

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
October 25, 2017
567 Capen Hall

Attendance:

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

Meeting called to order by Chair & Presiding Officer, Dr Phil Glick at 3.00pm

Agenda for 10/25/2017 was accepted unanimously

Minutes of 10/11/2017 was approved unanimously.

Chairs report:

- a. Dr Glick gave the following report regarding his meeting with the new SUNY Chancellor, Kristina Johnson at the SUNY Fall Plenary.
 - i. Her view of the need for higher education is:
 1. Improve quality of life –longer life span, better access to healthcare and greater economic stability
 2. Prepare engaged citizens and future, well-qualified workforce
 3. Impact on State
 - a. Leverage 5:1 economic return on investment (\$19.8Bn/\$5Bn)*
 - b. Created 173,000 jobs
 - ii. Her goals as chancellor are:
 1. Creating an endowment for SUNY. She pointed to UC endowment being \$150,000 per student and compared it to SUNY endowment of \$1500 per student
 2. Grow research expenditures
 3. Increase full time faculty
 - iii. She does not believe in micro management
 - iv. She is a strong supporter of shared Governance.

- b. The provost has provided a new org chart which is on his website. The dean of undergraduate education when appointed will report to VP Hammill.
[http://www.buffalo.edu/content/www/provost/admin-units/jcr_content/par/assetcolumn/assets/relateddownload/file.res/ProvostOrgChart_10-23-2017%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.buffalo.edu/content/www/provost/admin-units/jcr_content/par/assetcolumn/assets/relateddownload/file.res/ProvostOrgChart_10-23-2017%20(3).pdf); this pdf is on our box for today's meeting.
- c. Planning continues for the UB to host the spring 2018 UFS Plenary April 19-21st. The exact site for the plenary is yet to be decided. The site of the Friday night reception will be the CFA 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.
- d. Professor Mike Hatton suggested reading of military rank of graduates at all SUNY Commencements. A resolution expressing this has been submitted to the UFS Student Life Committee. If it passes it will be forward to the UFS Executive Committee and subsequently will get a 1st reading at the Winter UFS plenary and a second reading and vote at the Spring 2018 plenary hosted by UB. It would then be forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration of promulgation toward a SUNY Policy. Theoretically, it could be a SUNY policy prior to 2019 commencement season.
- e. The 13 UB FS Committees needs volunteers to serve as liasons. Anyone university member is welcome to serve; UB FS www has the committees and their charges. If interested send an email to Dr Glick and the chair of the committee.
- f. UB FS Shared Governance Award committee has been formed. The committee will shortly be charged. The award will be presented at the annual March Shared governance Day Event.
- g. The GESS (Gender equity Salary Study) Committee held 2 town hall meetings in the last week. Once the data analysis is complete they will report to the FSEC and FS.
- h. The old copy of the FS Handbook is available in pdf form on the UB FS website. Any suggestions for revision will be welcomed.
- i. Excelsior update: As reported in the Spectrum this week ~ 1500 UB students and > 22000 SUNY-wide will access excelsior. UB estimates all-in costs for a NYS resident to be ~\$26000 per yr. Less excelsior, student s will need another ~\$20,500. 20% of all excelsior students attended WNY colleges and universities. In

- response to the question by Dr de Jong whether steps should be taken to educate the public in this regard, it was suggested by Prof Lenker that a public relations statement be released to the local colleges.
- j. This week both the Buffalo News and The spectrum reported on a suit filed by UB alumnus Joh Lipitz requesting UBF housing Corporation minutes and financial records to be made FOIL able. 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.
 - k. 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
 - l. Professor Despina Stratigakos sent Dr Glick a follow-up email this week regarding matters related to the grievance committee's work, to which he responded. She asked that her email be shared with the FSEC; it is on UB box for today's meeting.
 - m. Student journalist Max Kalnitz from the spectrum enquired as to the status of the FS Textbook resolution. This was a resolution was initiated in spring 2015. It was meant to streamline selling printed materials in classes and money exchange. The resolution was sent by the FSEC to the FS and it passed. Presidential signature and promulgation to a UB policy has been problematic. In the fall of 2015 Scott weber reported to the FSEC that his office would return with specific recommendation regarding this matter. Due to changes in the administration, this matter has been delayed.

Provost report:

The Provost relayed the exciting news that US News had ranked UB 41st, which is the highest in the last 10 years. The different decanal units fared

even better, eg Civil Engineering was rated 7th in the nation and 16th globally.

Faculty from the Schools of Nursing, Aerospace and Pharmacology had received individual awards. In addition, UB was conferring Faculty excellence awards on October 26th which was another indicator of the prize achievements of different faculty.

In line with UB achievements, the Governor is negotiating with the UUP for a 3% pay raise from last year and for the next three years. The negotiations are ongoing. A number of variables have to be factored in such as cost of health care, tuition increase, state predicting a 4 million deficit etc. The question the Provost raised was how can the productivity be increased to deliver exceptional scholarship and quality education? He said that one should feel empowered by the exciting opportunities being presented.

Parliamentarian's report

Jim Hasett in answer to the question of whether the faculty member, who is bringing the issue to the Faculty Senate, have to a member of the faculty when the issue or concern is being considered? responded that he had navigated through the various laws and by laws and found no mention of whether the complainant should be a faculty member, but it was only common sense that the person complaining should be a member of the university faculty.

Dean Robin's report

Dean Robin Schulz presented the proposal to establish the Department of Global gender and sexuality studies. She mentioned that this effort was undertaken to educate students about global issues and create informed global citizens, to capitalize on the increase in career options for those with training in gender analysis, to leverage College-wide expertise in the area of gender and sexuality studies, to establish a true interdisciplinary department driven by joint appointment in the College, to create a functional hub for the creation of new courses, new pathways, new combined degree programs. The proposal had already been reviewed by the TNS voting faculty, the Provost and the Deans.

Textbook Resolution:

In response to a number of cases of faculty misuse of privileges being identified, a committee had been charged to write a policy regarding faculty conduct towards textbooks and other material assigned in class. A policy was written and presented to the President. (It is available on UB Box). However a few concerns remain. A committee headed by Dr Zubrow was asked to rework the policy increasing it in clarity, making the language clear including questions regarding electronic resources, charitable contribution and academic freedom.

SUNY Plenary:

Dr Basaran presented the proceedings in brief of the SUNY Faculty Senate Fall Plenary that took place at Delhi October 19-21. He have an insight into the speeches of the new Chancellor, Kristina M Johnson, the interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for research and Economic development, Grace Wang. He also mentioned all the resolutions that were passed at the meeting (Please refer to the power point on UB box for details).

A request to roll over the discussion about IRB and scoring services led by Dr Lenker was made. The motion to postpone was passed unanimously.

The FSEC moved into executive session at 4.25pm.

Motion to leave executive session at 4.37pm.

The FSEC meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.