

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

January 29, 2014

CHAIR

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

Ernest Sternberg (Excused)

ARTS & SCIENCES

Sampson Blair (Absent)

Kenneth Dauber

Stephen Dyson (Absent)

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE

Elaine Davis (Excused)

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Adly Fam

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Lynne Yang

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Robert Burkard

LAW

Lynn Mather (Excused)

MANAGEMENT

Larry Sanders (Excused)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Yogesh Bakhai

Michael Chaskes

James Hassett (Excused)

Gabriela Popescu

NURSING

Grace Dean

PHARMACY

Alice Ceacareanu

SOCIAL WORK

Robert Keefe

SUNY SENATORS

Adly Fam

Donald Grinde

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson

Peter Nickerson

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Beth Adelman

PARLIAMENTARIAN

William H. Baumer

GUESTS

Satish Tripathi, President
Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Ann Marie Landel, Professional Staff Senate
Sharon Nolan-Weiss, EDAAA

1. FSEC acknowledged the death of **Dr. Charles Bishop**, a Professor Emeritus of Medicine.

2. Chair's Report

- Zubrow spent the Winter break researching land bridges in Australia.
- The Chair will forward a letter to President Tripathi informing him officially of the Faculty Senate Resolution concerning the UB Foundation.
- Zubrow distributed the *State University of New York (SUNY) 2014/15 Executive Budget Summary*. (Appendix 1)
- StartUP NY companies must be aligned with the mission of the campuses on which they operate. Zubrow and Marnie LaVigne, UB Associate Vice President for Economic Development, are discussing how the Faculty Senate will be involved in the selection process. Application forms have a box where the University indicates if the Faculty Senate was involved.
- Zubrow is also:
 - Providing comments about new courses and changes to syllabi until the Academic Planning and Assessment Committee assumes that responsibility.
 - Discussing with Timothy Killeen, SUNY Research Foundation, the Foundation's 4 networks of excellence.
 - Working with Andy Stot, Dean of Undergraduate Education, on the new core curriculum.

3. President's Report

- UB's operating budget in FY 2014/15, on paper, seems flat, but it is actually decreased. The University must assume collective bargaining costs. The President believes that a group of State Senators will soon introduce legislation to fund these increases.
- The Oishei Foundation provided a \$5 million grant to support construction of the new School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences building.

- SUNY's options for dealing with the Downstate Medical Center are poor. Options include either reducing funding to other campuses or raising tuition.
- SUNY awarded 5 UB faculty the Distinguished Professor rank.
- Phillip Tucciarone is the first UB student to win the Marshall Scholarship since 1988. He will study at Oxford University.
- The Graduate School of Education received recognition from *U.S. News and World Report* for its online courses.
- The first Winter intersession classes were successful.

4. Provost's Report

- Efforts to complete the UB 2020 plan continue.
- Faculty are meeting to resolve issues pertaining to seamless transfer.
- Responding to Zubrow's question about the Law School Decanal Review Committee, the Provost noted that the committee has been appointed and is at work.

5. Report of the Faculty Senate Academic Policies and Grading Committee (W. Baumer)

- The most significant change pertains to the time period for changing grades. The Committee recommends amending it from one year to a semester. [Click here](#) for the Report.
- Responding to P. Zarembka's questions about professors on sabbatical leaves, Baumer noted that the University can issue a waiver to extend the time frame.
- FSEC passed 2 motions to accept the Report and forward it to the Faculty Senate.

6. Teaching and Learning Committee (J. Jensen)

- J. Jensen, Professor of Civil Engineering and the Committee Chair, presented a brief report about the Committee's previous and ongoing activities. (Appendix 2)
- Jensen thought the membership is representative of units.
- The Committee compiled a list of best teaching practices that it will put on the Web. Jensen emphasized that his Committee is careful not to compete with the Teaching and Learning Center.
- Current undertakings include investigating experiential learning activities.

- J. Mollendorf asked why UBlearns and the Hub cannot be combined into one system. D. Grinde noted that UBlearns holds class information, such as syllabi, that are public, but information on the HUB has privacy concerns. Grades are an example. Baumer noted that transferring grades from UBlearns to the HUB is not difficult.
- FSEC voted unanimously on 2 motions to receive the Report and forward it to the Faculty Senate.
- Jenson responded to K. Daubers question about the Teaching and Learning Committee's response to UB 2020 saying that he would be glad to share it with FSEC.

7. New Committee Structure

- FSEC reviewed the new Faculty Senate committee structure and suggested Chairs for each one.
- Appendix 3 lists the new committees and their chargers.
- The following were appointed committee chairs. Each Committee will have a Faculty Senate Executive Committee Liaison unless an FSEC person is a member.
 - Academic Freedom and Responsibility, Ernie Sternberg
 - Academic Planning and Assessment, Diane Christian (Peter Nickerson will be the FSEC Liaison)
 - Academic Policies and Grading (William Baumer)
 - Budget Priorities (Ken Dauber)
 - Bylaws, William Baumer
 - Elections, Edward Herman
 - Equity and Diversity, the individual recommended for this position has not yet accepted. (Edward Herman will be the FSEC Liaison)
 - Faculty Senate Executive Committee/Governance
 - Library and Information Technology, Edward Fine (Beth Adelman will be the FSEC Liaison)
 - Research and Creative Activities (Robert Burkard)
 - Teaching and Learning , Jim Jenson (Peter Nickerson will be the FSEC Liaison)
 - Tenure, Promotion and Privileges, Don Grinde
- Student Life Committee

- FSEC determined previously not to have a Student Life Committee, but the Faculty Senate at its December 3, 2013 meeting asked that the decision be reconsidered.

Pro Arguments

- P. Nickerson, who chaired a comparable committee in the past, believes it is necessary.
- K. Kielar noted that working with students is a significant part of our work.
- D. Grinde said that a Student Life Committee would represent concerns of students learning outside the classroom.
- W. Baumer maintained that issues about treatment of students are significant among journalists.

Con Arguments

- P. Morgan said that the University already has many groups relating to student life.
 - R. Burkard thought that fewer Faculty Senate committees is a more effective use of resources.
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- FSEC voted not to create the committee. Eight favored doing so, but 9 opposed the measure.
 - FSEC voted unanimously to adopt the new committee structure.

8. SUNY Plenary Session: FSEC delayed the report until its next meeting.

9. StartUP NY: Michael Chaskes and Alice Ceacareanu agreed to represent FSEC on the University's StartUP NY Committee.

10. Faculty Senate Agenda, February 4, 2014 Meeting: FSEC amended the draft agenda by adding the second reading of the MOOCs resolution. See Appendix 4 for the final agenda.

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)

[Appendix 3](#)

Appendix 4