

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 16, 2013

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Sampson Blair (Absent)

Kenneth Dauber

Stephen Dyson

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Elaine Davis

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Emily Hayden

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Scott White

LAW:

Lynn Mather (Absent)

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Yogesh Bakhai (Absent)

Michael Chaskes (Absent)

James Hassett (Absent)

Gabriela Popesu

NURSING:

Grace Dean (Absent)

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (Excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam

Donald Grinde (Absent)

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Beth Adelman

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1. Curriculum changes

- Zubrow said that the University has over 100 changes in courses each year that are not approved by the Faculty Senate. When the Senate approved changes in the past, the process was very slow, and departments attempted to bypass Senate approval. The University needs a more efficient procedure.
- Currently, Andy Stott, Dean of Undergraduate Education, meets monthly with representatives from all disciplines to consider proposals for curriculum changes and their impact on the campus.
- Significant changes to programs that the state licenses must go through SUNY and the State Education Department.
- E. Cusker, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, said that actions must be timely to make necessary changes to the University calendar and catalog.
- According to Zubrow, FSEC has three options:
 - Have a Faculty Senate committee (or FSEC) assume responsibility for approving curriculum changes.
 - Have the administration forward related information to the Faculty Senate.
 - Delegate responsibilities to the administration.

Zubrow wants to move forward from this point by restructuring Senate Committees.

- Discussion
 - K. Dauber suggested discussing issues of concern before restructuring committees. J. Mollendorf recommended a similar action.
 - P. Nickerson suggested considering which committees work well and those that fail to do so.
 - L. Sanders thought that the Senate created many committees to address specific problems that no longer exist. We should be able to justify their existence or disband them.

FSEC devoted the remainder of the meeting towards developing a list of relevant issues that would affect restructuring of committees. Zubrow requested that FSEC members consider the list in context of Senate committees and be prepared to discuss the issues at the next meeting.

2. FSEC adopted the following motion:

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee should consider at its next meeting discussion about opening the UBF books and vote on the appropriateness of doing so. FSEC should also discuss issues pertaining to MOOCs (Massive Open Online Course).