

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 6, 2002

(approved)

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

1. [Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2002](#)
2. [Report of the Chair](#)
3. [Report of the President/Provost](#)
4. [University parking and transportation issues - Mr. Joseph Sciulli, Senior Operations Consultant for CHANCE Management Advisors, Inc. \(CMA\)](#)
5. [Report of the Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee - Professor Judith Hopkins](#)
6. [Old/new business](#)

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2002

The minutes of January 23, 2002 were approved.

Item 2: Report of the Chair

The Chair reported that:

- he informed the Provost that the Executive Committee had no objection to the School of Architecture & Planning's Department of Planning changing its name to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning or to the formation of a new Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the School of Health Related Professions

- he wrote to Sara Paulson of The Spectrum to commend her on her article on the status of General Education at UB
- Professor Maureen Jameson will chair the Computer Services Committee for the Spring Semester; the Committee wants to meet with the technology advisory committees of each of the Schools to learn what their needs and concerns are
- he and Professor Nickerson met with Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations McDonough and discussed the possibility of a continuing program under which faculty could facilitate development efforts by inviting prominent practitioners or scholars to observe or speak to appropriate classes with the intent of interesting them in the University
- HRP was discouraged from dealing directly with potential donors (Professor Farkas)
- efforts would need to be coordinated with the Development Office (Professor Cohen)
- have invited individuals from all over the country to contribute to my web based course, and many of those people have become donors (Professor Ellison)
- most professional schools have alumni advisory boards that also have a role in fund raising; suggest inviting Vice President McDonough to talk about faculty involvement in development efforts (Provost Capaldi)
- after last week's discussion of the desirability of a Faculty Club, he has become aware of the Campus Club which currently has about 100 members; membership in the Campus Club gives access to faculty clubs nationally and internationally
- there was a Faculty Club prior to the University at Buffalo joining SUNY; the State, however, was not willing to fund a facility that appeared exclusionary; to establish a Faculty Club today would require a private funding source, finding a suitable venue, and making clear that it was open to the entire UB community (Professor Malone)
- suggest having the Campus Club make a presentation to the Executive Committee (Professor Nickerson)
- might want to look at fund raising for an Alumni House which might be a venue for such a Club (Provost Capaldi)

3. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported that:

- she is developing a variety of mechanisms for recognizing and honoring faculty, e.g. the rank of UB Distinguished Professor has been approved, the Deans have approved establishing a limited number of research awards to be given within academic units; a young investigator award, and a lifetime research achievement award; SUNY is also establishing a research award; there will also be teaching awards
- a consultant looked at UB's proposal for a school of public health and was very impressed; UB already has strengths in epidemiology, exercise and nutrition, environmental concerns, occupational and physical therapy, laboratory sciences and social and preventative medicine; for accreditation we would need to add about 20 faculty over the next several years to strengthen behavioral health, biostatistics and health policy.
- she is negotiating with a potential director for the Center for Excellence in Bioinformatics; part of the recruitment package is the ability to hire 10 faculty over the next 4 years; that hiring will be coordinated with several of the schools because these new faculty will have responsibilities both to the Center and to the schools; research partners for the Center are being identified
- will the Schools be responsible for new faculty set up costs? (Professor Fournier)
- no; the Center will be, which is an incentive for the Schools to cooperate (Provost Capaldi)

Item 4: University parking and transportation issues

- Mr. Joseph Sculli, Senior Operations Consultant for CHANCE Management Advisors, Inc., briefly described the parking study he is conducting for UB. The study is in its first phase, documenting conditions and operations. Mr. Sculli describes current conditions and operations

as good and he applauds the University for taking action before the situation becomes critical. The next step will be a web-based survey of the campus community. The second phase will examine future conditions; and the third phase is making recommendations.

- earlier parking studies resulted in parking lots being assigned names indicating adjacent buildings, a pay parking lot and the hang tag system; insistence on a close parking space is the real problem because there is adequate remote parking (Professor Malone)
- UB's parking spaces are generously sized; reducing them could increase total parking spaces; any ramp parking should be designed with personal safety in mind (Professor Adams-Volpe)
- Ramp parking is very expensive to build; agree with concerns about security (Professor Baumer)
- need special parking arrangements for instructors who have to commute between campuses to teach (Professor Nickerson)
- no parking was added when the Center for the Arts was opened putting evening students in competition with visitors for parking spaces (Professor Malave)
- a reward system to encourage staff to use remote parking and the shuttle would be useful (Professor Ellison)
- timing of the shuttle is not convenient; no sheltered area to wait for the shuttle (Professor Malave)
- shuttles should be marked with route information (Professor Hopkins)
- don't have adequate directions for visitor parking (Professor Sridhar)
- some universities prohibit dorm residents from parking anywhere but in dorm parking lots; some also prohibit freshmen from having cars (Professor Farkas)
- a good operational policy about cars may not be competitively, politically or emotionally possible; the UB community widely believes that a car is a necessity because of the isolation of the North Campus (Mr. Sciulli)
- only about 4 K undergraduates live on campus; the remaining 8 K commute and need parking; easier to find parking on the North side of campus than on the South side, a redesign of campus entrances could force commuters to the North side which would also be convenient for visitors to the Center for the Arts; covered walkways would make remote parking more palatable (Professor Baumer)

- efficient shuttle system from remote parking is often the quickest and most convenient option, but here at UB there is an erroneous perception that the shuttle service is not good (Mr. Sciulli)
- don't ignore South Campus parking issues (Professor Nickerson)
- give web survey adequate publicity to ensure good response (Professor Cohen)
- landscaping near parking lots should be kept low for security reasons; lighting is adequate; at night an escort from buildings to parking lot is very helpful (Professor Malave)
- student government provides such service (Mr. Patel)
- because of a history of criminal activity parking lot security has been increased on the South Campus and escorts are always available (Professor Nickerson)

Item 5: Report of the Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee

- The Bylaws of the Voting Faculty restrict membership in UB's Voting Faculty to "All full-time members of the academic staff having academic rank, including geographic full-time faculty members with academic rank, and all full-time members of the academic staff having qualified academic rank and serving on appointments of more than one year." After a discussion of the status of part time faculty at UB, the Chair had questioned whether our Bylaws should be changed to include part-time faculty in UB's Voting Faculty.
- Professor Hopkins, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, researched the Policies of the Board of Trustees to ascertain whether they permitted part time faculty to be members of a college's voting faculty. She reported that the Policies specify that a college's voting faculty is, inter alia, composed of members of the academic staff of the college having academic rank and term or continuing appointments. The Policies also specify that part-time faculty who have served in that role for six consecutive semesters and are re-appointed after that to a seventh semester are entitled to a term appointment. At minimum, therefore, such part time faculty could be members of the Voting Faculty. Additionally she noted that the Policies of the Board

of Trustees also provide for the inclusion in a college's voting faculty of "such other officers of administration and staff members of the college as may be specified by the faculty bylaws of the college."

- The UUP Labor Management Board provided the Chair with its figures of part-time faculty at UB. UUP surveyed 64 departments who reported 961 part-timers of whom 300 were in the Millard Fillmore College. UUP believes 300 of these part-time faculty could be processed on a full year appointments rather than semester by semester.
- Millard Fillmore has a long tradition of hiring people to teach just one course per semester; suspect that most of the 300 teach only one course and have minimal contact with UB so would not support including them in the Voting Faculty (Professor Baumer)
- the adjective "full time" in the phrase "geographic full-time faculty" in the Trustees' Policies could suggest that full time status is implicit for all faculty included in the voting faculty; furthermore, the inclusion of "instructors" could in some departments mean graduate students would be members of the Voting Faculty (Professor Sridhar)
- the phrase "geographic full-time faculty" is used for a very limited group elsewhere defined in the Policies (Professor Hopkins)
- early in SUNY's history part-timers were to be given the rank of "Lecturer" which rank was not included in the voting faculty (Professor Baumer)
- were faculty on sabbatical considered part-time for purpose of the UUP survey? (Professor Fournier)
- term appointments can be made for a single semester, so having a term appointment effectively makes very little difference (Professor Baumer)
- get reading from SUNY Counsel on whether the Policies of the Board of Trustees allow part-time faculty to be members of a college's voting faculty (President Greiner)
- first decide if we want to admit part-timers before asking if it is possible to do so; the Senate's prime responsibility is for curricular matters, and beginning at the departmental level and up part-time faculty have little if any involvement in this area (Professor Baumer)
- characteristics of part timers vary greatly; in the professional schools they tend to be practitioners who want contact with students but would view additional responsibilities as a disincentive (President Greiner)

- part-timers are a national phenomenon; the Budget Priorities Committee has gotten numbers of part-time faculty from the Office of Institutional Analysis and are refining the figures (Professor Nickerson)
- allow Budget Priorities Committee to continue its work and report to the Executive Committee (Professor Fourtner)

Item 6: Old/new business

- Professor Kramer reported that Will Hepfer from the University Libraries is the sole candidate for Secretary of the Faculty Senate. Upon the advice of the Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate will be asked to direct Professor Kramer to cast her vote for Professor Hepfer.
- Professor Kramer also reported that the Elections Committee has completed the reapportionment of the Senate. The Chair will so inform the Provost and will ask for her help in communicating this matter to the Deans.
- President Greiner made the bittersweet announcement that Senior Vice President Wagner has decided to step down effective July 1. He will continue to serve at a reduced commitment as senior counselor to the President. The loss of his full commitment to the University will be a very substantial one. However, after 35 years the Senior Vice President is entitled to parole.

There being no other old/new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McMann Kramer
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Present: Chair: M. Cohen
Secretary: M. Kramer
Parliamentarian: D. Malone
Arts & Sciences: W. Baumer, J. Bono, 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
Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: A. El Sohl
SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe, H. Durand, P. Nickerson
University Libraries: J. Hopkins
University Officers:
W. Greiner, President
E. Capaldi, Provost

Guests: L. Stewart, Office of Equity, Diversity and Affirmative Action
R. Patel, Graduate Student Association
D. Longenecher, Reporter
K. Purdy, The Spectrum

Excused: Architecture: R. Shibley
Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: C. Granger
Pharmacy: A. Luzier

Absent:
Arts & Sciences: M. Churchill
Management: J. Boot
Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: B. Noble, S. Spurgeon
Nursing: E. Perese
SUNY Senators: J. Boot