

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2014

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Ezra B. W. Zubrow

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Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (Excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam

Donald Grinde (Absent)

Kathleen Kielar

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OTHER GUESTS:

Bruce Pitman

Krissy Contanzo

Liesl Folks

Michael Cain

Peter Diehl

Scott Weber

1. Chair's Report

- Peter Nickerson now lives in an assisted living home.
- Hubert Jokim, Professor of Pediatrics and Pathology passed away.
- Zubrow was in Albany discussing issues affecting seamless transfer and START-UP NY. He also argued to legislators for:
 - Increased capital funds.
 - UUP contract relief.
 - The Higher Education Protection Act that would offer adjuncts unemployment insurance between semesters.

- The Glick Act that would re-define the nature of SUNY campuses by putting its foundations under FOIL.
- Zubrow will discuss a common agenda this week with other SUNY Faculty Senate chairs and UUP Presidents.

2. President's Report

- The University Council named the EOC building after former State Assemblyman Arthur Eve.
- Responding to K. Dauber about the Faculty Senate's motion regarding UBF, President Tripathi said that a firewall surrounds the Foundation to protect identities of donors. He does not have legal authority to ask UBF to open its books and will not do so. The Foundation will make its 990 forms available on its Web site.

3. Provost's Report

- The Middle States Evaluation Committee will visit campus next week.
- A subcommittee chaired by Peter Biehl will study implementation of the Core Curriculum. S. Dyson asked about Faculty Senate approval of the plan. S. Weber noted that it would come before the FSEC or its specified committee.
- Zukoski will be speaking to schools in late April and May regarding the impact of Realizing UB2020.
- The Provost approved the Communities of Excellence.

4. Presentation of Online Course Evaluation by the Campus-Wide Course Evaluations Committee (Peter Biehl and Krissy Contanzo)

- S. Weber noted that over 40 people contributed to this effort. It had wide representation of the entire University.

- Biehl said that the course evaluation process is a dynamic one.
- Current evaluations are not centralized. Different schools work from 5 different platforms, plus paper evaluations.
- Response rates among students are now less than 30%. The goal is to achieve a greater than 70% rate.
- Online evaluations will provide equal access for all students since the questionnaire could be completed anywhere. It also offers anonymity and improved analysis of results.
- The Committee selected the CampusLab system that is flexible enough to accommodate classes taught by all levels of instructors from lectures through full professors. The company maintains a 24-hour hotline should UB encounter problems.
- The system will be implemented in the fall 2014.
- Comments:
 - J. Mollendorf asked why the Committee does not have expectations for a 100% response rate. Withholding grades until evaluations are submitted will accomplish this. Biehl responded that this is under consideration. Northwestern University maintains that policy.
 - Responding to M. McCluskey's question about pandering to students, Biehl assured her that the system does not do so.
 - When asked about the company's background, Biehl said that many schools throughout the nation use CampusLabs.
 - FSEC discussed the importance of faculty having the ability to issue official responses to their evaluations, and adding a question for students to indicate their expected grade. The correlation between expected grades and evaluations could be strong.
- FSEC moved to receive the report and forward it to the Faculty Senate.
- [Click here](#) for an Executive Summary and [click here](#) for the presentation slides.

5. Proposal to create a Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) (Michael Cain and Liesl Folks)

- M. Cain said that the Department would be a 50-50 partnership between the Schools of Medicine and Biological Sciences and Engineering and Applied Sciences. He emphasized that 49 of the 62 AAU schools have such departments, and an additional 9 administer the program through other departments.
- Cain and Liesl discussed their proposal with national biotech companies who saw the need and demand for BME graduates.
- The program will be housed in Bonner Hall.
- Responding to S. Dyson's question about leaders in the field, Cain said that Hopkins, Washington University, and UC San Diego have the top departments.
- K. Kielar asked if the program could attract START-UP NY companies that can help renovate facilities. Liesl noted that these companies usually do not have the required resources.
- FSEC approved a motion to create a BME Department.
- See Appendix 1 for a copy of the proposal.

6. Proposal to establish the Department of Materials and Innovation (MDI) (Bruce Pitman and Liesl Folks)

- The Department will be aligned with the White House's Materials Genome Initiative designed to develop materials for manufacturing and bring them to market quickly. The materials that replace rare minerals and other substances used in cell phones are an example.
- MDI will eventually have 12 faculty and 150 students.
- FSEC approved the proposal.
- See Appendix 2 for a copy of the proposal.

7. Winter session: Zubrow will forward a letter to Deans asking how many courses were offered online and how many instructors were tenure track, as compared to graduate students and adjuncts.

8. FSEC went into **Executive Session** to discuss a personnel matter.

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)