

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**October 23, 2013**

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Sampson Blair (absent)

Kenneth Dauber (absent)

Stephen Dyson

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Elaine Davis (Excused)

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam

Joseph Mollendorf (Excused)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Emily Hayden (absent)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

To Be Determined

LAW:

Lynn Mather

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Yogesh Bakhai (absent)

Michael Chaskes

James Hassett

Gabriela Popesu (absent)

NURSING:

Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu (absent)

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam

Donald Grinde

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Beth Adelman

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

William H. Baumer

## **GUESTS:**

EDAAA:

Sharon Nolan-Weiss

Professional Staff Senate:

Ann Marie Landel (Excused)

## **1. Chair's Report**

- The Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate Executive Committees will have a joint meeting with Peter Knuepfer, President of the University Senate, on November 6 at 3:00 in Capen 567, the Jeannette Martin Room.
- The Provost will meet with FSEC in executive session on November 13.
  
- **New York Start-UP**
  - Zubrow met with the Provost and Laura Hubbard, Vice President for Finance & Administration, to discuss companies that will be seeking to operate either on campus or within 1 mile of a campus. Tax breaks will be extended to these companies for 10 years. He believes that the Faculty Senate has a role in this because students working and training in these facilities affects the University's education mission. The Chair thought the Faculty Senate needs a committee that oversees NY Start-Up companies on or near UB campuses, or at the least the Faculty Senate ought to receive reports regularly, perhaps every 6 months.
  - E. Cusker, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Undergraduate Education, received proposals from 7 companies.
  - A. Fam suggested that companies pay an initiation fee for the privilege of operating on or near campus, but Zubrow questioned if that is legal.

- Zubrow said that he continued to investigate the nature of medical practice plans and finds them incredibly complicated.

## 2. Committee Reorganization

- FSEC completed the matrix illustrated in Appendix 1. Rows list current Senate Committees and the numbered columns relate to the 22 key issues FSEC believes UB's faculty face.
- Zubrow identified committees that are currently active: Academic Planning, Budget Priorities, Grading, Information and Library Studies, and Teaching and Learning. He would like to disband inactive ones.
- Comments about restructuring committees
  - R. Keefe thought some ought to be subsumed under others.
  - Fam thought the Senate should have a maximum of 6 committees.
  - W. Baumer noted that the Senate Charter requires 3 committees: the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Elections Committee.
  - Zubrow suggested combining Athletics/Recreation and Student Life, while others believed both ought to be disbanded. L. Sanders spoke against disbanding Athletics because it is a large part of the University.
  - M. Chaskes argued that all committees on the Appendix 1 worksheet that receive less than 5 checkmarks ought to be disbanded. L. Mather thought that could work as the general rule, providing exceptions are made when appropriate. She pointed to the Affirmative Action Committee, which received 3 checkmarks, as an example.
  - S. Dyson suggested considering committees that received the largest number of checkmarks and determining if they are doing their jobs.
  - D. Grinde thought the Teaching/Learning and Grading Committees could be combined.
  - K. Keiler believed that the Governance Committee is too overwhelming based upon the number of checkmarks in Appendix 1. B. Adelman thought that the Committee could decide among themselves concerns on which to concentrate. All issues do not have to be considered each year.
  - Zubrow identified his most important goal as enhancing the Faculty Senate's importance and affect by restructuring its committees to make them more operational. Other considerations are lowering quorum

requirements and holding fewer meetings. Baumer noted that the Senate Charter specified the quorum rule. He also thought that Senate votes through electronic ballots are permissible.

- D. Grinde argued for a Committee on Committees that monitors other committees. Baumer noted that is FSEC's role.
- Zubrow asked FSEC to vote on the 3 choices below and forward responses to A. Kedzierski before the next meeting.

A. FSEC should monitor committees more closely.

B. Transfer functions of committees that received fewer than 5 checkmarks to other committees.

C. Focus on how well the major committees are performing.

Prepared by Edward Herman, Secretary, Faculty Senate

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)