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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 11, 2015

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Peter Elkin (excused)
James Hassett (excused)
Richard Gronostajski
Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

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PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran
Ezra Zubrow (excused)
Phil Glick
Heather Montague (absent)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Satish Tripathi, President
Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Dominic Licata, Chair of Professional Staff Senate

1. Minutes of 10/28 and 11/4 approved:
2. Chair's Report
 - Nov. 16th Shared Governance workshop on social media.
 - Nov. 18th "Library Day" with Austin Booth (VPUL), Margaret Wells (Chair of Library Faculty Executive Committee), and Edward Fine (Chair, Library and Information Technology Committee).
 - Working on policies related to emails and Emeritus faculty rights.
 - Promotion & Tenure Committee looking at a modified leave policy
 - Michael Hatton thanked the Provost for his support for Veterans on campus and our participation in the local ROTC program. Serving for your country is not as popular as it once was and he was pleased to see UB designated as a Yellow Ribbon School.
3. President's Report
 - Phase One of south campus renovations is progressing with Phase Two not far behind (the move of GSE by 2017).
 - Critical Conversations series with "Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths: Working Across Sectors to Make the Vision a Reality" by Dr. John Borrazzo, Chief of the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.
 - Grants News:
 - Women's Health Initiative \$6.2 million
 - Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation \$4 for sports medicine
 - Blackstone Foundation has selected UB to be one of five campuses chosen this year to become a member into their "creating entrepreneurship" program called Blackstone Launch Pads, <https://www.blackstonelaunchpad.org/>
 - Commencement in India was a success followed by a reception of 120 UB Alumni including Top Science and Policy person, Global Research Head for Adobe, and Director of IT
4. Provost's Report
 - Mary Gresham will be retiring at the end of this semester
 - A recent Chronicle of Higher Education article talked about the influence of the UB School of Architecture and Planning on Buffalo's revitalization.
5. Office of Research and Economic Development-[IRB concerns presentation](#) by Ken Tramosch, Associate Vice President for Research.
 - Representatives from his office have gone on a campus-wide listening tour to get feedback on where the problems lie. A perfect storm of a new system and some shuffling of personnel has caused delays in IRB approval. Investigators are finding it difficult to get help when completing a protocol application, especially in the Social and Behavioral sciences where the current "template" does not address their unique research types. Some inexperienced investigators are submitting inferior applications, thus delaying the process further for those more experienced investigators next in line. One idea has been to allow experienced

investigators with a proven track record of clean protocol applications to be “fast tracked”. Two new departments within IRB have been formed to address support needs at both the submission and study ends of the process.

- Lenker would like to see our IRB succeed. Can we get an org chart for the two new offices? Clinical Research and Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Support? He was very pleased to hear Chris Marks was heading the Office of S&BS Research Support
 - Dean was also pleased with the appointment of Chris Marks. She was concerned and wanted clarification that every time UB went with a new IRB application and compliance software all the past protocols needed to be manually entered by the investigators.
 - Gronostajski was concerned with the length of time UB was taking to get protocols through IRB and wanted to know if Tramposch’s office had looked at the institutions that had quicker turnaround times to determine how UB could improve? Tramposch’s answer was yes they were looking into “best practices”
 - Popescu noted that there are always new grant regulations from places like NIH and wanted to know if the new software provider, Huron, would update the form templates accordingly. Tramposch’s assured her that yes they would as part of their agreement to UB.
 - Glick commented that Chairs need to be somehow responsible for assuring well written protocols go through.
 - Tramposch noted that approximately 80% of all protocols are deficient in some way.
 - Gronostajski suggested demo protocols for each type to help investigators write passable submissions. Tramposch agreed
 - Doloresco noted that IRB seems to want specific language in certain areas of the form and asked if sample text could be provided to assure submission approval.
 - Malave asked if training on the new IRB system would be held downtown again, it was very inefficient. Tramposch suggested that training may be solely online.
 - Lenker asked for training if you were going to be an IRB reviewer as well as investigator.
6. Library & Information Technology Committee report tabled until 11/18/15
 7. UB Course Evaluation Advisory Committee recommendation (draft) presented by Richard Gronostajski (FSEC liaison to the committee)
 - The committee wanted to know their next steps and ask for any input to the draft. Does this go directly to the university administration or faculty senate?
 - Discussion occurred around the wording of the statement. Stronger language was needed, possibly making evaluations a requirement for release of grades. Some felt that this action might penalize the instructor as students would resent having to fill it out and give a

poor grade. Other suggested that when a student registered for a course they would have to click acceptance of mandatory course evaluation at the end of the semester. A motion was made to bring the policy recommendation to FSEC. Approximately 10 minutes of debate occurred with cons arguing that instructors might teach to get a good grade and pros pointing out that some departmental accrediting bodies already require evaluations. Popescu amended the motion to bring the recommendation to the Bylaws committee for review prior to FSEC. **The motion was approved and recommendation sent to the Bylaws Committee.**

8. Standing Committees by Cindi Tysick

- An older Charter has been floating around amongst FSEC members that lists 19 standing committees. This information was given during the New Senator Orientation this month. The Secretary looked over the minutes of both FSEC and FS over a 10 year period and could not find a mention of a vote by FS to amend the Charter to allow the Standing Orders to list the committees. Discussion revolved around how to rectify the situation if in deed there was never a vote to reorganize and cut the number of standing committees. A motion was made to have the Bylaws committee and Secretary work together to solve the mystery and come up with a solution if necessary. **The motion was approved.**

9. Resolution for the “Greening of the Commons” by Dom Licata

- Licata, Chair of the PSS, reported on his work with the UB Student Association to get the UB Commons landlord, First Amherst, to mandate no Styrofoam products be used by their tenants. While First Amherst was supportive of the efforts to “green” the commons they pointed out that they had no way to legally mandate a behavioral change. Unfortunately UB does not have a position in regards to recycling and the prohibition of Styrofoam. The suggested action is a boycott and/or petition on the part of faculty, students, and staff to put pressure on vendors in the Commons to use recyclable materials.
- Glick asked Licata to come back to FSEC with a written resolution for them to vote on.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by

Cynthia Tysick, Secretary to the Faculty Senate 11/17/2015