

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of January 30, 2002 (approved)**  
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**The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:00 PM on January 30, 2002 in Capen 567 to consider the following agenda:**

1. [Report of the Chair](#)
2. [Report of the President/Provost](#)
3. [Report of the Faculty Senate Grading Committee – Professor Baumer, Chair](#)
4. [What’s up with FSA? – Associate Vice President Clifford Wilson, Mr. Mitchell Green, Executive Director, FSA](#)
5. [Report of the SUNY Senate meeting/Binghamton – Dr. Henry Durand](#)
6. [Old/new business: Formation of a new department; department name change](#)

**Item 1: Report of the Chair**

**The Chair reported that:**

- Vice Provost Grant and Professors Fournier and Baumer have successfully concluded discussions on the Academic Calendar for Summer 2002 through Fall 2003; all issues raised in prior Executive Committee discussions were sufficiently and successfully dealt with
- the Resolution on Class Absence Policy has been forwarded to the President
- he spoke with the Provost about identifying funding for the Center for Teaching and Learning Resources; she was receptive to the Executive Committee’s concerns; he will not follow up

with a formal letter to the Provost but will talk to Vice President McDonough about getting the Center added to fund raising efforts

- he wrote to Faculty Senators whom the Secretary reported to have missed two consecutive meetings, urging them to attend
- he wrote to chairs of Faculty Senate committees that have not yet met, encouraging those chairs to activate their committees
- academic departments are being required by the Provost to provide her with benchmark institutions and the criteria against which they will measure themselves; the Chair urged that faculty be included in the process of identifying appropriate benchmarks and evaluation criteria
- the Provost has announced that vacant positions will remain under the control of the dean rather than reverting to the Provost

## **Item 2: Report of the President**

The report of the President was delivered off the record.

## **Item 3: Formation of a Department of Rehabilitative Sciences in the School of Health Related Professions**

The Chair summarized last week's discussion of the proposed creation of a Department of Rehabilitation Sciences from the merger of the existing Department of Occupational Therapy and the physical therapy component of the existing Department of Physical Therapy, Exercise and Nutrition Sciences. The new Department would offer only two degrees, a Masters in Occupational Therapy

(M.O.T.) and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (D.P.T.). Professor Farkas confirmed that the HRP faculty strongly support the new department. Discussion of the change has been prolonged because of the many Deans who have led the School in the last few years. The change is congruent with the proposed formation of a School of Public Health in place of HRP.

- why is the undergraduate major in Physical Therapy being phased out? (Professor Adams-Volpe)
- the APTA, the national governing council of physical therapists and occupational therapists, no longer accredits undergraduate degrees in either physical or occupational therapy; HRP has chosen to offer a D.P.T. rather than an M.P.T. because other local schools offer the M.P.T. (Professor Farkas)

There was a motion (seconded) to inform the Provost that the FSEC has no objection to the change. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 4: Report of the Faculty Senate Grading Committee**

UB's rules and procedures for "Informal Proceedings" for resolution of cases of academic dishonesty currently allow an instructor to impose the sanction of mandatory resignation from the course with an "R" grade being recorded on the student's transcript. The Grading Committee recommends that this option be eliminated. The Committee also recommends adding the following option:

"Replacement of Resignation from the Course by Failure in the Course. If the student has resigned from the course, to replace the 'R' on the transcript with an 'F' on the transcript."

Professor Baumer, Chair of the Grading Committee, explained that an "R" in no other context is considered to be a penalty. "R" is, instead, a non-penalty option when a student finds herself in a course beyond her capabilities.

There was a motion (seconded) to schedule the proposal for first reading at the February Faculty Senate meeting and to recommend its adoption.

- may an instructor give an "I"? (Professor Sridhar)
- no other option is affected (Professor Baumer)
- did the Committee consider a due process requirement before an "R" is imposed? (Professor Nickerson)
- there is an overall requirement in matters of academic dishonesty that the instructor inform the student of what is going on (Professor Baumer)
- The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 5: What's up with FSA?**

The Chair introduced Associate Vice President Clifford Wilson and Mitchell Green, Executive Director of the Faculty Student Association (FSA) and asked that they update the Executive Committee on campus food service.

Associate Vice President Wilson explained that the FSA is a not-for-profit corporation that contracts with the University to provide a variety of services, e.g., dining, catering, concessions, and convenience stores, and fully reimburses the University for any support the University provides. The FSA was established when the University of Buffalo became a SUNY institution. It is governed by a 12 member Board that includes students appointed by the student leadership, administrative members appointed by the President, and members appointed by the Professional Staff Senate, the classified staff, and the Faculty Senate. It has a budget of \$15.4 M. Although the FSA is fiscally on its own bottom it reports to the Office of Student Affairs in recognition that students are its chief customers.

Mr. Green described \$5 M in upcoming renovations to food service operations in the Ellicott Complex. Ellicott houses about 3,200 students; its food services plant has not been updated in 25 years. Food services will be housed centrally in a food court offering Mexican food, soup and salads, bagels and wraps, a traditional grill, a pizza shop and a convenience store. The dining area will be airy and light, two attributes notably now absent in the Ellicott Complex, with a view of the lake. The project should be complete by the end of 2002 Fall semester. Several other food service areas have been updated in the last several years, e.g., in Governors, in the Alumni arena and in the Student Union.

- any plans for a faculty club in the Lee Road development? (Professor Fourtner)
- FSA will franchise retail establishments on Lee Road and is open to discussions about a place where faculty can come together (Associate Vice President Wilson)
- need to reconfigure traffic outside Burt's because of the extreme congestion (Professor Fourtner)
- are students required to eat on campus? (Professor Cohen)
- only freshmen living in the dorms must have a board contract, and that can be customized as to the number of meals covered (Associate Vice President Wilson)
- do you plan to support the apartment complexes now on campus? (Professor Sridhar)
- unsuccessfully tried a convenience store in the Hadley apartments; talking with Tops and Wegmans about a presence on Lee Road (Associate Vice President Wilson)
- offer small board contracts to apartment residents, e.g., 15 meals a semester and we deliver pizza and wings (Mr. Green)
- eating facilities for faculty on the South Campus are marginal and they follow the North Campus schedule; is there any way to remedy this situation because dining with faculty colleagues is not a social but an academic activity (Professor Noble)
- problem is volume of business (Associate Vice President Wilson)
- because facilities are inadequate and not always open, faculty have become discouraged about patronizing them (Professor Noble)
- also need more attention to food service needs of South Campus students (Professor Perese)

- have been unable to obtain space to upgrade student facilities and the cost of rehabbing the older buildings is very high, e.g., spent \$3 M on Harriman and were able only to install an elevator and remove asbestos (Associate Vice President Wilson)
- will refer the matter to the Student Life and Facilities Committees(Professor Cohen)

## **Item 6: Report of the SUNY Senate meeting/Binghamton**

Dr. Durand summarized the January meeting of the SUNY Faculty Senate.

- President Hildreth reported:
- on the November meeting of the SUNY Board of Trustees
- Governor's budget request for SUNY contains no increase
- \$60 M was included for SUNY hospitals
- there was discussion of how to increase transferability within SUNY
- there was a discussion of requirements for of teacher education, viz., major in a discipline, 100 hours of fieldwork, 75 hours of classroom experience; also discussed were support of schools to meet higher standards and alternate sources for teachers, e.g., Urban Teacher Training Center
- SUNY Central will distribute a 58 question opinion survey to SUNY faculty this Spring; the survey will be anonymous and will be headed by noted, California educator Sandy Astin
- Student Life Committee will sponsor a Student Retention Symposium
- Associate Provost Don Stevens reported
- search for the new position of Vice Provost for Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions has begun
- the Academic Standards Committee is looking at a data warehousing initiative, greater data sharing and online availability of data

- praise for the Faculty Senate Guide for Evaluation of Undergraduate Programs
- University Center Sector Meeting discussed
- Inadequate graduate stipends
- increasing use of GA's in administrative assistant roles
- lack of meaningful faculty involvement in budget reallocation
- appropriate/inappropriate roles of adjunct faculty
- relative decline in hiring and support of full time tenure track faculty
- parallel governance because of administratively appointed ad-hoc committees that overlap local faculty governance
- unfunded mandates
- a panel presentation on the SUNY budget looked at core instructional versus all funds budgeting, SUNY tuition and fees compared to like regional schools and the requirement that action to raise fees must occur when school is in session
- The Senate passed the following resolution: "Therefore be it resolved that the Chancellor, working with the University Faculty Senate, governmental bodies, and other appropriate constituencies, develop a long term, rational fiscal policy to include increased state support and to address such factors as enrollment growth and inflation to ensure the quality of public higher education in New York State."
- Chancellor King reported
- on the development of joint degree programs with foreign universities under which a student would study for two years at a SUNY institution and two years at a foreign institution, receiving a Bachelor's degree from both; he also reported on enrollment growth
- he has concluded that the \$1B fund raising goal he had set for SUNY should be increased
- when he and his wife were dining at the Governor's Mansion, the Governor received a political call about the state budget, and putting the caller on hold, consulted with the Chancellor, resulting in the new funding for SUNY hospitals
- on his Center of Excellence proposals
- the heavy impact of heating on last year's budget
- the Chancellor mentioned that SUNY would be looking at alternate energy sources (Professor Cohen)

- SUNY comprises some 90 M square feet of space, while the state administration uses only 30 M square feet; the Chancellor regularly advocates behind the scenes which may be more successful than more visible lobbying (Professor Nickerson)
- UB SUNY Senators are among the few Senators who regularly report to their local Senates (Professor Cohen)
- SUNY Faculty Senate has great impact on the running of SUNY (Dr. Coles)
- UUP also has great impact on SUNY matters, and faculty who want to be active in shaping SUNY should also consider that venue (Professor Noble)

Following an executive session, there being no other new/old business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Present: Chair: M. Cohen  
Secretary: M. Kramer  
Parliamentarian: D. Malone  
Architecture: R. Sibley  
Arts & Sciences: W. Baumer, M. Churchill, C. Fourtner  
Dental Medicine: J. Zambon  
Engineering & Applied Sciences: R. Sridhar  
Graduate School of Education: L. Malave  
Health Related Professions: G. Farkas  
Informatics: J. Ellison  
Management: J. Boot  
Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: B. Noble  
Nursing: E. Perese  
Pharmacy: E. Luzier  
SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe, J. Boot, H. Durand, P. Nickerson  
University Libraries: J. Hopkins  
University Officers

W. Greiner, President

Guests: Donna Longenecher, Reporter

Cliff Wilson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Mitchell Green, Executive Director, Faculty Student Association

R. Patel, Programming Coordinator, Graduate Student Association

M. Miranola, The Spectrum

K. Levy, Senior Vice Provost

K. Grant, Vice Provost

Excused: Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: C. Granger, A. El Solh

Absent: Arts & Sciences: J. Bono

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: S. Spurgeon