

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 12, 2003 - (approved)
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The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, in 567 Capen Hall to consider the following agenda:

1. [Approval of the minutes of December 11, 2002, and January 22, 2003](#)
2. [Report of the Chair](#)
3. [Report of the President/Provost](#)
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Item 1: Approval of the minutes of December 11, 2002, and January 22, 2003

Both sets of minutes were approved as distributed.

Item 2: Report of the Chair

Chair Cohen said that he and the other UB SUNY senators had received a letter from Peter Knuepfer (Binghamton) saying that the SUNY Board of Trustees wants to continue having input into the General Education assessment process. This runs contrary to the SUNY Senate's opinion that assessment should be handled at the campus level. The Chair will forward copies of the letter to Associate Vice Provost Kerry Grant and Associate Dean Peter Gold, who are addressing General Education matters at UB. The Chair will ask Dr. Gold to keep us informed of developments.

Item 3: Report of the President

None

Item 4: Report of the Parking & Transportation Services consultants

Dr. Barbara Chance highlighted the findings of Chance Management Advisors, Inc., the consulting firm that's been conducting a study of parking and transportation issues at UB. Information was gathered by holding forums with various groups on the North and South campuses, surveying the total campus population, and comparing UB's parking and transportation situation with conditions at peer institutions.

Building one or more parking garages is not a viable option because current revenue generation methods won't support it. Parking and transportation services are funded by a student fee, and improvements have to be financially self-sufficient. Parking garages typically cost 10 times the cost of a surface lot with the same number of spaces. Survey responses indicated that most students don't want a higher parking fee.

Despite the perception of that there aren't enough parking spaces, there are in fact adequate spaces for the demand. The difficulty is that many of the available spaces are not close to buildings where people want to park. Some people would rather hunt for a space or park where they're not supposed to park than park further away and ride the shuttle. Perhaps they should be encouraged to modify their behaviors instead of building parking garages that would result in higher fees.

Several improvements were made while the study was being conducted, including building/paving additional lots, acquiring more shuttle vehicles, and creating new signage.

A key card system is recommended to control access to restricted lots. This would prevent unauthorized entry and reduce enforcement costs. There should also be a stated policy that describes the role Parking & Transportation Services should play on campus.

The full "Evaluation of Parking and Transportation Services" is available online at <http://www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/announcements.shtml>.

Item 5: Old/New business

The selection of six members of the teaching faculty to serve on the UB presidency search committee was conducted in executive session.

Item 6: Executive session

Procedures for selecting six members of the teaching faculty to serve on the presidency search committee were decided during the executive session. The Chair had already solicited nominations via the FACSSEN-VOTING-FACULTY-LIST ListServ from which two lists had been prepared -- one with the names categorized by their respective units and another arranged alphabetically to be used as a ballot.

The first step was to review the lists and delete ineligible names, including deans and associate deans (but not department chairs). From the list of eligible candidates, we decided to select six first-choice faculty plus six alternates; the alternates will only be revealed if someone(s) from the first-choice group is unable to serve or is found unacceptable to the UB Council.

Both sets of six will be comprised of two faculty from the health sciences units, two from the College of Arts & Sciences, and two from the remaining core units.

Prior to voting, the Chair summarized the statements/credentials that had been submitted and allowed brief comments from FSEC members.

FSEC members present were allowed to vote for up to 12 names from the full list of nominees. Ballots were then counted, and ties were resolved as needed with another round of secret voting on the tied candidates.

Item 7: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hepfer
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Present:

Chair: M. Cohen

Secretary: W. Hepfer

Arts & Sciences: W. Baumer, S. Bruckenstein, S. Schack, K. Takeuchi

Graduate School of Education: R. Stein

Engineering & Applied Sciences: J. Jensen, R. Mayne

Health Related Professions: G. Farkas

Informatics: F. Tutzauer

Law: L. Swartz

Management: J. Boot

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: J. Hassett, F. Morin

Pharmacy: G. Brazeau

SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe, M. Kramer, P. Nickerson

University Libraries: CA Fabian

Parliamentarian: D. Malone

Guests:

B. Chance, Chance Consultant Team

W. Coles, Professional Staff Senate

D. Longenecker, Reporter

Absent:

Architecture: S. Danford

Arts & Sciences: C. Smith

Dental Medicine: D. Garlapo

Institutional/General: O. Mixon

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: C. Granger

Nursing: E. Perese

SUNY Senators: H. Durand