



Minutes of the Special Shared Governance Meeting – APPROVED March 3, 2018

Note: *These minutes were approved at the April 19, 2018 joint meeting of Senate and general membership.*

Conveners: Dom Licata (& Phil Glick)

Officers Present: Dom Licata, Tim Tryjankowski, Hugh Jarvis

Senators Present: Kevin Baron, Charlie Baxter, Chris Bragdon, Karlen Chase, Mark Davies (alt. for Ilene Fleischmann), Don Erb, Fran Fiscus, Phil Glick, Erika Grande, William Jones, Dan Kelly, Chris Keough, Geraldine Kremer, Keshia Lanier, Doug Levere, Tracey McEnerney, Lisa Pano, Joy Piper, Matthew Reitmeier, Nora Renda, Eileen Sirianni, Debra Stamm, Christine Stumm.

Senators Absent: Susan Bagdasarian, Naciah Bell, Rachel Blane, Kelli Bocock-Natale, Fred Covelli, Russ Crispell, Beth Ann Crvelin, Matt Deck, Tom Dzimira, Ilene Fleischmann (sent alt.), Janiece Jankowski, Sevie Kandefer, Lisa Kulka, Kira Love, Donna Malecki, Mike McManaman, Lauren McGowan, Sherene Milizia, Pam Rose, Michael Yates.

Members/Guests: Tanja Aho (GSA Pres.), Cemal Basaran (SUNY Senator), Sharon Cramer (SUNY UFS Parl.), Linda Del Bello, Sarah Crowley (Spectrum), Steve Jetar (CSEA 602 VP), Sabrina Jones (CSEA 602), Gwen Kay (SUNY UFS Pres.), Ken Kern, Kat Kielar (SUNY Senator), Keith Landa (SUNY UFS VP), Susan Ott, Lisa Patterson, Elijah Pike (Spectrum), Alexa Ringer (Fossil Free), Josh Sticht (UBPD), Nina Tamrowski (FCCC Pres.), Leslie Veloz (SA Pres.), Keri Ward (CSEA 602), Angi Zitto (CSEA 602), Ezra Zubrow (UUP Buffalo Ctr Pres.), Charles Zukoski (Provost).

Parliamentarian: Joshua Wallace

Staff: Lindsay Allen

Recorder: Hugh Jarvis

Meeting called to order by Dom Licata at 3:03 p.m.

Quorum reached: 22 senators and 3 officers present.

Supporting documents on Box:

<https://buffalo.box.com/s/z9c7i5betkc0c350jjwl68asacd9gycm>

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Dom Licata

- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Nora Lenda (Kat Kielar).**
 - **Motion to amend agenda, introduction of a resolution on national student walkout to protest gun violence: Tim Tryjankowski (Kat Kielar). Passed.**
 - **Original motion as amended passed.**

OPENING REMARKS – Dom Licata

PRESENTATION - SUNY UFS / FCC SPEAKERS

- **Gwen Kay (SUNY UFS President)**
 - o Shared governance works best with good working relationships, regular conversation, respect, talking early about issues, and listening to others.
- **Nina Tamrowski (FCCC President)**
 - o Shared governance is part of SUNY's strategic plan. Stressed value of measurables, annual conference, leadership training, road shows, SUNY Voices, shared gov. awards.
- **Keith Landa (SUNY UFS Vice President)**
 - o SUNY Purchase has a SG College Senate with input from a Professional Staff Council. Important to include all parties for important decisions.
- **Sharon Cramer (SUNY UFS Parliamentarian)**
 - o Stressed importance of succession planning.
- **Q&A: none**

RECOGNITION FOR TWO COMMITTEES THAT EPITOMIZE SHARED GOVERNANCE

Fossil Free UB (student led resolution)

Breath Free UB (members include students, faculty staff, alumni, and community)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Tanja Aho (GSA President)

- Stressed wage inequities for funded UB graduate students. GSA is developing a plan for an on-campus food pantry, vote will occur soon. (Phil Glick said the Faculty Senate will gladly support this.)

Leslie Veloz (SA President)

- UB needs to be even more inclusive and welcoming so all students have a voice and participate in shared governance. Need a symbiotic partnership where everyone has a role and is accountable. Students need a seat at the table with open lines of communication.

Q&A - none

UB SUNY SENATORS

Cemal Basaran (CSE faculty)

- AAUP idea of shared governance dates to the 60's. Two complementary overlapping concepts: all share in decision making, but not all constituents have an equal role.



Kat Kielar (UB Admissions staff)

- Need to engage all employees at all levels.

Q&A - none

UNION LEADERSHIP AND UB ADMINISTRATION

Steve Jetar (CSEA Local 602 Vice President)

- Appreciates being welcome into decision making; e.g. Breathe Free UB.

Ezra Zubrow (UUP Buffalo Center Chapter President)

- Posed a challenge: what self-organizing goals do we want to set?
- E.g., to gain more money for UB, could have a grassroots political organization to demand adequate funding for UB (and SUNY) at the state level.

Josh Sticht (UB Police Department Assistant Chief)

- Described various examples of shared governance in action, including Breathe Free UB. Appreciates being welcome.

Charles Zukoski (Provost)

- Shared governance is protected at the SUNY level (employees, students, unions).
- Spoke of a shared understanding of UB mission and goals.
- Described the role of faculty in developing curriculum, and the hiring of faculty and administration. Concerned about the challenge of very limited budgets.

Q&A - none

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Resolved, that the UB Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate stand in solidarity with our students who will be demonstrating against gun violence and honoring the victims of Parkland High School; and

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate encourage instructors to take no punitive measures against students who wish to participate in the March 14 walkout.

- **Motion to adopt resolution: Ezra Zubrow (Don Erb). Unanimous.**

CLOSING REMARKS – Phil Glick

Motion to Adjourn: Kat Kielar. Passed. 4:31 p.m.

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

Meeting audio recording available in the PSS office.

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