

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
November 1, 2017
567 Capen Hall

Attendance:

Meeting called to order by Chair Proterm, Dr Mike Hatton at 3.05pm

Agenda for 11/01/2017 was accepted unanimously

Minutes of 10/25/2017 was approved unanimously after a correction where the state deficit was changed from 4 million to 4 billion.

Dr. Beth Tauke reminded the FSEC that all communication between Drs Phil Glick and Despina Stratigakos regarding matters related to the grievance committee's work was requested to be brought to the FSEC but was still pending.

Chairs report:

A moment of silence was maintained in memory of those that suffered due to terrorism in NYC on Monday.

A second moment of silence was maintained in memory of adjunct instructor Dr James J Allen in the UB department of urban and regional planning. He was the father of the shared governance administrator, Lindsay Allen.

- a. Planning continues for UB to host the spring 2018 UFS Plenary April 19-21st. The site for the plenary could be the 5th floor of the CTRC on the downtown campus or the ballroom of the Amherst Marriott. The site of the Friday night reception will be the CFA of the Office of shared governance. The PSS and FS look forward to working with the Office of the President and President Tripathi in planning this event.
- b. UB FS has 13 Committees. Anyone who would like to serve are welcome. Please go to the UB FS [www](#) and look at the committees and their charges and send an email to Dr Glick and the chair of the committee if you are interested.

- c. UB FS Shared Governance Award committee has been formed with all required members. The committee will be charged in the near future. The award will be presented at the annual March Shared governance Day Event.
- d. The GESS (Gender equity Salary Study) Committee has completed all constituent out reach. It is anticipated that they will get complete data analysis and report to the FSEC and FS at the beginning of the spring semester.
- e. The old copy of the FS Handbook is available in pdf form on the UB FS website. Any suggestions for revision are welcome.
- f. This week the Buffalo News and Spectrum reported on a suit filed by UB alumnus John Lipsitz requesting UBF housing Corporation minutes and financial records to be made available. In the past, UBF has successfully fought such suits claiming they are a private corporation. Lipsitz is acknowledging this, but arguing that the housing corporations main source of funds is from students paying rent and other fees and they should be subject to public knowledge.
- g. This week the buffalo news reported about the proper use of NYS public meeting law 105 and the use of executive sessions. The article's focus was on the UB council. Next week our parliamentarian will give a report about the FSEC's use of executive sessions.
- h. Every 20 years the citizens of NYS can have a Constitutional Convention (CONCON). On the November ballot the voters will be asked if they want a Constitutional convention. All interested parties can go to SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Governance and review their very detailed PDF entitled: Decision '17: a citizen's guide to the constitutional convention. There www is: www.rockinst.org

Provost Report:

The Provost informed the FSEC that he recently attended 2 meetings: Meeting 1 was in Atlanta at the Institute of Management. It had a gathering of graduating PhDs from underrepresented minorities looking for faculty positions. It was brought to the attention of the attendees that graduating PhDs were in short supply. For example at the current rate of graduation in Math, it would take 134 years to fill all available faculty positions. This means that faculty hiring is not the passive process but today is a more aggressive

Meeting 2 discussed Ithaca college and Louisville university that are grappling with increasing racial tensions and turmoil. This results in tremendous pressure on our colleagues at those institutions, causing the

campus to 'convulse' and the faculty are in a difficult position as they are called upon for advice. It was an enlightening meeting giving insights into the thought processes.

Teri Miller, Vice Provost for inclusive excellence offered UB recruiters travel and accommodation to attend the meetings and was met with a weak response. The Provost felt these are good avenues to understand the thought processes and the faculty hiring process as we move from the 'fishing' to the 'hunting' mode.

President Gwen Kay

Dr. Mike Hatton introduced SUNY FS President Gwen Kay. President Gwen is a Professor of History at SUNY Oswego and director of Graduate Studies. She was previously the secretary and VP of the UFS. She is the first woman president of the UFS in ~ 3 decades. She is also a non-voting member of the SUNY BOT. It is our pleasure to welcome Gwen on her around the state tour of all SUNY campuses. Gwen will make some remarks and then answer questions.

Dr Gwen stated that she was visiting all SUNY campuses and would like information to be shared with the campuses regarding equity, inclusion etc. She would like information to be disseminated to all campuses in a seamless and timely manner. For example, campus and individual award nominations are due on Friday but she had just received the information, leaving little time for the process. She reiterated that information should be disseminated in a timely fashion.

She gave a report of the last FS meeting in Delhi.

Search for SUNY Provost is underway. The search committee has 10-12 members including members from the Board of Trustees, representatives from the colleges, interim Provost etc. It is hoped that by March the applicant pool will be pared down to the first three candidates. Nominations are still welcome.

The Senate is starting to rethink GenEd considering student transfer & mobility, 21st century standard of research etc. It is a thoughtful faculty driven process that is expected to take 4-6 years. At the end of the year a white paper will be produced as to what changes are needed, how to move forward, has to be aligned with the courses in the different campuses etc.

Inclusion and diversity (which many campuses already have), will be considered of import and included in the process.

In response to Dr. Chris Yuen's question regarding the time frame, she responded that only the necessary courses will be updated.

Dr Peter Elkin revealed that an enormous effort had been made in the last two years at UB regarding GenEd that could be shared with SFS. They were done in accordance with all governance processes. He suggested that consolidation of the different areas of thinking would make GenEd of a superior quality and more consumable with less overlap.

The charter school dilemma. Some charter schools are under SUNY control and were given autonomous power. They decided to certify their teachers. Under the proposed resolution, (a) the teachers did not require a baccalaureate degree, (b) they are required to have only 30 h of classroom instruction and 2 weeks of field experience. This is in conflict with, and in contrast to the TeachNY initiative which Chancellor Zimpher has undertaken to increase teaching quality and prepare excellent educators. In response to the flurry of comments received, the teaching time has been increased to 120 hours with reduced pedagogy time. It was also decided that teachers certified by Charter schools could only work in charter schools. SUNYFS is unhappy with the outcome and has requested the BOT and the campuses to vote, endorsing their decision.

Dr Ezrow asked for a resolution to endorse the SFS on charter schools be added to the next FSEC meeting and subsequently have the first reading on November 14th at the FS meeting.

The President gave an introduction to the SUNY Faculty senate. The SFS has 30 units and meets 3 times a year. SFS is divided into sectors such as University, health, statutory and technology centers. There are 8 standing committees which gather information, do the research and propose resolutions. The 8 committees are:

Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Ethics Committee

Governance Committee

Graduate and Research Committee

Operations Committee

Programs and Awards Committee

Student Life Committee

Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee.

Prof Lenker put forward 2 proposals (a) to invite the IRB Principals to make a presentation to the FSEC, giving an update after which there could be an open discussion and (b) to invite the UB scoring services for an update, an informational session and an open discussion. Both suggestions were unanimously passed and will be on the agenda with advance notice so that the FSEC could be prepared for the meeting.

Beth Tauke in response to a question at the FS said that anyone who is not a FS member can still speak and each speaker at the FS meeting could have 3min.

The FSEC meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.