UB FACULTY SENATE ORIENTATION

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University Shared Governance

CHAIR PROFILE:

- **BA Biology, MS Biology, PhD Pharmacology & Toxicology**

- **Title: Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology**

- **Administrative Positions held:**
- **Co-Director UB Gender Institute**
- **Senior Associate Dean for Research, Biomedical Sciences, And Facilities - Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

    Current:
    Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs –
    Jacobs School

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The UB Faculty Senate (#1) is one of the
   5 pillars of Shared Governance at our
   campus.

Other Pillars:
  2. UB Council and Alumni Organizations
  3. Administration
  4. Student Associations
  5. Professional Staff Senate

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- Representation of the Voting Faculty is through Faculty Senators and Campus Governance Leadership (CGL) including Chair of the Faculty Senate (FS) and **Cynthia Tysick**, as **Secretary** of the FS

- Reference documents (on the web) include:
  - Bylaws of the Voting Faculty
  - Charter of the Faculty Senate
  - Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate
  - Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
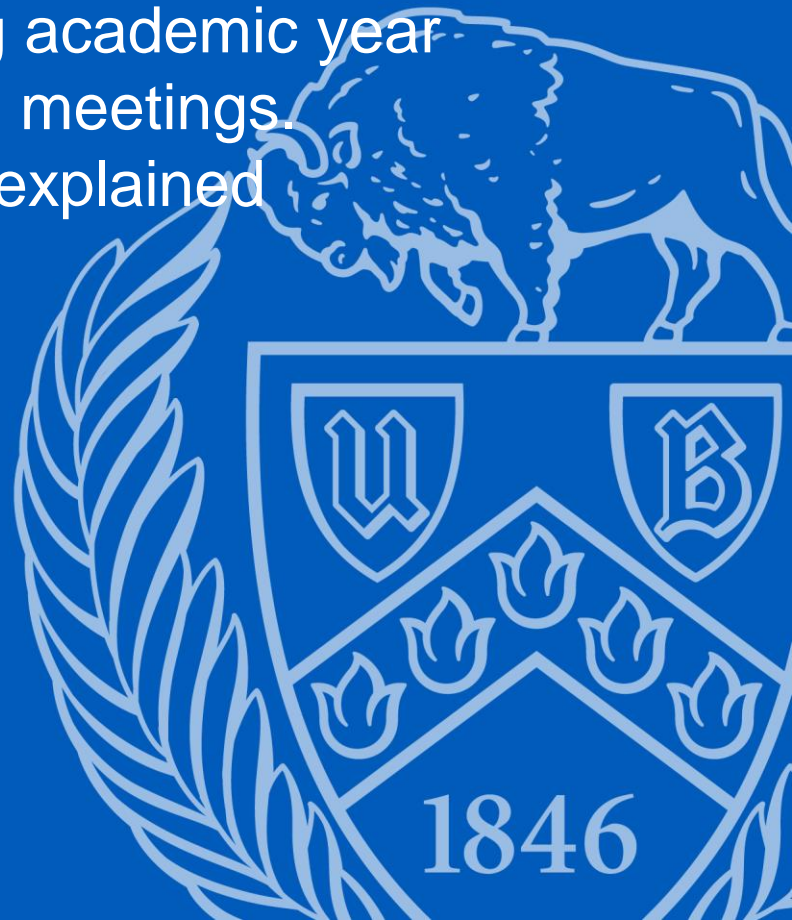
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- Represents the "voting" Faculty (>1700, Article III: Full-time, <u>unqualified</u> academic rank, except instructors, and all full-time <u>qualified</u> academic rank with appointments > 1 yr)
- ~100 senators
- Annual elections, term is 2 yrs
- Faculty Senate meets once a month during academic yr.
- 1 Executive Committee, <u>13 Standing Committees</u>, & ad hoc committees as needed
- Powers and Duties include ("all things academic, " (Charter, Article II)):
- Vote on resolutions approved by FSEC

- **FS Executive Committee** is 'Committee on Committees' and oversees FS committees

FACULTY SENATORS

Duties & Responsibilities

- *Alternates* – elected or appointed by senator
- *Attendance* – 8 meetings during academic year

  1. Senator/alternate attends all meetings.
  2. Senator/alternate miss 3 unexplained absences, or 4 explained absences then membership may be terminated
  3. Senators if unable to attend must notify alternates of meeting date/place/time

FS VOTING FACULTY SHALL:

Initiate or Approve University Policies or Standards Regarding :

- Curriculum institution or changes
- Conduct and evaluation of academic research and teaching
- Appointment, promotion, and tenure of faculty
- Evaluation of student's academic work
- Admissions and degree-granting programs
- Graduation and awarding of academic degrees

Review Prior to Adoption Proposals Regarding:

- Formal plans for the future of the University
- Formation, reorganizing, dissolving academic units
- Policies or standards governing speech and
        assembly on campuses
- Governance of academic units

FS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Acts as the representative of the Senate to implement existing Senate policy
- Set the agenda for the Senate
- Submit reports on all its votes to Senate
- Establish ad hoc committees
- Receive reports from Senate committees

FS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- All faculty units are represented

- Meets 2x per month during academic yr.

- FSEC members liaison with standing committees

- Standing Committees 13
  - Scheduled Reports to FSEC

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SENATE MEMBERS

- Attend FS Meetings: If quorums are not met, work is not done, your colleagues time is wasted
- VOTE on resolutions
- Report <u>back</u> to your academic units
- Report <u>from</u> your academic units – report items for discussion to the Secretary of FS
- You are providing service to the university, your school, your department, our community

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SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Collaboration between faculty, staff, students, administration, unions and governing boards on issues of common concern and values

- Shared Governance is valued across all constituencies including SUNY Chancellors, SUNY Trustee's Chair, Campus Presidents, SUNY Faculty Senate (***SUNY Voices***) and Accreditation bodies (Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities)

- Emphasis on diversity (people, groups, ideas)