

Minutes of the Senate – APPROVED

February 15, 2018

Convener: Dom Licata

Officers Present: Dom Licata, Tim Tryjankowski, Hugh Jarvis

Senators Present: Susan Bagdasarian, Kevin Baron, Naciah Bell, Rachel Blane, Chris Bragdon, Karlen Chase, Russ Crispell, Diane Dempsey (alt. for G. Kremer), Tom Dzimira, Don Erb, Fran Fiscus, Ilene Fleischmann, Phil Glick (Fac Senate), Erika Grande, William Jones, Sevie Kandefer, Dan Kelly, Kesha Lanier, Doug Levere, Kira Love, Lauren McGowan, Mike McManaman, Sherene Milizia, Lisa Pano, Jason Parker (alt. for C. Keough), Joy Piper, Pam Rose, Eileen Sirianni, Debra Stamm, Christine Stumm, Denise Wolfe (alt. for N. Renda)

Senators Absent: Charlie Baxter, Janiece Jankowski, Chris Keough (sent alt.), Lisa Kulka (sent alt.*), Geraldine Kremer (sent alt.), Donna Malecki, Tracey Mc Nerney, Kelli Bocock-Natale, Fred Covelli, Beth Ann Crvelin, Matt Deck, Nora Renda (sent alt.), Michael Yates. *[NB. Lisa Kulka's alternate could not be present.]*

Members/Guests: Darren Cotton (University District Community Development Assn), Ken Kern, Holly Klick, Tess Morrissey (Community Relations), Marc Pope (BNMC), Michael Randall, Tanya Staples (Say Yes to Education Buffalo), Lisa Stephens, Mickey Vertino (University Heights Collaborative)

Parliamentarian: Joshua Wallace

Staff: Lindsay Allen

Recorder: Hugh Jarvis

Meeting called to order by Dom Licata at 3:04 p.m.

Quorum reached: 30 senators and 3 officers present.

Supporting documents on Box:

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PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Dom Licata

- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Don Erb (Karlen Chase). Passed.**

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Dom Licata

- **Motion to approve Minutes from December 14, 2017: William Jones (Chris Bragdon). Passed.**

GUEST SPEAKER: IITG GRANTS, ROUND 7 – Lisa Stephens

Brief overview of SUNY Innovative Instructional Technology Grants (IITG) program and encouragement to submit funding requests.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dom Licata

- Adopt-a-Family program was a great success.
- Chair met with Tonga Pham about our Landscape resolution. Went well. Invited her to speak to PSS.
- Chair met with Pres. Tripathi on PSS resolutions (Breathe Free UB, Landscape, Fossil Fuel Divestment, and Support for TAs) and shared governance strategies in general. Went well.
 - For Breathe Free, he requested list of smoking hot spots that need special attention and prefers outreach & educational approach vs. fines.
- SUNY UFS Winter Plenary Report (relayed from UFS Senator Prof. Basaran). Details comments by Chancellor Johnson, including:
 - Philanthropy efforts from non-traditional sources
 - Efforts to increase collaboration between campuses
 - Open Educational Resources saved \$60 million
 - Rules of Engagement Memo emphasizing teamwork, trust building, and results
- Governor's Budget: \$1.6B vs requested \$1.83B; gaps with debt service & employee raises, changes to TAP, no funding to SUNY Hospitals, changes to how UBF is structured.
- CFO McLaughlin, Excelsior Program: preliminary data show increases in applications and students taking 15 credit loads; half of all eligible students have signed up but many already eligible for Pell/TAP; tuition allowance still frozen at 2016 levels so there is a growing gap.
- Five resolutions passed by UFS:
 - Support services for undocumented students
 - CGL sign-off on [academic] program changes
 - Diversity postdoctoral fellowships
 - International students advising
 - Review of definition of Liberal Arts
- *SUNY UFS Spring Plenary* at UB/Marriott, April 19-21 2018
- Search Cmt for VP for Inclusive Excellence
 - Twelve professional staff volunteered to serve.
- *4th Annual Women in STEM Summit*, April 18, 2018 (UB Student Union)
 - PSS is cosponsor and will have a table.
- PSS Listening Tours aim to touch all five areas. More details will follow.
- SUNY Voices Conference, *Surviving Middle States with Shared Governance* - March 2, 2018 (Albany)
 - Phil Glick and Dom Licata will present lessons learned about shared governance at UB
- *UB Day of Shared Governance (PSS joint meeting with Faculty Senate)* – March 6, 2018 (UB CFT)
- SUNY Conference, *Shall Make No Law*, April 11-12, 2018 (Albany)
- PSS Awards Luncheon – May 24, 2018 (UB CFT) – Request to attend.
- Nominations needed for Awards for Professional Service – deadline March 14, 2018
- **Motion to receive: Karlen Chase (Doug Levere). Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- Reminder to cmt's to spend down budgets and new process for reimbursement. Up to \$250 can be spent without formal approval by Executive Cmt.
- Constitution & Bylaws Cmt reviewing PSS bylaws.
- Marketing & Communications Cmt – new chair Karlen Chase



- New Recreation & Wellness Cmt – Russ Crispell, Chair
- Sustainable Living Cmt event, *All Food Has a Carbon Footprint* – Feb 28, 2018
- **Motion to receive: Dan Kelly (Chris Bragdon). Passed.**

PROGRAM: PANEL DISCUSSION, *CONVERSATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS*

Exploring UB's role as a partner in the communities around our campuses. Organized by the Office of Community Relations, the panel include:

- **Tess Morrissey**, UB Director of Community Relations and Deputy Director of State Relations
- **Darren Cotton**, Director of Community Development & Planning for University District Community Development Association
- **Mickey Vertino**, President of University Heights Collaborative
- **Marc Pope**, Community Program Manager for BNMC
- **Tanya Staples**, Community Schools Director for Say Yes to Education Buffalo

Discussion: Schools interested in volunteers. Appreciate existing partnerships. Interested in more outreach to student bodies, including internationals. Barriers to public taking advantage of UB. Barriers to students getting into the city (need to reinstate Metro pass programs).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[None]

NEW BUSINESS

[None]

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Dzimira (Ilene Fleischmann). Passed. 4:35 p.m.

Attendance sign in sheet(s) housed in the PSS office.

Meeting audio recording available in the PSS office.