

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

April 13, 2016

Minutes from 4/6/16 approved with correction

Chair's Report

- Moment of silence for Medical School faculty member Paul Wettig
- Moment of silence for Tony Conrad, film maker
- Free Speech Resolution as proposed by CAS will go to Academic Freedom Committee, Valerie Nessel (Chair) is expected to bring a committee report to FSEC at our April 27th meeting. We can then vote to send it to the Faculty Senate for a first reading in May. It is hoped that the Academic Planning Committee, Diane Christian (Chair) will withdraw their resolution in support of the CAS version.
- Buffalo Bulls name change is part of a new branding strategy
- April 27th the Elections Committee will present on the faculty status of UB Educational Opportunity Center faculty.
- The President was asked to allow Faculty Senate representation on UB Council-going to Trustees
- UB Foundation will take the Faculty Senate representation request to the Board.
- April 27th will be a Shared Governance and Provost hosted event from 4p-6p in the Tiffin Room.

Provost's Report

- Four UB Engineering faculty members received prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Awards for 2016.
- Steven D. Schwaizberg, Chair of the Department of Surgery, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (more information available at <http://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2016/04/017.html>)
- Tom Ralabate, Professor of Dance and Artistic Director of UB's Zodiac Dance Company, has received the Dance Masters of America (DMA) 2016 Presidential Award (see <http://theatredance.buffalo.edu/news/tom-ralabate-wins-dance-masters-of-america-award/> for more information)
- The National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York awarded Lillie Wiley-Upshaw, Vice Dean for Admissions and Students Life at the UB Law School, with the Community Leader Award in Education for her work to improve diversity in the legal community.
- The American Planning Association recognized the One Region Forward plan (directed and developed by UB's Regional Institute) with the National Planning Achievement Award for Public Outreach (see <http://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2016/04/007.html> for more information).

- Celebrated Student Academic Achievements on April 7th at the CFA. 376 undergraduates presented their research project posters.
- UB Curriculum is ready to go
 - 900 new or revised courses, 140 seminars, 610 discrete courses under the pathways.
- The Professional Pathways Grant has been announced. Goal is to develop professional, skills based certificates. Match jobs' skills to degrees.
- There is a comprehensive program review going on by department with the Graduate School as an outside reviewer. Over 100 people are working to make the process more effective. The program review will be done with the Deans and departments. This has nothing to do with accreditation. It's a management tool to define academic excellence since programs are so different across all campuses. The process starts as a self-study that faculty go through then is reviewed and a report goes to the Dean and Chairs. It is good preparation for national accreditation.
- Dean searches are progressing with candidates coming to the campus for SOM and the Dental School. CAS candidates are expected in about three weeks. Law is conducting an internal strategic planning process then the search will be launched.
- Enrollment is up another 200 students. All total an increase of 10% undergraduates, and increase of 13% from underrepresented minorities, up 16% in deposits from last year.
- The SUNY Centers are doing fine, UB continues to strive for 7% growth, about 2000 students, over next 5 years.
- Budget
 - No increase in tuition
 - Growth in revenue from the 200 new students

Questions:

Is the UB Curriculum Pathways site complete?-no, faculty only right now

The Reporter, can we go back to print copies-no, e-version only

Ted Cruz event here at UB, why were faculty not given the opportunity to attend when the request was made to the Faculty Senate Chair to forward seating information to the Faculty Senators. It was not a UB Sponsored event.

New Business

- Committee Report Tenure, Promotion & Privileges by Dr. Susan Udin (Chair) **Accepted**
- Discussion of calendar for 2016-2017 Faculty Senate and FSEC Meetings. May require a bylaws change. No decision made.
- New faculty tied to the UB Curriculum-funds have gone to the deans. Andy Stott can report on this. The Deans just release funds, not involved in the hiring, will give us an update early fall.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted on behalf of Secretary, Cynthia Tysick using notes from FSEC members 4/27/16