

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 21, 2004

(unapproved)

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, in 567 Capen Hall to consider the following agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of December 10, 2003
2. Report of the Chair
3. Presentation to Provost Elizabeth D. Capaldi
4. Interaction of the Executive Committee with Professor John B. Simpson
5. Old/New business
6. Executive session (if needed)
7. Adjournment

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of December 10, 2003

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Item 2: Report of the Chair

Chair Nickerson reported:

- He met with President Simpson and Provost Capaldi earlier this month and discussed several issues, including interaction with faculty. The President prefers to be introduced as Professor or Dr. Simpson. Chair Nickerson will arrange for him to meet with some of the Faculty Senate (FS) committees.
- The FS, in collaboration with the Professional Staff Senate, will sponsor a reception for Professor Simpson next Tuesday (1/27), 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Center for Tomorrow.
- Vice President Black has submitted a report on the use of side arms by the Dept. of Public Safety. This was in accordance with a FS resolution approving the arming of campus safety officers under certain circumstances. The report indicated that there were no side arms displayed or discharged in 2001.
- President Greiner wrote to the Chair expressing appreciation for the framed FS resolution that was presented to him at the December meeting.

- Professor A. Scott Weber, chair of the Provost Search Committee, has requested Senate input on issues facing UB's next provost. We'll invite him to an upcoming FSEC meeting for discussion.
- Vice President Black sent information on the meningitis education law: students must receive education on meningococcal disease, and vaccine must be made available to them. They have to fill out an online form before they can register for next summer or fall courses.
- The Academic Planning Committee will meet on Friday to continue discussion on MOU2.
- He will schedule an update on UB's search for a director of athletics for a future meeting, per a request from Professor Brazeau.

Item 3: Presentation to Provost Elizabeth D. Capaldi

Chair Nickerson presented Provost Capaldi with a framed "Resolution of the University at Buffalo Faculty Senate in recognition of Provost Elizabeth D. Capaldi" proclaiming:

WHEREAS Elizabeth D. Capaldi has provided exemplary academic leadership to the University at Buffalo from July 2000 through January 2004, and

WHEREAS she has strengthened the academic mission of the University at Buffalo by

v Supporting every unit of the University, and

v Encouraging developments and improvements in teaching, research and service across the University, and

v Advancing the University's research and service activities in the biomedical sciences, and

v Implementing budgeting procedures that provide predictable resources for the academic units of the University, and

v Stabilizing the finances for the College of Arts and Sciences enabling the appointment of new faculty, and

v Facilitating and surpassing the goals set for the University in its Memorandum of Understanding with State University of New York, and

v Encouraging development of a wide range of summer activities that extend the University's teaching and service, and

v Supporting faculty governance by her activities with the Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS she leaves the University at Buffalo to assume responsibilities as Vice Chancellor of the State University of New York in January 2004,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on behalf of the Faculty Senate and the faculty of the University at Buffalo expresses congratulations and grateful appreciation for Provost Capaldi's contributions and accomplishments as UB's Provost and wishes her all success as Vice Chancellor.

Item 4: Interaction of the Executive Committee with Professor John B. Simpson

Chair Nickerson gave an overview of UB's campus governance bodies, and senators and guests introduced themselves to Dr. Simpson.

Dr. Simpson acknowledged that his early impressions are perceptions since he has been president for just a few weeks. His sense is that UB is a campus in good, not great, condition. It's in good condition in terms of the quality of its instructional and research programs and how it works together as an institution. But it's not a great institution in terms of its programs, students, or the support it gets from the state. It's not what it should be, but it's never going to go to what it was. The way to make a university great is by having a great faculty. This may take 20 years, but we need to think about the university long term.

He then asked what the group thought the new president should be concerned about. Responses included:

- Relationship between clinical faculty/hospitals and UB's medical school (Hassett & Sellick)
- Recruiting faculty to dental school (Donley)
- Classroom space shortage (Schack)
- National immigration policy is detrimental to recruiting international students (Schack)
- Student attitudes toward academic matters (Boot)
- High cost of doing research at UB (Bruckenstein)
- Allocation of educational technology fees to departments (Mayne)
- Balancing teaching and research responsibilities (Bruckenstein)
- Opportunities for collaborative research (Wooldridge)

- Too many students have poor writing skills (Churchill)
- Isolation of School of Architecture & Planning on South Campus (Danford)
- Scholarly communication (Fabian)
- Improving financial support from state and alumni (Baumer)
- Justification of resource allocation (Jensen)
- Promote interdisciplinary interaction between biomedical departments and other units (Swartz)
- More independence for UB; SUNY policies are not always in our best interest (Brazeau)
- The role of collegiate athletics at UB (Brazeau)
- Improving undergraduate education (Adams-Volpe)
- Promoting diversity (Kramer)
- How to prioritize and move ahead with academic programs (Nickerson)

Item 5: Old/New business

None

Item 6: Executive session (if needed)

FSEC met in executive session.

Item 7: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hepfer

Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Attendance (P = present; E = excused; A = absent)

Chair: P. Nickerson (P)

Secretary: W. Hepfer (P)

Architecture & Planning: S. Danford (P)

Arts & Sciences: S. Bruckenstein (P), M. Churchill (P), R. Hoeing (P), S. Schack (P), K. Takeuchi (A)

Dental Medicine: M. Donley (P)

Education: L. Malave (A)

Engineering & Applied Sciences: J. Jensen (P), R. Mayne (P)

Informatics: F. Tutzauer (E)

Institutional/General: O. Mixon (A)

Law: L. Swartz (P)

Management: J. Boot (P)

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: J. Hassett (P), G. Logue (A), B. Murray (E), J. Sellick (P)

Nursing: P. Wooldridge (P)

Pharmacy: G. Brazeau (P)

Public Health & Health Professions: C. Crespo (P)

Social Work: Barbara Rittner (E)

SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe (P), W. Baumer (P), M. Kramer (P), P. Nickerson (P)

University Libraries: CA Fabian (P)

University officers: J. Simpson (P), R. Genco (P)

Guests: D. Budniewski (Reporter), B. Burke (EDAAA), J. Fusco (Spectrum), L. Labinski (Prof. Staff Sen.), S. Nolan-Weiss (EDAAA), B. Simpson (Grad. Student Assn.), L. Stewart (EDAAA)