

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 23, 2005

(unapproved)

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in 567 Capen Hall to consider the following **agenda**:

1. Approval of the minutes of February 16 and 23, 2005
2. Report of the Chair
3. Report of the President/Provost
4. Report of the Interim Director of Athletics – W. Maher
5. Old/New business
6. Executive session (if needed)
7. Adjournment

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of February 16 and 23, 2005

Both sets of minutes were approved as distributed.

Item 2: Report of the Chair

Chair Nickerson welcomed everyone from spring break and reported:

- Mark Czarnecki, executive vice president of the M&T Investment Group, and Dr. Cynthia Ambres, president of Lifetime Health Medical Group, are newly appointed members of the UB Council. Jonathan Yedin is the new student representative.
- Dr. Margaret Paroski, the interim vice president and dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences has announced that she will become the medical director for Kaleida Health. (A motion was made, seconded, and passed for a Resolution thanking Dr. Paroski for her dedication, commitment, and leadership to the School,)

- Since the Provost has a conflicting schedule, FSEC will have a regular meeting on April 6th, and the Provost will host an executive session on April 13th.
- There has been a first meeting to plan the faculty code of conduct committee and to talk about what documents are needed. We need to expand the committee and to deal with the issue this semester. We're aiming to have a draft document to discuss at the April 27th FSEC meeting and a first reading/discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting on May 3rd. Vice Provost Lucinda Finley has been asked by President Simpson to help us with this task.
- Representatives from the Campus Club (University Club) board of directors, the Professional Staff Senate, and the FSEC met to discuss Campus Club matters as a result of the academic support planning process.
- The interim director of parking and transportation has confirmed that weekday parking for all resident freshmen's motor vehicles will be restricted to resident lots from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning this coming fall semester. Parking & Transportation will market their park & ride alternatives to all students, faculty, and staff.

Item 3: Report of the President/Provost

None

Item 4: Report of the Interim Director of Athletics – William Maher

Interim Director of Athletics Bill Maher presented an overview of the aspects of the Division of Athletics (DoA) covered in the UB2020 academic planning process. He'll return for a more detailed discussion at the April 6th FSEC meeting.

The DoA's mission is to enhance UB's mission by "promoting institutional pride through the pursuit of athletic excellence and service to the community." The way to achieve this is to have UB's intercollegiate teams achieve championships in the Mid-American Conference. Consultant Gene Corrigan was hired to evaluate UB's program and make recommendations for attaining athletic excellence, and the DoA is awaiting his report.

The DoA can help UB reach institutional objectives by having a positive impact on out-of-state recruiting. This has significant financial implications. Televised football and basketball games increase UB's visibility, and greater exposure enhances our "brand."

External revenue is enhanced by athletic "branding." It affects fundraising and has considerable impact on the community. At UB, 33% of all media coverage has been about intercollegiate athletics.

Most UB student athletes do well academically. Although two teams (football and women's basketball) didn't fare well in NCAA's provisional Academic Progress Rate (APR) program, UB's student athletes' grade point averages (3.003 GPA overall) compare favorably with other students across campus. Since the APR won't be implemented until 2005/06, UB still has time to help the faltering teams before the results become official.

UB's student athletes have a 62% six-year graduation rate. The six-year rate for the overall undergraduate student body is 54%. UB ranks second in the Mid-American Conference for student athletes who stay and graduate in four years.

Item 5: Old/New business

None

Item 6: Executive session (if needed)

There was an executive session.

Item 7: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 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: GS. Danford (P)

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

Dental Medicine: M. Donley (E)

Education: X. Liu (E)

Engineering & Applied Sciences: C. Basaran (A), J. Jensen (P)

Informatics: J. Ellison (A)

Institutional/General: O. Mixon (A)

Law: L. Swartz (A)

Management: C. Pegels (P)

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: J. Evans (A), L. Harris (E), J.
Hassett (E)

Nursing: P. Wooldridge (P)

Pharmacy: G. Brazeau (A)

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

Social Work: Barbara Rittner (A)

SUNY Senators: W. Baumer (P), W. Coles (E), M. Kramer (A), P.
Nickerson (P)

University Libraries: C. Tysick (P)

Guests: P. Balzano (SA), J. Brace (Spectrum), M. Cochrane
(Reporter), S. Gunn (Athletics & Intermurals Cmte.), W. Maher
(Athletics)