



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 4, 2015

CHAIR:

Philip Glick

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg (excused)

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen

Stephen Dyson (absent)

Jean-Jacques Thomas (absent)

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lilliam Malave

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker

LAW:

Matt Steilen

MANAGEMENT:

Sudhir Suchak (Fall) (absent)

Larry Sanders (Spring)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes (absent)

Peter Elkin (excused)
James Hassett
Richard Gronostajski
Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean (excused)

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (absent)

SUNY SENATORS:

Jamal Basaran
Ezra Zubrow (excused)
Phil Glick
TBD

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Satish Tripathi, President
Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Scott Weber, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Valerie Nessel, GSE
Dominic Licata, Chair of Professional Staff Senate

1. Chair's remarks:

- Urged members to lobby in favor of the Maintenance of Effort legislation on the Governor's desk. The Governor will most likely veto it.
- Announced the passage of 3 resolutions as the 11/3/15 Faculty Senate meeting: Timelimits for debate at FS meetings, Electronic voting for Officer elections and voting faculty resolutions, and Name change for the Faculty Senate and Professional Senate office.
- Richard Gronostajski will step down as Parliamentarian and James Hassett will be his replacement. James will step down as a senator so his School will need to hold an election and the senators designate a new FSEC representative.

2. President's Report

- The Law School is NOT moving downtown as reported in the news. There is a city official that keeps bringing this up but there is no basis of fact behind his assertions.
- He thanked the Provost for submitting the 10 proposals for SUNY Excels.

3. Provost's Report

- ROTC is not on this campus but is led through Canisius College with 36 student Cadets.
- We hired a Veteran Services Support Specialist in January 2015 to assist the almost 500 veterans, reservists, national guardsmen and women, and children of the military to assure they get the most benefit out of government, state, and city/community programs.
- We have been the best for vets by the Military Times and are designated a Yellow Ribbon School.
- Textbook Resolution needs to be discussed and he invited Scott Weber to ask some clarifying questions so that the resolution could be dealt with in the spirit in which it was intended.
 - Scott Weber saw the resolution was a response to two concerns 1) an approval process for self-authored textbooks 2) faculty should NOT receive monetary compensation by selling/requiring their own books in their classes.
 1. Legal counsel will need to determine if we are allowed to restrict compensation on authored material and if we can specify where "donated" compensation will go.
 2. Can any professor assign a colleague's textbook (meaning from the same institution) if there is a test in it? This referred to item 5 of the resolution.
 - a. A discussion occurred and it was determined that it was poorly written and should have specified any instructor could not assign a textbook that had a test that counted towards a grade embedded in it.
 3. There are already processes in place that require faculty to get additional fees approved for inclusion on their syllabi,

albeit on an honor system, if they require an embedded test it could fall in this area.

4. Weber acknowledged that item 1 does address the fact that the university is trying to get students' access to various modes of curricular materials (ebooks, rented books, purchased books, etc.) and that self-publishing is a gray area that they are working on.
5. Weber pointed out that the faculty owns the curriculum and it is up to them to determine what course materials are in the best interest of his/her class.
6. The Provost acknowledged the role the internet, online distribution, and online publishing has made on what we can do in the classroom.
7. Weber thanked the group for their feedback, it was helpful in his deliberation on how best to handle the issue of faculty selling and profiting from their course materials.

4. New Business

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee discussion led by committee chair Valerie Nessel
 - Email and IT issues are being worked on with CIO Brice Bible
 - The committee is advising him on the following
 1. Privacy
 2. Data Storage
 3. Email
 4. Social Media
 - UB Counsel will be coming to a meeting to give a legal presentation.
 - The chair wanted to know what she should do with the findings/suggestions they come up with for Brice Bible
 1. Glick-the committee needs to write up a report and present it to FSEC, possibly include an invitation to Brice Bible
 - Matt Steillen asked if the UB Counsel was for all of UB (faculty and staff) or for the Provost. The Provost advised that UB Counsel advises him.
 - Dominic Licata asked the chair to include more professional staff. She heartily agreed and asked him for nominations.
- Chair Glick introduced the newest UB SUNY-wide Senator, Dr. Jamal Basaran

5. Meeting went into executive session at 4:20p and came out at 4:25p/

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm

Submitted by
Cynthia Tysick, Secretary to the Faculty Senate 11/6/2015