

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 26, 2014

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg (Excused)

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Kenneth Dauber

Stephen Dyson

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Elaine Davis

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lynn Yang

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Robert Burkard

LAW:

Martha McCluskey

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Yogesh Bakhai (Absent)

Michael Chaskes

James Hassett

Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean (Excused)

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (Excused)

Barbara Rittner

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Donald Grinde

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson (Excused)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Beth Adelman

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

William H. Baumer

GUESTS:

EDAAA:

Sharon Nolan-Weiss

President:

Satish K. Tripathi

Professional Staff Senate:

Ann Marie Landel

Provost:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski

OTHER GUESTS:

Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations

Nancy Wells

1. Report of the Chair:

- Peter Nickerson, a member of FSEC and a SUNY Senator, is hospitalized with a lung disorder, but is beginning to feel better.
- Newton Garver, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, passed away.
- Zubrow spent the winter break in Malta researching audiogenic characteristics of ancient temples built in 3600 BC.

2. Report of the President

- **President Tripathi spoke about two budget issues.**
 - The four SUNY Centers will ask the Legislature for special legislation to supplement the critical maintenance budget.

- UUP collective bargaining increases that the budget does not fund will cost \$21 million. R. Berkard noted an article in the *Spectrum* that said student fees will pay for this. The President responded that student fees pay for some of the affected positions, but not the raises. Zubrow said it is in the interests of both SUNY and UUP to deal with this issue jointly in the next negotiations.
- Replying to P. Zarembka's question about the status of the UBF transparency resolution, the President said he will respond soon.

3. Report of the Provost

- The Provost said he hopes to have the budget completed by the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1. He will meet with all units in early May to iron out details. Zukoski hopes that subsequent attempts to complete the budget on time will be a more relaxed process.
- Zukoski will be talking to decanal units about strategic strengths.
- Zubrow congratulated the Provost on hiring the first Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion, Law School Professor Teresa Miller.

4. MOOC's Resolution:

"The Faculty Senate directs the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to charge an ad-hoc or appropriate subcommittee under Teaching and Learning to consider the use in and consequences for UB's academic programs of Massive Open Online Courses [MOOC's]. The Committee is to report with recommendations for MOOC's conducted by non-UB entities and MOOC's conducted by UB and UB faculty."

- K. Dauber argued that MOOC' affects everything professors do. Its impact through commercial concerns and through SUNY mandates are far reaching. He believes the Faculty Senate should investigate its uses, limitations, dangers, and other factors that could affect teaching and research at UB. K. Kielar added that MOOCs also affects seamless transfer.
- Three options are:
 - Create an ad-hoc committee to study and report back.
 - Ask the Teaching and Learning Committee to do so.
 - Create an ad-hoc committee that will prepare options for the Teaching and Learning Committee to act upon.

- B. Rittner, a member of the Teaching and Learning Committee, said that the Committee is already very busy and meets multiple times each month.
- FSEC passed a motion to create an ad-hoc committee to study the issues and prepare options by the end of June. The Teaching and Learning Committee will be asked to consider the options and act accordingly.
- Ken Dauber will consult with the Teaching and Learning Committee, the Registrar, and Scott Weber to compile a list of possible committee members and a chair.

5. Approval of Faculty Senate Committee members:

- FSEC approved the Committee memberships cited in Appendix 1.
- K. Kielar agreed to serve on the Teaching and Learning Committee, and Lynn Yang noted that Kelly Roy, Learning and Instruction, also agreed to do so.
- FSEC placed John Wilson, who agreed to serve on any one committee, on the Elections Committee.

6. Presentation of Nancy Wells, Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations

- [Click here](#) to view the presentation.
- Selected highlights:
 - UB has about 230,000 living alumni in 115 countries. More than 127,000 live in New York State.
 - UB raised \$28,762,077 last year.
 - Of the 21,556 donors last year, 78% were UB alumni. Approximately 13% of the UB alumni never gave before.
 - Faculty/staff participation rate was 11% in FY 13. A goal is to increase this.
 - UB's endowment, \$554,392,383, is among the bottom third when compared to AAU public peers.

7. Draft Agenda , March 4, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting (Appendix 2)

- At M. McCluskey's urging, FSEC passed a motion to insert a discussion about the role and nature of the Faculty Senate following the Provost's presentation. The discussion will focus upon how the Senate can become more relevant to the faculty and how to generate more interest in Senate activities.
- E. Herman said that the 2nd reading of amendments proposed by the Academic Policies and Grading Committee must be considered under Old Business.

8. New Business:

M. McCluskey discussed the need to ask all who present at Senate and FSEC meetings to submit their presentations in advance. A. Kiezerski noted that she distributes in advance of meetings regularly all presentations and related information forwarded to her. Zubrow indicated that he asks presenters to provide information in advance, but they do not always comply.

9. FSEC discussed **Senate membership in executive session.**

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)