or input in that area was required.
 - Recruitment of diverse faculty
 - Goal for Top 25
 - VITAL program welcomed 35 scholars
 - Cutting edge research from underrepresented scholars
 - Potential faculty pipeline
 - First fall break was a success. Card swipe data shows students active on campus as programming was available for them.
 - President reported \$1 Billion goal was met 8 months ahead of schedule at his State of the University address
 - UB received a \$40 million gift from Russ Agrusa for SEAS
- Chair's report accepted
 - Comparing COACHE and Faculty Satisfaction Surveys to find common goals for Faculty Senate activities
 - UB Policy Handbook is under partial revision to address DEI
 - October 4th Brooke Lerner passed away (moment of silence)

- 1st reading: Resolution to Adjust UBC Diversity in the United States Requirement Learning Outcomes by FS Academic Planning & Assessment Committee accepted
- [Faculty Satisfaction Committee – Survey Results](#) accepted
 - Recommendations highlights:
 - The Budget Priorities Committee should propose a resolution for the creation of a shared-governance budget committee. Once the committee is constituted and faculty members appointed, the FSEC should invite designated members of the Administration and the Professional Staff to join them and commence this work. Full financial data will be crucial.
 - The Academic Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges Committee should make recommendations, propose resolutions and oversee processes
 - Review and resolutions by Budget Priorities Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee.
 - The FS Review Committee should make recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of the FS. If changes to the bylaws are deemed necessary, the FS Bylaws committee should be involved.
 - The FSEC should work with UB senior leadership to ensure that the basic principles of shared governance are upheld, including in particular adequate involvement of the FS in major decisions that affect the faculty.
 - A new standing Survey Committee should be formed to review both the Administration and the Senate every three years. The FS ad-hoc committee for the Faculty Satisfaction with the Leadership Survey can propose a resolution for the creation of such a standing committee.
 - The Academic Planning Committee should review the data, and work with the FSEC to make recommendations/propose resolutions.
 - The Equity and Diversity Committee should record ongoing policies and results, make recommendations and report to the FS for deliberation/resolutions.
 - The Teaching and Learning Committee and the Information Technology Committee should make recommendations, propose resolutions and oversee this process.

Other Items

- Click system has become an issue for faculty to conduct timely research. What can the Faculty Senate do to assist?
 - November Faculty Senate meeting will have a presentation from the new Assistant VP for Sponsored Projects
- PhD students' tuition is charged to grants, this is unique among SUNYs
 - Recommendation to have Teaching & Learning, Academic Planning, and/or Promotion and Tenure committees address this issue.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:30p

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Suzanne Laychock – Present

SECRETARY:

Cindi Tysick – Present

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Patrick Long - excused

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Dean: Julia Czerniak – Present

*Kerry Traynor –

Georg Rafailidis – Present

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Dean: Robin Schulze – Present

*Sampson Blair –

Julie Bowker –

Cari Casteel –

Kenneth Dauber –

Bohua Hu – Present

Lara Hutson – Present

David Johnson –

*Swathi Karamcheti – Present

Jieun Lee – Excused

Abigail Matthews –

*Sara Metcalf – Present
Harvey Palmer –
Aisling Winston – Present
Victoria Wolcott – Present
*Liana Vardi – Present
Alternate: Richard Marinos - Present
DENTAL MEDICINE:
Dean: Stefan Ruhl –
*Michelle Visser –
Ding Xu – Present

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
*Marsha Christiano – Present

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Dean: Kemper Lewis –
Barbara Alevriadou –
Amy Baird – Present
Jun Hwan Choi – Alternate Peter Liu Present
David Courtemanche – Present
*Sreyasee Das Bhattacharjee – Present
Lauren Kuryloski – Present
Russ Miller –
Kamran Nemati –
Ravi Ranade –
Debanjan Sarkar –
Jongmin Shim – Excused
*Weifeng Su – Present
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam –
Wenyao Xu –

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Dean: Suzanne Rosenblith – Present
Jasmine Alvarado – Present
Janina Brutt-Griffler –
Lilliam Malave-Lopez – Present

*Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo – Present

LAW:
Dean: S. Todd Brown (Interim) –
Mekonnen Ayano –
Kim Connelly –
*Jorge Fabra-Zamora –
Stuart Lazar –

MANAGEMENT:
Dean: Paul Tesluk –
*Prasad Balkundi –
Winston Lin – Present
Weihong Xu – Present

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:
Dean: Allison Brashear –
Stephanie Anzam-Frasca – Present
Praveen Chandrasekharan –
Thomas Covey – Present
Jason Davies – Present
D. Fernando Estrada – Present
Howard Faden – Present
Michael Ferrick – Present
Csaba Gajdos –
*Phil Glick – Present
Weidun Alan Guo – Excused
Stuart Inglis – Present
Vijay Iyer –
*Margaret DeAngelis – Excused
*Thomas Melendy – Present

Awayda Mouhamed – Present
Nader Nader –
John Ortolani – Present
Yungki Park – Present
Vaqar Shah –
Roh-Yu Shen – Present
*David Shucard – Present
Sandra Sieminski –
Pooja Sofat – Dan Siria (Alternate) Present
Scott Stewart –
Ahmad Zaaroura – Present

NURSING:
Dean: Annette Wysocki –
* Meg Doerzbacher – Present
Darryl Somayaji – Present

PHARMACY:
Dean: Gary Pollack –
Raymond Cha –
Donald Mager – Present
*Erin Slazak – Present

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:
Dean: Jean Wactawski-Wende – Present
Deanna Hostler – Present
Christine Linkie – Present
*Katia Noyes – Excused
Christopher Stavisky – Present
Shauna Zorich – Present

SOCIAL WORK:
Dean: Keith Alford –
Lisa Buter –

*Peter Sobota –

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

*John Beatty – Alternate Jake Carlson Present

Natalia Estrada – Present

SUNY SENATORS:

Amit Kandel –

Patrick Long – Excused

R.J. Multari – Present

Kristin Stapleton – Present

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi –

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Scott Weber – Present

INVITED GUESTS:

Katelyn Carr –

Diane Christian –

Danielle Lamarre-Smith –

Krista Hanypsiak –

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Craig Abbey –

Amy Bisantz – Present

Beth Del Genio –

Bob Granfield –

Graham Hammill – Present

William McDonnell –

Eileen Sherman –