

Minutes of February 8, 2012

Present:

Chair

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

Secretary

Edward Herman

Architecture & Planning

Despina Stratigakos

Arts & Sciences

William H. Baumer

Melvyn Churchill

Stephen Dyson

Engineering & Applied Sciences

Adel Sadek

Graduate School of Education

Suzanne Miller

Management

Larry Sanders

Pharmacy

Alfred Reiman

Social Work

Kathleen Kost

Pharmacy

Alfred Reiman

SUNY Senators

Adly Fam

Jennifer Gottdiener

Peter Nickerson

University Libraries

Michael R. Lavin

Parliamentarian

William H. Baumer

Guests

Professional Staff Senate --Ann Marie Landel

Provost (Interim)—Bruce McCombe

Interim Provost McCombe reported that:

- A search committee for the position of Dean of Engineering will soon be announced.
- Marsha Lewis, the new Dean of Nursing, has assumed her responsibilities.
- Two new Vice-Presidents have are among the new hires, Laura Hubbard, the Vice-President for Finance and Administration, and Nancy Wells, the Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations.
- Finish in four postcards will soon be mailed to incoming freshman describing their obligations to the University, to themselves, and the UB's obligations to them.
- McCombe and Sean Sullivan, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning and Budget, traveled to Albany to discuss with University administrators the proposed reallocation of funds within SUNY. See the Faculty Senate minutes of February 7, 2012 for details.
- McCombe briefly discussed a SUNY peer model that Sean Sullivan contributed towards developing. Sullivan would like SUNY to consider UB and Stony Brook in context of AAU peers according to money spent per student and the FTE/student ratio. SUNY prefers an enrollment model.
- When asked about the enrollment shortfall, McCombe said that he does not yet have accurate numbers because selected fall 2011 statistics are incompatible with earlier data. Fall and spring under enrollment will create a \$3 million budget gap. Part of the problem is the inability to charge out-of-state and international students a differential tuition rate.

- Despite under enrollment, McCombe will still allocate \$2 million towards 15 3E proposals. All had broad impact throughout the University. A small group will meet to create evaluation metrics for the next round. Future applicants can expect clearer guidelines.
- Regarding development, McCombe noted and FSEC agreed that is important to create and then follow a development structure.
- The Interim Provost expressed his feelings towards the 39 AAU metric categories. All can be reduced to 2 factors, measures affecting students and those affecting faculty.

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