



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 15, 2015

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow (absent)

CHAIR-ELECT:

Philip Glick

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen

Stephen Dyson (excused)

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lynne Yang

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker (excused)

LAW:

TBD

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes (absent)

Peter Elkin (absent))

Richard Gronostajski

Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco (excused)

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand (absent)

Kathleen Kielar (excused)

Robert Van Wicklin (excused)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost

Sharon Nolan-Weiss, EDAAA

1. Minutes from 4/8/15 meeting were not taken as the secretary was excused and it was the Provost hosted meeting.
 - Paul Zarembka refuted the meeting as being in executive session saying that it was never called so there should be minutes.
 - Cindi Tysick was not given an audio file for the meeting.
 - Anna Maria will get an audio file to her and Cindi will create minutes for the approval at the 4/29/15 FSEC meeting.

2. Chair's Report:
 - None, the Chair was absent

3. Provost's Report:
 - Attended the Signature Series with UB Theater and Dance professor Dr. Stephen Henderson who talked about the Arts & Social Change.
 - Budget
 - Retreat held to discuss enrollment strategies
 1. Who we enroll impacts who we are and what programs grow or shrink.
 2. Marketing and where we go to recruit will be decided
 3. The current budget model is independent of that but heavily tied to tuition.
 - Capitalization requests
 - He doesn't expect any more money from the state. We received \$18 million for maintenance of the \$200 million that went across the SUNY system.
 - Decanal review
 - Was approved by the faculty senate this month
 - He will give his administrative response but he hasn't read the document through carefully enough to compose a response right now.
 - He will compare it with the review process we already have in place.
 - Question by Glendora Johnson-Cooper: Does the President have to review and approve the proposal as well? Answer from the Provost: No, the Deans and VPUL serve at the pleasure of the Provost so he decides how they will be reviewed.
 - Open Course Evaluations
 - The University has been asked to decide if course evaluations should be openly available to the public?
 1. Cowen asked if this is FOIAble like salary? Provost-yes, because it is part of the employees promotion and tenure
 2. Cowen also pointed out the low response rate of some courses and asked if grades could be held up until a student

filled out the evaluation. Provost-no we can't tie grades to evaluations.

3. Morgan suggested making the data more useful by putting validation parameters on it. For example, the course evaluated based on a xx% response rate or excluding certain courses because of a response rate below a certain percent.
 - The recommendation by FSEC is for the Chair to ask the Academic Policies and Grading Committee to draft a policy statement for the FSEC to review and send forth to the faculty senate.
- General questions:
 - Paul Zarembka: The libraries recently went through reorganization. Was that not supposed to get Faculty Senate approval first?
 1. Answer from the Provost: UB council is looking to that for him. There is a question whether or not it is an academic unit or a support unit. The Libraries are a "mercurial beast".
 2. Cindi Tysick recommended seeing how other SUNY Research Centers classify their libraries and Provost agreed that was one of the things he's asked his office to look into.
 3. Phil Glick responded that VPUL Booth spoke to him about the reorganization and assured him it was in order to be more responsive to 21st century researchers' needs and that the Faculty Senate Library and Information Technology Committee had known about the reorganization and had supported it and offered feedback during the entire process. He also stated that VPUL Booth said that a majority of the faculty and staff in the libraries were in support of the reorganization.
 4. Paul Zarembka said while that was nice to hear it doesn't negate the fact that it looks like the reorganization needed to get Faculty Senate approval first.
 5. Phil Glick offered a suggestion that we invite VPUL Booth to discuss the reorganization to FSEC either before the end of this academic year or in the fall. It was agreed that Ezra would issue her an invitation to speak to FSEC about the reorganization.
 6. Peter Morgan commented that the libraries are a core resource to all students and faculty and as such faculty should be advised of any major changes within the structure before they happen.
 7. Cindi Tysick asked the Provost if the libraries were deemed a support unit would it stop them from generating revenue through the teaching of courses and a designator? The Provost answered no, there are units that currently teach UBE101 and he welcomes the libraries' efforts to generate revenue through teaching.

4. Proposal for Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 - A presentation was made by the conveynor of the Bylaws committee, Richard Gronostajski to create standing orders for the FSEC.
 - Amendments were made:
 - Add 3D. The agenda will be voted on at the beginning of each FSEC meeting.
 - Strike out everything after “when such a template...” in 4B.
 - In II. Add “one week prior to the next FSEC” after the first sentence
 - After a brief discussion on each amendment it was voted on and the motion unanimously passed and is effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Submitted by
Cynthia Tysick,
Secretary to the Faculty Senate
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