

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 3:00-4:30pm**  
**567 Capen Hall**

**Attendance:** attached at end.

All proceedings of the meeting recorded are on the UB FSEC Box once the minutes have been approved.

**Meeting** called to order by Chair & Presiding Officer, Dr Phil Glick at 3.00pm

**Agenda presentation:** Agenda approved unanimously.

**Minutes presentation:** Minutes were presented and accepted unanimously.

**Chair's report.**

1. *Obituaries:* A moment of silence was maintained for Professor Carel Jan van Oss who died February 22, 2018. He was 94.  
Retired professor of Microbiology at the University at Buffalo, former Consul of the Netherlands, and Forger in the Dutch Resistance of World War II.
2. *Faculty Handbook:* The Faculty handbook is live. It has a box for comments and suggestions on the side. Any reasonable comment or suggestion will be attended to. Please test drive.
3. *Elections:* Nominations have been received for 2 SUNY Faculty senate seats, the health science and academic seats. The elections are currently in progress and close on Friday.
4. *Inclusive Excellence Summit:* UB's first Inclusive Excellence Summit led by the Provost's office will take place on May 3-4, 2018. It will offer our campus an opportunity to come together as a community to explore innovative ways to increase diversity, equity and inclusion at UB and reestablish principles of community.
5. *AAU:* Next week Phil will have the tutorial on AAU datasets and will report back on the opportunities available to the FS.
6. *GESS:* The GESS committee completed results and will be presented to the FSEC on 5/2 and the FS on 5/15.
7. *UB STEM Summit:* UB STEM Summit will be held at the student union

on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Keynote address will be the SUNY Chancellor, Kristina Johnson.

8. GSA: The Academic and Budget committee has been asked to hold a meeting in May. Peter Elkin has set up a meeting with the Provost, VP Finance and other relevant officials to address the academic and budgetary implications of the GSA and Provost response. We will be getting data from peer institutions for the meeting.
9. *SUNY Plenary* will be held April 20-21<sup>st</sup> at Marriott, Millersport Highway – UB Presidents office will be hosting.

### **President:**

### **Provost:**

***SUNY Distinguished Faculty:*** SUNY Board of Trustees Appointed 15 Faculty to Distinguished Ranks, which included 4 UB professors:  
Professors

1. ***Stelios Andreadis*** a member of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering who has made seminal contributions to the field of bioengineering, spanning both fundamental and translational research, with emphasis in the areas of stem cell bioengineering
2. ***Steven J. Fliesler*** a member of the Department of Ophthalmology and the Meyer H. Riwchun Endowed Chair Professor who is a highly sought-out expert in the field of vision science.
3. ***Andrew S. Whittaker*** a member of the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering who has made fundamental contributions across a wide range of areas including performance-based earthquake engineering, seismic probabilistic risk assessment, and characterization of the effects of detonations of high explosives.
4. ***Zhen Yan***- a member of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics who has received global recognition for her investigations related to the areas of schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, and Attention Deficient Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

### **SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professorship**

5. ***Christopher S. Cohan*** – Dr. Cohan, a member of the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences who is a teacher and investigator

in the neurosciences. He uses innovative approaches to integrative neuroscience teaching, and has continuously developed and improved his already outstanding skills as an educator.

## **Reports:**

***IT committee report:*** The report is on UB Box presented by Valerie Nessel. The objective was to review the findings of the Faculty IT survey administered last spring, the results of which are online. **(a)** The Security standards were reviewed and reverted, to be more easily understood by the faculty and have been disseminated. **(b)** The design considerations for IT hardware were reviewed and evaluated and **(c)** to provide a sounding board for any IT initiatives coming down the pipe. Faculty concerns in regards to IT were identified which have been communicated to UB IT. The second IT survey has been tabled until next Fall. The committee requests that they need to be charged by the FSEC with being the conduit facilitating communication between Faculty and IT. The Chair requested that the committee send the proposed charge to the FSEC. The IT committee is conducting Town Hall meetings for the Faculty. The IT, has set up research cloud internally, an important facet in times of big data research.

***Library Committee Report:*** The report is on UB Box and was presented by Damien Keane. The committee is assessing the impact of the Libraries Strategic Design Plan. Implementation has begun for maintaining and strengthening collections such as moving from print to electronic, funding for core services and evaluating the use of library space.

## **Presentation:**

***SUNY Performance Improvement Fund (PIF) and Educational Collaborations:*** Presented by Sean Sullivan. An introduction to the presentation was given by the Provost who said that activity levels seen was in response to the changes in academia: what students are feeling, Faculty/student teaching and what society wants when students graduate. Some of it is driven by the improvement funds that come out of SUNY for which there is stiff competition. This is achieved by developing proposals, establishment of a collaborations committee that helps build programs across the different decanal units. The activity levels are going ahead at an astonishing pace and the presentation is to keep the Senate informed. SED

has changed the policy that if one is modelling/modifying existing courses it does not go through the review process and have accelerated their approval process not including those that need credentialing. The faculty initiates all the programs while the Provosts office help in navigation. ICDS and PIF money serves as the catalyst for all these initiatives. The presentation is on UB Box.

**Unfinished business:** Academic integrity proposal will have a second reading at the FS next Tuesday.

**New business:** Agenda for next Tuesday meeting was approved. It was approved for the FS to meet on 5/15 after the Presidents annual voting faculty meeting to hear the GESS committee report.

**Executive session:** None

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 pm.



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**CHAIR:**  
Philip Glick *PRESENT*

**SECRETARY:**  
Jessy Alexander *Terry John*

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**  
James Hassett *Jim Hassett*

**ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:**  
TBD

**ARTS & SCIENCES:**  
Sampson Blair *EXCUSED*  
Michael Cowen  
Kenneth Dauber *K.D.*  
Jean-Jacques Thomas

**DENTAL MEDICINE:**  
Michael Hatton *EXCUSED*

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:**  
Chris Yuen *(cy)*

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:**  
Deborah Chung *Deborah Chung*  
Marina Tsianou *Marina Tsianou*

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:**  
Samuel Abramovich *SA*

**LAW:**  
James Milles

**MANAGEMENT:**  
Jurriaan de Jong *Jurriaan de Jong*

**MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:**  
Peter Elkin *Peter Elkin*  
Robert Miletich *Robert Miletich*

**NURSING:**

Laura Anderson

**PHARMACY:**

Fred Doloresco

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Jim Lenker *Jim Lenker*

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Diane Elze *Diane Elze*

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

Susan Dow *Susan Dow*

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Cemal Basaran *CB*

Philip Glick

Kathleen Kielar

Ezra Zubrow *Ezra Zubrow*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Charles Zukoski

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Domenic Licata

**COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):**

Mike Brown

**INVITED GUESTS:**

*SEAN SULLIVAN*

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lindsay Allen *Lindsay Allen*

*Jose Fester*