

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 14, 2014

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Kenneth Dauber (Excused)

Stephen Dyson

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka (Excused)

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Elaine Davis

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lynne Yang

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Robert Burkard

LAW:

Martha McCluskey

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders (Excused)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Yogesh Bakhai (Absent)

Michael Chaskes

James Hassett (Absent)

Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu (Excused)

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe

Barbara Rittner (Excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Donald Grinde

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson (Excused)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Beth Adelman

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

William H. Baumer (Excused)

GUESTS:

Ann Marie Landel, Professional Staff Senate

Diane Cristian, English Department

1. Senate Parliamentarian, William Baumer , is hospitalized at ECMC.
2. FSEC developed a list of priorities to concentrate upon in the 2014/2015 year. Anna Kedzierski will forward the list to all FSEC members so that they could note their preferences. Disregard the three priorities cited at the bottom of the April 23, 2014 minutes.
3. FSEC voted unanimously to accept the proposed name change for the Visual Studies Department to the Art Department.
4. Zubrow will forward a note to the Voting Faculty asking them to submit nominations for the Search Committee for the position of Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and for the Dental School Decanal Review Committee. Names will be recommended to the Provost who selects committee members. Responding to M. McCluskey who asked if we have a list of nominations recommended to the Provost and accepted for various committees, Zubrow said we do not, but he thought one could be compiled. Zubrow also noted that diversity and gender are key criteria he uses when recommending nominations to the Provost. Future minutes should list nominees and those recommended by FSEC to the Provost.
5. FSEC recommended to the Provost Susan Mangold, Law School, and James Hasset, Medical School, for the Engagement Advisory Committee.
6. FSEC discussed the 2014/2015 meeting schedule and voted to eliminate Provostal executive sessions on days following Senate meetings. The Provost will be invited to offer ½ hour presentations at FSEC meetings and answer questions for another ½ hour. Some opposed this arguing that the Provost has our attention in the current makeup and this should not be disturbed. However, most on FSEC believed that the Provost should not host, but be an invited guest at our meetings. Also, knowing in advance his topics would enable FSEC to invite relevant Senate committees to the meetings.

All agreed that background information should be distributed prior to all meetings. See Appendix 1 for the schedule.

Despite the Faculty Senate voting last year to hold its meetings at 4:00 – 5:30, Zubrow said that for now they will still begin at 3:00 PM because child care issues will affect the later time.

7. Committee reports: [Click here](#) to view 2013/2014 written annual reports.

- Academic Planning and Assessment Committee (Diane Cristian)
 - Cristian praised the commitment to excellence maintained by past and current Committee members. She argued that Committee members need energy, collegiality, and trust.
 - Zubrow noted that the Committee will be busy next year evaluating the proposal to revise general education (renamed the core curriculum). The University hopes to have Faculty Senate approval by January 2015.
 - Cristian commented that the name change from the Visual Studies Department to the Art Department never came to her Committee. Zubrow said that he received the proposal a week ago and a decision had to be made quickly to accommodate the new *Catalog*. He also indicated that we need an improved process for getting such requests to the Academic Planning and Assessment Committee quicker.
 - Replying to S. Dyson's question about the status of small departments, Cristian did not think that the University attempts to eliminate them, but at the same time, we must be cognizant of where UB is expanding.
 - E. Sternberg thought that departmental oversight could suffer as UB places more emphasis on broad themes.
 - Zubrow remarked that despite UB having fewer faculty than most AAU universities our production still meets the Association's median. We consistently do more with less.
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee (E. Sternberg): The Academic Freedom Committee has been inactive for a number of years. The Committee expects to consider electronic privacy and other aspects of academic freedom as it relates to privacy.
- Faculty Senate Budget Committee (P. Morgan in lieu of the Chair, K. Dauber): Morgan reported that the Committee is still trying to find itself. He believes that confidentiality as it relates to the budget is poor practice. However, he also thought the Provost was helpful to the Committee. Zubrow hopes to devise a way of combining this Committee with the Joint Budget Priorities Committee.
- Research and Creative Activities Committee (R. Burkard): Burkard asked FSEC for guidance because his Committee does not have a clear charge. Possible activities include development

of disclosure rules governing relations between business and University issues. This is important given the StartUP NY program.

- E. Davis reported that the Ad Hoc Decanal Review Committee divided into 3 subcommittees. The Committee's work is nearly completed. She will report to FSEC after compiling the reports from each subcommittee into a single document. She thought that overall the process is fair, but not transparent.

Submitted by

Edward Herman,

Secretary to the Faculty Senate