

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting

October 12, 2011

Present:

Chair

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

Secretary

Edward Herman

Architecture & Planning

Despina Stratigakos

Arts & Sciences

William H. Baumer

Stephen Dyson

Dental Medicine

Mine Tezal

Engineering & Applied Sciences

Joseph Mollendorf

Graduate School of Education

Suzanne Miller

School of Public Health & Health Professions

John Wilson

Law

Martha McCluskey

Management

Larry Sanders

Nursing

Mary Carey

Pharmacy

Alfred Reiman

Social Work

Kathleen Kost

Pharmacy

Alfred Reiman

Social Work

Kathleen Kost

SUNY Senators

Adly Fam

Jennifer Gottdiener

Donald Grinde

Peter Nickerson

University Libraries

Michael R. Lavin

Parliamentarian

William H. Baumer

Guests

EDAAA --Sharon Nolan-Weiss

Undergraduate Student Association--JoAnna Datz

Graduate Student Association--TBA

President--Satish K. Tripathi (Excused)

Professional Staff Senate --Ann Marie Landel (Excused)

OTHER GUESTS

Troy Wood

Ryan Mcpherson

Report of the Chair (Ezra Zubrow)

- Zubrow spoke to the Dean of the Medical School and the Director of the Computing Center to learn how those areas operate.
- Zubrow will attempt to activate committees by communicating with their chairs. Fred Stoss (University Libraries) agreed to chair the Athletics Committee.

Report of the Chair of the *Bylaws* Committee (William Baumer, Chair)

- The Committee did not feel actions on the *Bylaws* were needed during 2010/2011.
- Baumer said that the *Faculty Senate Charter* is the Senate's real governing body. The *Bylaws* merely specify the Senate's existence.
- The Executive Board adopted a motion authorizing the *Bylaws* Committee to reapportion the Senate in accordance with provisions of the *Senate Charter*.

"The *Bylaws* Committee shall reapportion the Senate in accordance with provisions of the Senate Charter"

The project must be completed within the month for reapportionment prior to the 2012 election. This is something the Elections Committee, whose chair is the Secretary, would generally do. However, Baumer offered his services, since the Secretary is new and still very much learning the position.

Report of the Computer Services Committee (Troy Wood, Chair)

- The Committee met last in 2009/2010.
- Wood also serves on the Enterprise Systems Advisory Committee that prioritizes CIT projects.

- The new HUB is one of the most significant issues affecting Faculty today. Faculty and staff received a questionnaire asking them to identify the most important reports the HUB ought to produce and to describe their experiences using the system.
- Related issues dealt with:
 - Streamlining the Instructional Technology Services, a group that lost large numbers of staff.
 - The future of UB-Micro.
 - Appropriate use of listserves.

FSEC Went into Executive Session

Report of the Chief Sustainability Officer (Ryan Mcpherson)

- Mcpherson's office coordinates university-wide environmental efforts through UB Green and the Environmental Stewardship Committee. The Environmental Stewardship Committee leads UB's efforts to confront climate change.
- UB is a longtime environmental leader, but the University's activities are disjointed. It must fit the pieces together more effectively. Mcpherson hopes to create a more coherent University sustainability strategy by emphasizing a systems approach that promotes change despite restraints facing the University.
- Zubrow noted that the extent of teaching and research at UB relating to sustainability is unknown. He also described how FSA unsuccessfully attempted to have Facilities purchase recycling equipment. FSA eventually purchased it themselves because the Facilities budget cannot meet sustainability needs.
- He believes changing attitudes of individuals will bring about change that values sustainability more highly.
- Models to emulate include those of Harvard, Cornell, and the University of New Hampshire.

- Mcpherson said that the Sustainability Office seeks the Faculty Senate's thoughts and advice. FSEC offered several suggestions:
- Make it easier to recycle materials.
- Allocate additional funds to support related research and teaching more effectively. Money demonstrates where the University's priorities lie. Mcpherson has the ability to address this through conversations with the President.

Research and Creative Activities Committee

FSEC passed the following motion:

The Research and Creative Activities Committee shall serve as the advisory committee to the Vice-President for Research, who may augment the Committee for advisory activities.

3E Proposal

- The Professional Staff Senate suggested that the Faculty Senate submit a joint 3E proposal to train people in the 6 Sigma productivity and efficiency process. FSEC rejected the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Prepared by Edward Herman, Secretary, Faculty Senate.