

Minutes
Joint PSS/ General Membership Meeting
December 17, 2015, 3:00-4:30 P.M.
Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus

PSS Officers Present:

Domenic Licata, Chair. David Love, Vice Chair. Sarah Piraino, Recording Secretary.

PSS Officers Absent:

None

PSS Senator Attendance:

See attachment (sign-in sheet)

Guest Speaker: University at Buffalo current President, Satish Tripathi

1. Call to Order: Domenic L., PSS Chair

The meeting was called to order by Domenic Licata, Chair at 3:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of today's PSS meeting Agenda: Domenic L.

***Upon motion by Tim T. and seconded by Tom D. the agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved.**

3. Approval of Minutes: Domenic L.

***Upon motion by Tim T. and seconded by Denise W. the minutes of the November 19, 2015 Joint PSS/ General Membership meeting as prepared by Sarah Piraino, PSS Recording Secretary were unanimously approved.**

3. Chair's Report: Domenic Licata

- Welcome newly elected PSS Senators:

*Holli Klick

*Lauren McGowan

*Rachel Stern

*Jamie Martin-Rivera (Pending approval—Feb EC Meeting)

Discussion: Since January 2015 increase from 43 to 55 PSS Senators December 2015. (28% increase overall). Still underrepresented in all PSS Areas. Specifically Area 2.

- Re-designation of PSS Electoral Areas

Discussion: The PSS is considering moving from 5 electoral areas (current) to 20. PSS Areas would correlate to a member's unit/department instead of a collaborative group of common areas. Under discussion, PSS Policy & Governance committee is currently working on this. If you would like to be a part of this planning group or discussion refer to Domenic.

- PSS Parliamentarian Search

Discussion: PSS Policy & Governance committee has developed language to help guide our search. Purpose: to provide guidance on matters of procedure, specifically to the PSS Chair. They would serve as a non-voting member of PSS. Position now includes a stipend. A committee will be formed to review and interview qualified candidates for this position.

- Meeting with President Tripathi

Discussion: Overview of Domenic's recent discussion with the President. He commended us on our recent increased level of work within PSS.

Recent PSS work falls within the mission of:

1. Shared governance
2. Professional development
3. Community and culture

SUNY Shared Governance Award: UB wants to prepare to apply for this award in the near future. PSS asked for release time for staff to attend professional development events, UUP members have an easier time being granted release time for PSS events.

- PSS involvement in Shared Governance Memo of Understanding

Discussion: Faculty's role is clear but staff is vague specifically in terms of advancement and promotion.

- Adopt –a-Family program: UB Office of Community Relations 2015

Discussion: PSS adopted two families and with the help of the professional staff at UB were able to provide gifts for these families to assist with making their holiday a bit more enjoyable. Sarah Piraino will be meeting with both families tomorrow at the holiday event. Thank you to our members for their generous donations.

- UB Citizens Police Academy

Discussion: 9 week program. Meets once per week beginning February 24, 2016. There is a mandatory ride-a-long. If interested pick up brochures from the PSS office.

- February 25th 2016 meeting will feature guest speaker UB Provost Zukoski.
- 2016-17 PSS meetings will include one meeting on South Campus, UB and one on the Downtown Campus, UB. We may charter a shuttle for members.

4. Committee Report: David Love, PSS Vice Chair

- Awards committee: seeking nominations for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Outstanding Service Award and the Outstanding Service to the Professional Staff Senate Awards. Nomination packets are on their website.
- Inclusion & Diversity committee held the annual potluck luncheon on 12/9/15. There were over 50 attendees present including both staff and students.
- PSS Professional Development Committee: planning their bi-annual staff conference for June 2016 at the Ramada.
- Website committee: Contact Jason or Ann Marie to get involved with this committee.
- Mentoring committee: running out of mentors. Short 9 mentors, actively recruiting new mentors. Contact Joe Mantione to get involved.

***Motion to accept both the Chair and Vice Chair reports; Hugh J. Matt B., second; unanimously approved.**

5. PSS Staff Recognition Award: Domenic Licata, PSS Chair

- Christa Greenberg, Academic Advisor
Psychology; College of Arts & Sciences
For Christa's dedication to student services at UB, sits on special committees, helps fellow staff, donates time and services to assist her students whenever possible.

Nominator: Rita Hamilton

PSS Committee Recognition: Domenic Licata, PSS Chair

- PSS Website Committee
Jason Parker, Committee Member

Discussion: Updating the website currently, refocusing. Feel free to forward any thoughts, comments or concerns to Jason or Ann Marie Landel. The committee is currently seeking new members. Projected date for new website: Fall 2016.

6. Guest Speaker: President Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo

- Presentation Overview: Women's Health Initiative: 2 million dollar grant. Interim Vice President was named fellow of National Inventors, new SUNY Distinguished Faculty, Marshall Scholar student this semester. Professional staff is vital to UB's continued success. UB launched home loan program with loan forgiveness option. New UB Athletic Director was recently hired. 86 new faculty hires fall 2015. 125 Professional staff hires 2015, 75 new staff hires fall 2015. Students receive Goldwater and Fulbright scholarships. Overview of UB student awards and achievements this semester, UB grants, staff and faculty accomplishments this fall semester. Continued monitoring of Art project situation on campus, African American students are feeling unsafe. Current temporary solution is for any Art on campus to include a label displaying the project as Art. The discussion is Art censorship versus student safety. UB is creating a student safety committee with campus police. Continued dialogue with key campus leaders, students, UB President, Dr. Terri Miller will take place during the upcoming months. UB 2020 overview and current status update.
- Questions/Answers: The President entertained a few questions from our General Members in a question and answer format.

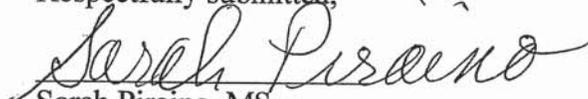
7. Domenic Licata, Chair: Closing Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday, February 25th, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Piraino, MS
PSS Recording Secretary

Area II: Core Campus Units

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Present/ Alternate</u>
1	Marianne Sullivan	Executive Committee	2014-16	
2	Ilene Fleischmann	Executive Committee	2014-16	
3	Shatorah Donovan	Alternate	2015-17	X
4	Susan Buttaccio	Senator	2015-17	X
5	Michelle Chasse	Senator	2015-17	
6	Gloria Paveljack	Senator	2015-17	X
7	Kimberly Popielski Kriz	Senator	2015-17	
8	Michelle Riggio	Senator	2015-17	
**	Heather Montague **No Vote	SUNY Faculty Senator	2015-17	
Total:				3
Area II Members Total:				1267
*Note: 8 Senators of 42.23. Additional Senators needed for Area II:				34.23

Area V: University Administration

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Present/ Alternate</u>
1	Hugh Jarvis	Executive Committee	2014-16	X
2	Kesha Lanier	Executive Committee	2014-16	Alternate: Fran Fiscus: X
3	Unfilled Position as of December 2015	Temporary Alternate: _____		
4	Dave Hill	Senator	2015-17	X
5	Joseph Mantione	Senator	2014-16	
6	Linwood Roberts	Senator	2014-16	
7	Rachel Stern	Senator	2015-17	
8	Douglas Lavere	Senator	2015-17	X
Total:				4
Area V Members Total:				763
*Note: 7 Senators of 25.43. Additional Senators needed for Area V:				18.43

Other Attendees/ Guests:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Present/ Alternate</u>
1	President Tripathi **No vote	UB President, Ex-Officio	2015-17	X
2	Domenic Licata	PSS Chair	2015-17	X
3	David Love	PSS Vice Chair	2015-17	X
4	Sarah Piraino	Recording Secretary	2015-17	X
5	Ann Marie Landel **No vote	Immediate Past PSS Chair	2015-17	
6	Phil Glick **No vote	Faculty Senate Representative	Guest	X
7	Parliamentarian name here: _____	Parliamentarian (Temp)	Temporary	
			Total:	5

