

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9/11/13

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Provost:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski

1. FSEC approved the minutes of May 8, 2013.

2. The new FSEC introduced themselves to each other.

3. Schedule change: The FSEC meeting scheduled for October 9 is postponed to October 16.

4. Chair's Report

- A moment of silence was observed for faculty who passed on during the summer.
- Seamless transfers: Zubrow said SUNY's seamless transfer policy that allows students to transfer credit hours to different schools is problematic. Although 70% of course content must be identical, it will still create curriculum problems. A one size fits all approach is inappropriate for university centers where most courses differ from those at 4 year colleges. Zubrow will contact faculty senates at the other university centers to develop a statement about the issues and recommendations to remedy the situation.

P. Nickerson said that the Board of Trustees approved the transfer process, and that requiring 70% of course content to be identical was Chancellor Zipher's idea. He also noted that this problem is not unique to the SUNY system. The University can expect to see unprepared students.

- Zubrow asked the Executive Committee to review the charges of all 18 Faculty Senate Committees for discussion at the next meeting.

- The Chair spoke about the need for the Computer Services Committee to develop a privacy policy towards campus email. The policy should mandate that the University keep minimum information

5. President's Report

- President Tripathi reported that the number of visits to UB's admissions Web site increased 60% since Obama visited the campus.
- Two searches for a Chief Information Officer and a Vice-President for Communications are proceeding.
- Ground breaking for the new Medical School on High Street will be October 8. Negotiations with NFTA for creation of a train stop at the new Medical School are ongoing.
- The Critical Conversations program began this semester. Ed Lazowska, Bill & Melinda Gates Chair in Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington, spoke about "Big Data, Enormous Opportunity."

6. Provost's Report

- UB has 29,000 students and its largest international population yet, 17%. Zukoski noted that this is a tribute to UB's distinctiveness given that other schools are hurting.
- Zukoski thought President Obama's UB speech incorrectly characterized education as a commodity. The Provost argued that this subtracts from the University's uniqueness.
- Two new Deans are Wayne K. Anderson (Pharmacy) and Jaekyung Lee, (Education).
- Patricia Beeson, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, will chair the Middle States Evaluation Committee. The University will give her a draft of its self-study when she visits campus on October 8. The final report will be available January 2014. When K. Dauber questioned the importance of the Middle

States evaluation process, Zukoski responded that this accreditation is required to maintain federal funding.

- The final report on Realizing UB 2020 will be available soon.
- UB hired 140 new faculty, including 92 tenure-track professors, this semester. A. Landel noted that the University also hired 150 new professional staff since August 2012.
- Zukoski said that research expenditures are down. Sequestration might have played a role in this.
- Although the State Legislature failed to pass a capitol budget, UB will find ways to pay for maintenance required to uphold safety.