

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 6, 2002

(unapproved)

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:00 PM on March 6, 2002 in Capen 567 to consider the following agenda:

1. [Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2002](#)
2. [Report of the Chair](#)
3. [Report of the President/Provost](#)
4. [Report on the status of Harriman Hall and what UB is doing to crack down on campus drinking and drug use - Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Black](#)
5. [Report on the Campus Club - Rosemary Mecca, President, Peter Nickerson, Vice President](#)
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**Item 1: Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2002**

The minutes of February 20, 2002 were approved.

**Item 2: Report of the Chair**

The Chair being absent the Secretary presided. There was no Chair's report.

### **Item 3: Report on the status of Harriman Hall and what UB is doing to crack down on campus drinking and drug use**

Vice President Black introduced Madison Boyce, Director of the Student Judiciary, Laurie Krupski, Director of the Living Well Center, Joseph Krakowiak, Director of Administrative Services, University Residence Halls, and Dr. Frank Carnavale, Student Health Services. They gave an overview of the different ways in which the University deals with students' alcohol and substance abuse.

#### **Mr. Boyce began:**

- immediately on arrival at UB freshmen are told that the Campus Code of Conduct bans the use or possession of alcohol or its provision to students who are under 21; that message is repeated in the residence halls
- students who violate these provisions are brought before the Student Judiciary
- underage students returning to campus in a condition indicating off campus use of alcohol or drugs are summoned by the Dean of Students to account for their behavior

#### **Ms. Krupski continued:**

- the Student Educational Program for Alcohol and Drugs is a four hour program that teaches students about alcohol and substance abuse; the Living Well Center offers wellness activities that provide natural highs to all students, e.g., meditation, drumming, ballroom dance
- the Living Well Center also sponsors focus groups to talk about issues of drug and alcohol use; a current student project is the production of a video looking at alternatives to alcohol and substance use

#### **Mr. Krakowiak added:**

- 6,700 people live in UB's dorms and apartments; about 4,000 are under 21
- alcohol policies are enforced in the dorms by Resident Advisors and in the apartment complexes by Community Assistants; the RA's are monitored by resident graduate students

- 39% of incidents in Ellicott East where most freshmen live involve alcohol

### **Dr. Carnavale concluded:**

- the Student Health Services, in addition to providing medical care to students, is actively involved in outreach activities on different health and wellness topics

Vice President Black noted that Public Safety also responds to incidents involving student use of alcohol or drugs. In 2001 Public Safety referred 64 such cases to the Student Judiciary, made 4 arrests, responded to 26 violations and 26 first aid calls and made 22 DWI stops.

- do many students repeat the referral programs? (Professor Nickerson)
- very few (Ms. Krupski)
- most serious offenses lead to suspension from the University, viz. the sale or provision of alcohol to a person under 21 or to an intoxicated person (Vice President Black)
- do the rules on alcohol use extend off campus? (Professor Malone)
- off campus incidents involving University programs or University affiliated groups are subject to campus rules; an off campus incident in which a UB student places another UB student at risk is also subject to those rules; students involved in notable incidents not covered by campus rules, are summoned by the Dean of Students to explain their actions (Vice President Black)
- do the Buffalo or Amherst authorities ever become involved? (Dr. Coles)
- when incidents occur in their jurisdictions; the University is frequently notified of such incidents so that students are subject both to local and campus proceedings (Vice President Black)
- given the size of our resident student body, 22 DWI's seems too low; how is a rowdy party in the dorms handled? (Professor Fournier)

- a Resident Advisor takes ID from all participants and if any are under 21 all alcohol is removed; next day the hall director reviews the age of the students and details of the incident and determines what course to take (Mr. Krakowiak)
- for incidents other than serving minors or intoxicated persons, the intervention tends to be counseling, etc., not punitive action (Vice President Black)
- do students go to Canada to drink? (Professor Churchill)
- some student organizations hold programs in Canada because of the lower drinking age; problems usually arise only after the program when students continue to drink; another problem is the gambling available in Canada (Vice President Black)
- alcohol abuse is nearly equal between males and females (Mr. Krakowiak)
- how do you evaluate the success of your programs? (Professor Granger)
- survey students' knowledge, attitudes and behavior before and after programs (Ms. Krupski)
- are programs available for students before they get into trouble? (Professor Sridhar)
- orientation sessions and literature on UB policies are given to all students; dorm residents have mandatory meetings (Vice President Black)
- how many students are dismissed because of alcohol; are there more problems on weekends; what is UB's policy about parental notification? (Professor Doyno)
- on average 20 students are dismissed annually from the residence halls; most dismissals involve alcohol; off campus alcohol use is the problem on weekends not partying in the dorms; increasingly students are leaving the University Heights area to drink, increasing the risk of driving under the influence; each weekend about 2 students require medical assistance because of alcohol poisoning (Mr. Krakowiak)
- have right to notify parents of underage students about proscribed alcohol or drug use; our approach is not punitive, rather we tell parents what services are available to the student and encourage them to become involved; students are given the supervised opportunity to tell parents themselves (Vice President Black)
- how could faculty help? (Professor Malone)
- faculty sometimes invite staff from the Living Well Center to speak to their classes; our staff have advised faculty on signs that suggest a substance abuse problem (Ms. Krupski)

- after the recent tragic death of a teen-ager who was allegedly served at a Greek function, UB suspended all Greek activities; while I understand the suspension of that fraternity, I do not understand why all Greek activities were suspended (Professor Baumer)
- needed to act quickly to safeguard students but did not know with certainty which Greek organization was involved; also wanted to speak with and hear from all the Greek organizations about alcohol use (Vice President Black)
- incident took place during rushing activities in which all Greeks were engaged (President Greiner)
- what is the general physical and psychological state of our students (Dr. Coles)
- April and November are generally our worst months; February was bad this year, but students are generally healthy; our chicken pox outbreak demonstrated our good working relations with the Erie County Health Department which was able to quickly supply us with scarce vaccines (Dr. Carnavale)
- student fee supports health and wellness services; fee will be increased to cover inflationary costs and to expand services to students with disabilities (Vice President Black)
- philosophy of in loco parentis is regaining favor; UB is trying to balance the students' need to grow with the need to protect them; Senate might want to also look at alcohol and substance abuse among faculty (President Greiner)

#### **Item 4: Report of the President**

The President spoke on the continuing debate about Children's Hospital. The Kaleida System has been characterized as wanting to close Children's Hospital; a more accurate characterization would be that Kaleida recommends moving pediatric medicine to new and refurbished facilities on High Street.

President Greiner has talked with the faculty at Children's Hospital. He feels they are wedded to a free standing pediatric hospital but not the current Bryant Street facility. Kaleida has hinted that it is considering constructing a free standing pediatric emergency and

outpatient care facility with dedicated hospital facilities and separate governance at Buffalo General. However, there is now a lack of trust between Kaleida and pediatric physicians. The new head of Kaleida is working toward involving all the stakeholders in coming to a resolution and rebuilding trust.

The President has also talked with the Medical School faculty and is concerned that this issue will exacerbate the division between pediatric care and adult care physicians. Adult care physicians are as worried about the impact of this issue on adult care as pediatricians are about its impact on pediatric care. For example, OB/GYN physicians currently located at Children's seem intent on relocating to an adult care facility because of their concerns about providing adequate services to women.

The financial resources for health care in Western New York are finite and resolution of this issue will require making trade-offs. Postponing its resolution could have adverse effects on the overall quality of medicine in Western New York.

#### **Item 5: Report on the Campus Club**

Professor Nickerson, Vice President of the Campus Club, gave a brief history of the Club. Before the development of the North Campus, Harriman Hall housed the Faculty Club. The Club, which was supported by member dues, provided a venue for faculty to meet and get to know other faculty from the entire University. Lunch was available and there were common tables at which conversation was lively and wide-ranging. At its peak the Faculty Club had about 700 members. When UB became part of SUNY, the exclusionary membership of the Faculty Club raised difficulties in using campus space, and with the split into two campuses, membership dropped to about 250.

Rosemary Mecca, President of the Club, continued. In an attempt to build membership professional staff were invited to join, and the Club changed its name to the Campus Club. Currently there are 152

members; members pay dues of \$25. The Club hosts a holiday party, and plans lectures, receptions and other events several times each semester. The Club belongs to the Association of Faculty Clubs International, allowing members to use the facilities of other clubs around the world.

The Club is currently housed in 144 Goodyear Hall but most of its events are staged in the Tiffin Room. The Club is exploring getting space on the North Campus, but this is difficult because of limited finances.

- consider seeking funding from alumni for the Campus Club (Professor Malave)
- have talked about development efforts; one possibility is that the Campus Club could be housed in a proposed Alumni House (Professor Nickerson)
- having alcohol available might attract membership (Professor Sridhar)
- an alcohol license costs \$75 and has to be obtained for each event; that is prohibitive for us to do frequently (Ms. Mecca)
- the state ruled that an exclusionary club could not be housed on campus; consider building close to campus rather than on it and offer alcohol (Professor Malone)
- Campus Club would have to be within walking distance so faculty would get in the habit of going frequently (Professor Bono)
- renaming the Campus Club to the Faculty and Staff Club might better identify its focus and draw new members; should encourage new faculty to join (Professor Sridhar)
- new faculty and professional staff are given a one year free membership (Professor Nickerson)
- what do other SUNY schools do? Focus publicity on what is unique about the Campus Club; am interested in getting together with my colleagues, but not necessarily in other benefits (Professor Malave)
- Stony Brook has a facility that serves lunch only to faculty, but no other SUNY institution has such an arrangement (Ms. Mecca)
- given the parking situation a club would have to be within walking distance (Professor Hopkins)

- lack of support for a faculty club is part of a deliberate effort to atomize the faculty (Professor Doyno)
- don't ascribe to malevolence what can be explained by stupidity (Professor Baumer)

There being no old/new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Present: Secretary: M. Kramer  
Parliamentarian: D. Malone  
Arts & Sciences: W. Baumer, J. Bono, M. Churchill, C. Fourtner  
Engineering & Applied Sciences: R. Sridhar  
Graduate School of Education: L. Malave  
Health Related Professions: G. Farkas  
Informatics: J. Ellison  
Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: B. Noble, A. El Solh, C. Granger  
Nursing: E. Perese  
SUNY Senators: H. Durand, P. Nickerson  
University Libraries: J. Hopkins  
University Officers:  
W. Greiner, President

Guests: K. Purdy, The Spectrum  
R. Patel, Graduate Student Association  
D. Longenecker, Reporter  
L. Stewart, Office of Equity, Diversity and Affirmative Action  
V. Doyno, Dept. of English  
D. Black, Vice President for Student Affairs  
L. Krupski, Living Well Center  
J. Krakowiak, Residence Halls  
M. Boyce, Student Judiciary

F. Carnavale, Student Health Services  
R. Mecca, President of the Campus Club  
W. Coles, Chair, Professional Staff Senate

Excused: Architecture: R. Shibley  
Chair: M. Cohen  
Management: J. Boot  
SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe, J. Boot

Absent: Dental Medicine: J. Zambon

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: S. Spurgeon