



Faculty Senate Meeting
September 14, 2021
Online by Zoom

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Fred Stoss called the Meeting to order at 3.00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: Agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous meeting was passed unanimously.

President's report:

Fall begins: President Tripathi alluded to the excitement on campus with the return of the students, President Scholars, faculty etc. The campus enrollment has reached 30,539 this year with 20,000 undergraduates and 10,519 graduate students.

Faculty accolades: To better understand the molecular dysfunctions underlying Alzheimer's disease, Ying Xu, Pharmaceutical Sciences has received a \$3.9 million grant from the National Institute on Aging. Joseph Balthasar, Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received \$1.8 million R01 grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to develop strategies to improve the safety and efficacy of anti-cancer antibodies and antibody-drug conjugates.

President's advisory council: The focus of the council is Equity, Diversity and inclusion. The recommendations of the council are proceeding forward.

Boldly Buffalo. The campaign has moved forward to \$1Billion. This has helped establish 32 faculty positions and 738 fellowships.

The President wished the faculty a wonderful and productive semester ahead.

Provost's report:

Provost Weber welcomed everyone and thanked the Faculty for their efforts raising the UB experience.

UB campus welcomes: the second cohort of Distinguished Scholars and Deans Alford and Pollack.

Professor Keith A. Alford joins UB School of Social Work, from Syracuse University. Alford's rich service experience complements his research and teaching. He has devoted his career to serving and researching the needs of children and families. His research specializations include mental health service delivery and culturally specific programming for children and families, contemporary rites of passage programming and loss/grief reactions among African American families. Alford's work has been supported by numerous grants, and he currently is co-investigator on one of only eight national Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence to enhance diversity in the intelligence field. He is also involved with a National Science Foundation grant supporting the training of diverse undergraduates in conducting trauma research with veterans.

Dr. Gary Pollack joins as the Dean of UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Toledo. He brings to this role extensive leadership experience, exceptional scholarly and teaching accomplishments, a collaborative approach to leadership, and an innovative and ambitious vision for the school. A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, Dr. Pollack's research focuses on how drugs and toxicants affect the central nervous system, and he has made significant contributions to the understanding of opioid tolerance. A prolific author, he has published over 150 refereed journal articles.

Students: UB saw a robust enrollment of more than 30,000 students. There was an increase in International student enrollment and Masters Student enrollment. There was also an increase in women and minorities among the freshmen class.

COVID19 vaccinations: 99% of the students are vaccinated, the rest 1% remain unvaccinated due to religious or medical reasons. The high level of compliance by the UB students shows the desire and excitement to be on campus. UB is following the CDC guidelines with indoor masking, weekly surveillance, and increase in airflow in the buildings.

Chair's report: Uploaded on UB Box.

Presentation:

New Senator Orientation: The new senator orientation was given by the Chair, Fred Stoss. The presentation is uploaded on UB Box.

Telecommuting policy implications: Mark Coldren, associate vice president for Human Resources (HR) gave insights and implications of the telecommuting policy. He stated that, “the addition of this policy on workplace flexibility provides another mechanism for us to engage the employees’ productivity and effectiveness. Individuals can access the new policy on the HR website [here](#).” In alignment with this policy, UB policies, standards and guidance regarding the security of UB data and systems is given in the following document “Technology Guidance for Remote Computing and Telecommuting”. buffalo.edu/ubit/policies/guidance-documents/tech-guidance-remote-and-tele-ommuting.html He spoke of the key elements of the policy for consideration, employee and supervisor responsibilities, effective conversations between employees and supervisors as workplace flexibility options are explored and the use and completion of forms for tracking and record keeping. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session.

Old Business/New business: The resolutions are uploaded on UB Box.

UB FS resolutions:

1. *Faculty Satisfaction:* Presented by Barbara Pinari.
This resolution is an effort to maintain a transparent and systematic method for the Faculty body as a whole to express their level of satisfaction with the leadership and support provided by the administration. The Faculty Senate will conduct an online anonymous survey of the voting faculty on their level of satisfaction with the Administrative CAOs of the university and the Faculty Senate every 4 years, with only the decanal unit membership identified
2. *Child/Adult care committee:* Presented by Fred Stoss/Phil Glick
The motion to form a committee in the true spirit of shared governance with members from all stake holders was the goal of the presentation. It suggests all three campuses have at least one on-site child care and adult care facility, accessible 7 days a week and 24 hours per day by partnering with the communities and partnering organizations. UB has limited child care facilities on north/south campuses. The chair called for volunteers to do a feasibility study regarding this issue. The Chair read the ‘Be it resolved” paragraphs



from the resolution. This presentation was followed with some discussion regarding backup care.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was passed and meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, September, 2021.



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Fred Stoss – ✓

SECRETARY:

Jessy Alexander – ✓

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Nicholas Chibuikem Ogam –

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Hiro Hata –

Kerry Traynor –

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Michael Cowen –

Maureen Jameson – ✓

Barbara Prinari – ✓

Kristin Stapleton – ✓

Jason Benedict – ✓

Gino Biondini –

Sampson Blair – ✓

Julie Bowker – ✓

Vesna Danilovic – ✓

Christopher Dennison – ✓

Grady Gambrel – ✓

Walter Hakala – ✓

Eero Laine – ✓

Chad Lavin – ✓

Yiqiang Li – ✓

Sara Metcalf – ✓

Kimberly Meehan – ✓

Carin Mardorossian – ✓

Harvey Palmer – ✓
Justin Read –
Wei Sun – ✓
Liana Vardi – ✓
Marion Werner – ✓

DENTAL MEDICINE:
Othman Shibly –
Richard Hall – ✓
Michelle Kay Visser – ✓
Benita Sobieraj – ✓

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
Michael Baugh – ✓

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Paschalis Alexandridis –
Marina Tsianou – ✓
Kevin Burke – ✓
Lora Cavuoto – ✓
Qiaoqiang Gan –
Julia Latorre –
Hilde Martinez-Leon –
Presentacion Rivera Reyes – ✓
Kallol Sett –
Tarunraj Singh – ✓
Ferah Percy Vandrevala –
Jose Walteros – ✓
Junson Yuan – ✓
Jennifer Zirnheld – ✓

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Tiffany Karalis-Noel – ✓
Blythe Anderson –
Stephanie Fredrick – ✓

Alisa Husain – ✓

LAW:

Matthew Steilen –

Matthew Dimick –

Patrick Long – ✓

Stephen Paskey – ✓

MANAGEMENT:

Michael Dambra – ✓

Laura Amo – ✓

Myungsun Kim – ✓

Chunchi Wu – ✓

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Anna Blumental-Perry – ✓

Channa Kolb – ✓

E. Brooke Lerner – ✓

Michael Morales – ✓

Yongho Bae – ✓

Vanessa Barnabei – ✓

Elsa Bou Ghanem – ✓

Marilou Ching – ✓

Richard Chou –

Stewart Clark – ✓

Michael Duffey – ✓

Valerie Elberson – ✓

Michael Farkas – ✓

Edward Fine – ✓

Seth Glassman – ✓

Michael Guppenberger – ✓

Wilma Hofmann – ✓

Liise Kayler – ✓

Supriya Mahajan – ✓

Yaron Perry – ✓

Matthew Ruggieri – ✓

Ferdinand Schweser – ✓

Spyridon Stavrou –

Elizabeth Wohlfert –

Ahmad Zaaroura – ✓

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston – ✓

Darryl Somayaji – ✓

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris – ✓

Nicole Cieri-Hutcherson – ✓

Erin Slazak – ✓

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler –

Adam Graczyk – ✓

Jeanne Langan – ✓

Vijaya Prakash K. Muthaiah –

Todd Rideout – ✓

SOCIAL WORK:

Annahita Ball – ✓

Peter Sobota – ✓

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty – ✓

Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell – ✓

Deborah Chiarella (alternate) – ✓

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran – ✓

Amit Kandel – ✓

Patrick Long – ✓

R.J. Multari – ✓

Ken Seldeen (alternate) –

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi – ✓

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber – ✓

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski – ✓

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Brianna Bennett – ✓

INVITED GUESTS:

Mark Coldren – ✓

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Tilman Baumstark – ✓

Robert Granfield – ✓

Graham Hammill – ✓

William McDonnell –

Eileen Sherman – ✓

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – ✓

Robin Schulze – ✓

Paul Tesluk – ✓

Phil Glick – ✓

Jean Wactawski-Wende – ✓

Kemper Lewis – ✓
Joseph Zambon – ✓
Filip Stefanovic – ✓