

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
October 04, 2017  
567 Capen Hall  
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Attendance: attached at end of minutes.

All proceedings of the meeting recorded and can be found on the UB FSEC Box.

Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Phil Glick at 3.00pm

Marina Tsianou raised a point of order: Motion to amend the agenda – move item 10 on agenda to executive session. Motion was seconded by Laura Anderson.

Item 10 moved to executive session by secret ballot with 7 yay and 6 nay votes.

**Agenda** for 10/4/2017 was accepted unanimously

**Minutes** of 9/03/2017, 9/11/2017 and 9/27/2017 were approved unanimously.

**Chairs report:**

A moment of silence was maintained in memory of the tragedy in Las Vegas where 59 lost their lives and more than 500 suffered injuries.

- a. The Chair thanked Fred Doloresco for conducting the meeting as FSEC Chair (pro-tem) on 9/27/2017.
- b. Shared Governance Continuing Education: Safe Zone & Cultural Competency Training was conducted 10/03/2017. ~ 40 people attended. The training inspires creation of safe and affirming environments for all members of our UB community.
- c. New financial and auditing policies have been put in place at UB such as the EthicsPoint hotline and an independent auditing committee. Laura Hubbard will speak at the FSEC on October 11 and the FS meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup> about systems of checks and

- balances in the UB financial system, fraud protection, and whistle blower policies.
- d. Planning continues for the UB to host the spring 2018 UFS Plenary April 19-21<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. Professor Jim Lenker and the Chair, Dr. Phil Glick met with representatives from the President's and Provost's offices and are making progress towards a resolution to Protect Non-US Citizen Members of the UB Community.
  - f. SUNY Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the University Faculty Senate will be hosting a conference entitled "Engaging Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in the Classroom, Campus and Community: Celebrating a Decade of Transformational Diversity Leadership" on November 29-December 1, 2017 at the Albany Marriott Hotel, located at 189 Wolf Road, Albany, New York. This conference will leverage SUNY investments in student success and diversity while exploring best practices in recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff within the domain of higher education.
  - g. Congratulations to the COAL President and Student UB Council Rep Mike Brown for getting the late night buses running again between the North and the south campus on Friday and Saturday nights,
  - h. SUNYSA will be co-sponsoring a rally on October 22 in support of the legislation for Governor Cuomo to sign the legislation to fully fund the SUNY MOE Bill and not veto it as he has done in years past.
  - i. On October 19 and 20, your UB SUNY UFS Senators, CGL's will be attending the Fall UFS 177<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting in Delhi NY.
  - j. One VP or VP and one FSEC committee member were requested to sit on each of the FS committees and act as liaisons between the committees and FSEC. 9 of our 13 committees need an FSEC liaison.
  - k. Cemal Basaran suggested the FS start a yearly UB FS Shared Governance Award to be given to the faculty member, staff member, VP, VP Dean, department chair or committee members who best exhibit the values of Shared governance.
  - l. Graham Hammill, V Provost of Graduate Education and Interim VP for undergraduate education is starting a search for the new VP for undergraduate education and has asked the FSEC for two senior faculty members to serve on this search.

- m. VP Hammill has set up a meeting with the graduate students, dean of CAS and chair of English to try to problem solve the concern by the graduate student TA that they are not being paid enough.
- n. In response to some questions raised at last week's meeting:
  - i. Common parliamentary procedures can be found In Appendix 13 of SUNY UFS Handbook. This Appendix can be found on our website under "governance"
  - ii. One can communicate to their respective school or administrative unit via the listserv. The list is on the website under FSEC and FS
  - iii. The Senate has attendance rules in the standing orders SO 2b and SO 3b; paraphrased, that if a senator or FSEC member missed > 2 meeting consecutively or > 3 total, without a reasonable excuse sent to the chair in advance (Lindsay) they cease to be members. A recent audit of last year's records show 67% of FSEC and 42% of FS members would not have met this mark.
- o. Beth Tauke will submit a list of suggestions to make orientation more available.
- p. Mike Hatton's FSEC orientation power point slides (PP) will be posted on the FSEC website.
- q. The Chair's FS orientation (PP) will be posted on the FS website
- r. Martha Greatrix, from the UB Center for educational innovation will help make some online orientation videos, so everyone can get up to speed prior to the first FSEC in the fall.
- s. The FS bylaws, charter and SO were reviewed by the Bylaws committee this summer in anticipation of moving the Faculty and staff handbook to a digital version and have reported that no substantial changes needed to be made.
- t. Cindy Tysick and Carol Luciano were applauded for updating the FS website.

Diane Elze made a point that the buses were started up after no conversation with the community.

A survey needs to be undertaken to understand what would bring faculty to the FS and FSEC.

**1 Capen/HOTC presentation:** By Scott Weber and Lee Melvin

This is a project undertaken to transform the heart of the campus such as the library to improve student learning and resources. It is a \$140 million project broken into three phases.

Phase 1: The remake of the Silverman library with video rooms, group study spaces, whispers café and accessibility resources.

Phase 2: 1 Capen the 'one stop shop' in North Campus with all student needs under one roof and the sister OSS on south campus, Diefendorf was presented to the Senate.

Phase 3: Has been initiated to establish the Global market café, a 400 seat diner with global flavor.

Motion was passed to create a committee to establish a yearly UB FS Shared Governance Award to be given to the faculty member, staff member, VP, VP Dean, department chair or committee members who best exhibit the values of Shared governance.

**Parliamentarian's report:** The Parliamentarian, Jim Hassett presented the Bylaws of the Voting Faculty, Charter of the Faculty Senate and the Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate to the FSEC. He emphasized that no policies should be in conflict with the Board of trustees policy which can be accessed on the Board of trustees website.

**Presentation by Liesl Folks, Dean of SEAS:** Proposal to establish the Department of Engineering Education (DEE). The DEE department will be established by reorganizing existing faculty within SEAS under a newly-recruited department chair. 8 existing faculty are set to roll in with the new chair. DEE will advance modern pedagogical tools and teaching methods, including in the field of online education. It will deliver cross program engineering courses, (b) increase student success and retention, (c) provide academic leadership in support of engineering education pedagogy, and (d) develop a graduate program in Engineering Education to meet instructional workforce needs in this discipline. First PhD students are expected to enroll by 2020.

Motion was unanimously approved to send the proposal to academic planning committee.

FSEC moved into executive session at 4:10pm.  
The FSEC meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.