



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 29, 2015

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen

Stephen Dyson

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lynne Yang (absent)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker (excused)

LAW:

TBD

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes

Peter Elkin (absent))

Richard Gronostajski
Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean (excused)

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand (absent)
Kathleen Kielar (excused)
Robert Van Wicklin

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Satish Tripathi, President
Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Sharon Nolan-Weiss, EDAAA
Chung Mek, Spectrum
Tom Dink, Spectrum

1. Approval of April 8th and April 15th minutes
 - Body approved transcribed minutes from April 8th (Secretary was excused that day) and April 15th.
2. Chair's Report:
 - SUNY intellectual property policy change
 - <http://system.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/faculty-senate/resources/SUNY-Intellectual-Property-Policy.pdf>
 - Patents & Technology transfer will be addressed followed by Copyright and other intellectual property
 - New policy will hopefully be in place by October 21st
 - Faculty Senate and the University Senates need to deal with this quickly
 - The idea is to make it more flexible so each university could have greater freedom on what to do with intellectual property rights
 - As a research institution we have a vested interest in this issue and need to start a discussion.
 - SUNY may change the 60/40 rule
 - SUNY resolution to address Family Medical Leave in 2016 UUP contract negotiations was presented
 - Each SUNY was asked to present their own resolution to their respective Senates,
<http://www.potsdam.edu/about/administration/facultysenate/upload/FSEC-FML-resolution.pdf>
 - SUNY Open Access Publications
 - Alex Cartwright presented on the issue his arguments were
 1. Why be held for ransom by big publishing houses?
 2. We don't need H-indexes, alternative metrics are valid
 3. Open Access has worked for the University of California system so it should work for SUNY.
3. President's Report:
 - AAU President's meeting
 - Ph'D. students' time to degree is really growing along with a drop in completion rates. The talk is to possibly not count the first two years of a Ph'D. due to the fact that many drop out of the Ph'D to complete a Masters instead.
 - Biomedical Sciences & NIH funding
 - The percentage of funding recipients over the age of 65 is increasing while the percentage for recipients under the age of 42 is decreasing.
 - Questions:
 - Alex Anas asked if the time to degree was impacted by foreign students who like the US and prolong their studies.

1. The President felt there might be a misperception in that regard
 - Ezra Zubrow asked if NSF funding for the social sciences was being looked at given they have very limited resources.
 1. President said the distribution of monies across the social sciences is being scrutinized by legislators. The dangerous thought is to cut social sciences funding because it doesn't go through major peer review like the hard sciences and medicine.
 - Steve Dyson asked if the years of funding per researcher came up
 1. Yes, especially in those fields with very limited external funding sources. He did note that the years of funding has not decreased.
4. Provost's Report
 - Decanal review. He is going through the report and will present his decision in the Fall.
 - He attended a D.C. alumni event with 400 in attendance. The development program is gaining traction.
 - Budget will be on time and on track. Letters are going out to the units. There is some concern about anticipated revenues.
 - Engineering is seeing an increase in enrollment while CAS is seeing a decrease. Tuition dollars need to be redistributed as a result.
 - The FS Budget Committee will be meeting for the first time before the end of this academic year.
5. The Faculty Senate Calendar for 2015-2016 was approved
6. The agenda for the final Faculty Senate meeting on May 5, 2015 was approved.
7. The revised Faculty Textbook Resolution was presented by Ernie Sternberg.
 - Paul Zarembka queried whether or not Alex Anas and Peter Morgan supported the revisions. They responded that they did not.
 - Paul Zarembka motioned to table the Textbook Resolution. The vote was a 7-7 tie. Ezra broke the tie with the decision to present the resolution to the Faculty Senate on May 5th and let that body further discuss the issue.
8. An Amendment to the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee Standing Orders was made by Richard Gronostajski to allow for electronic voting.
 - The amendment was tabled until the first Fall 2015 FSEC meeting.
9. A motion was made and approved to charge the Library and Information Technology Committee to report on the proposed reorganization of the Libraries in time for the first Faculty Senate meeting of the Fall Semester of 2015-16
10. Ezra thanked Anna Kedzierski for her many years of faithful service to the Office of the Faculty Senate. May 1st will be her last day as she steps into the calm of retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Submitted by
Cynthia Tysick,
Secretary to the Faculty Senate
04/30/15