



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 12, 2014

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen

Stephen Dyson (absent)

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam (excused)

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lynne Yang

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker

LAW:

Martha McCluskey (excused)

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes (absent)

Peter Elkin
Jung Hoon (absent)
Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand
Adly Fam (excused)
Kathleen Kielar (excused)
Robert Van Wicklin

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Professional Staff Senate-Ann Marie Landel (excused)

1. Minutes approved for 10/15 and 11/5
2. Chair's report:
 - Working with Parliamentarian and Secretary to get materials to FSEC members in a more timely fashion.
 - There is no liability to faculty or university for a course fee. Ezra will tell registrar to proceed with adding course fee to syllabus template.
 - Paul Zarembka-explain the contract issue
 - Ezra-are syllabi contracts between student and faculty? SUNY legal says, no it's not a binding contract.
3. Provost's report:
 - 7 Communities of Excellence proposals will go forward for final review in February. The groups are getting feedback from reviewers to complete the process. The final Communities will be announced mid-March.
 - UB Council.
 - They are working on an advocacy strategy for both UB and SUNY in relationship to the Governor and State Assembly.
 1. UB has created a funding fact sheet on how we spend tuition and state dollars.
 - This is the last year of a rational tuition policy. After this year there will be other measures for funding possibly tied to growth of student population and student "success" and things like UB's Finish in 4 are positive models but not necessarily measuring causality.
 - UB's 5 years capital improvement plan has had to be scaled back due to a decrease in state budget support. This impacts how each of the 3 campuses will interact with each other and the city.
 1. James Lenker asked if the sheds would be taken down from South Campus.
 2. The Provost pointed out that we don't have the money to do that but the \$4 million per year to head and light those buildings and a couple of other vacant spaces on south campus could be used for building the Medical School.
 3. The Provost pointed out that the move of the Medical School to the downtown campus allows the south campus to move in the School of Social Work and the Graduate School of Education and start to become the campus for the professional schools. This will free up space for expansion on the north campus.
 4. Ernest Sternberg pointed out that Hayes Hall furnishings and fixtures comes out of their departmental operating costs.
 5. While the Provost sympathized he acknowledged that there just aren't enough funds to provide furniture and fixtures for Hayes Hall under capital funding.
 6. Gabriela Popescu asked how many projects will now get funded.

7. The Provost expects 2-3 “glue” projects will get funded that answer the question of what will make the current faculty successful. One-time money is more readily available for shovel ready projects.
4. Robert Silverman (Department Of Urban And Regional Planning) and Grace Dean (Nursing) appointed to the Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges committee.
 - Peter Morgan-why add new members?
 - Gabriela-not all members can make the meetings and having a critical mass is important for the committee to get its work done.
5. Ezra discussed an extra Faculty Senate meeting the week of November 15th and looked for comments. He has received amendments and if there is no 2nd meeting then the December 2nd meeting will introduce amendments AND vote on the motion all at the same meeting.
 - Points made include:
 - Amendments should come to the senators before they are required to vote, so an extra meeting would be needed.
 - Amendments can be made on the floor, even the day of the vote.
 - The motion should be voted on THEN the amendments.
 - Some senators will not vote in support of the motion UNLESS a certain amendment is made so vote on the amendments first THEN the motion.
 - Can't we just ask the Gen Ed folks to rewrite their proposal to incorporate these amendments?
 - No, the procedure requires amendments made because the motion is already on the floor.
 - November 18th given as a second meeting in November date. Concerns raised on the short lead time to craft amendments.
 - Senators will be allowed to submit amendments via the faculty senate listserv or direct to the Chair before the extra November 18th meeting.
 - Ezra decided an extra November 18th meeting would be held and an announcement will go out ASAP.
6. Decanal Review should have gone up to the Faculty Senate at the November 5th meeting but did not due to the Gen Ed presentation and other business.
 - A motion was made and approved to delay the presentation of the Decanal Review report to the Faculty Senate until the February meeting.
7. An Ad Hoc committee on faculty participation was approved. Gabriela Popescu will chair and get members. At the next FSEC she may have some preliminary work to report.
8. Old Budget Priorities Committee needs to be brought back. There were only 3 people from the other two budget committees willing to serve.
 - Peter Morgan felt that faculty senate deserves people who would serve and committee and work for them. He suggests the original model and this it be open and transparent with no co-Chairmanship, which seemed odd and threatening to former committee members. He asked if the Provost could recommend a couple of people who can help the committee. He

recused himself from being considered for the committee. He suggested the old committee be brought back without the confidentiality agreement.

- A discuss of the old budget committee charge and structure was discussed.
- Provost provided a budget timeline for work: Late January and February are budget meetings with Deans, May decisions are made and July funds are transferred.
- Ezra will put out a call to all voting faculty to serve on the new committee rather than recreate the old Budget Priorities committee.
- The Provost stressed the importance of this budget committee.
- Gabriela suggested an informational seminar about UB budgets (policies, procedures, and faculty roles)
- Provost accepted the advice and will look for places to put such a seminar within faculty professional development.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30p

Submitted by
Cynthia Tysick,
Secretary to the Faculty Senate
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