

**Minutes**  
**Joint PSS/ General Membership Meeting**  
**November 17, 2016**  
**Hayes Hall, UB South Campus**

PSS Officers Present:

Domenic Licata, Chair. Sarah Piraino, Recording Secretary. Joshua Wallace,  
Parliamentarian

PSS Officers Absent:

David Love, Vice Chair, PSS

PSS Senator Attendance:

See separate (sign-in sheet in PSS Office)

Guest Speaker: Kerry Traynor, Architecture Department at the University at Buffalo

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

The meeting was called to order by Domenic Licata, Chair at 3:05 p.m.

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

**\*Upon motion by Tim Trajonkowski and seconded by Kesha Lanier---the agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved.**

4. Chair's Report: Domenic Licata

- Welcome newly elected PSS Senators.
- Elections Overview:
  - Current elections PSS are underway—online voting. Thanks to the PSS Elections Committee for creation and support of the new online voting system, this will save PSS a lot of time and energy.
  - Voting closes: November 28th
- Work-Release Time for Participation in PSS Activities/Events  
Discussion: members should reach out to the PSS Office to seek support if they are denied release time from their immediate Supervisors to take time for PSS activities and events: members should reach out to the PSS Office to seek support if they are denied release time from their immediate Supervisors to take time for PSS activities and events.
- Upcoming: Meeting of Committee Chairs and Executive Committee Members
  - Prepare a list of initiatives to present to President Tripathi
  - Understand how committee activity aligns with goals and mission of PSS and UB.
  - Measure results.Discussion: Defining Shared Governance. Work with your Senators and Committees and make changes.
- Connecting with Constituents/Attendance
  - Executive Committee members and senators to host area meetings.
  - Proposed reallocation from 5 Electoral Areas to 23.
  - Proposed Executive Committee members to sit on PSS committees
  - New email list for discussions among Senators.Discussion: Be creative, call out to Area Leaders to plan area meetings.

- UB Faculty Senate Resolution of Foundation Transparency.  
Discussion: Request that the NYS Legislature pass the two bills proposed by the Faculty Senate. If PSS Senators would like to act in support of this proposal, please contact the PSS Office.
- Inclusion, Diversity, and Statements of Solidarity  
Discussion: Hate crimes have been increased as much as 437 reports from 11/9 through 11/14 following the recent Presidential election outcome. President Tripathi, “Across our University—in the classrooms, hallways, plazas, residence halls, advisement offices, conference rooms—we have been having robust discussions...” in regards to the Presidential elections. Note, our political leaders take the stance of freedom of speech and work in unity to decrease the incidents of crimes of hatred.
- PSS Staff Recognition: Call for Nominations: email to [pssenate@buffalo.edu](mailto:pssenate@buffalo.edu)

**\*Motion to accept Chair’s report called by Nora Roberts, second by Kathleen Kieler; unanimously approved.**

**\*Upon motion by Kesha Lanier and seconded by Kathleen Kieler, the minutes of the March 24, 2016 Joint PSS/ General Membership meeting as prepared by Sarah Piraino, PSS Recording Secretary were unanimously approved.**

5. Committee Report: David Love, PSS Vice Chair

- Diversity & Inclusion Committee End of Semester Potluck

**\*Motion to accept Vice Chair report; Chris Bragdon, second Kasha Lanier; unanimously approved.**

**\*Motion to adopt the 2016 minutes as prepared by Sarah Piraino. Kesha Lanier, second Christopher Kough.**

6. Guest Presenter: Kerry Traynor, Architecture Department

Kerry spoke about the Architectural history of the University at Buffalo, Hayes Hall on the South Campus.

- Power Point Presentation Overview.
  - See a copy of the power point presentation found in the PSS meeting folder in UB Box.
  - Discussion following presentation: structural limitations, next steps for historic preservation of Hayes Hall, research, HABS documentation, student participation in the recent reconstructions, hired historic preservation consultants, approved SPEC for funding purposes. Original building was designed by an architect who was 17 years old.
  - **Tour of Hayes Hall followed the power point presentation.**

7. Domenic Licata: Closing, Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will feature our guest speaker as UB’s own President Tripathi. Please send questions in advance for the President to [PSSenate@buffalo.edu](mailto:PSSenate@buffalo.edu)

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Historical tour followed the meeting from 4-4:45PM.

Reminder: This Saturday community event, Clothing drive, paper shredding sponsored by PSS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Piraino, MS  
PSS Recording Secretary