

Minutes of the Senate and General Meeting – APPROVED

October 25, 2018

Convener: Dom Licata

Officers Present: Dom Licata, Tim Tryjankowski, Hugh Jarvis

Senators Present: Kurt Baumgaertner, Charles Baxter, Kim Behun, Karlen Chase, Jennifer Chazen (alt. for Sherene Milizia), Chris Cheung, Jessica Coram, Russ Crispell, Matt Deck, Diane Dempsey (alt. for Gerri Kremer), Kalpesh Desai, Tom Dzimira, Don Erb, Mary Clare Fahey, Fran Fiscus, Jonathan Freifeld, Jim Gordon, Janiece Jankowski, Reed Jones, Dan Kelly, Julie Kim-Proehl, Theresa Kruse, Carl Lam, Jenna Lenz, Lauren McGowan, RJ Multari, Lisa Pano, Joy Piper, Ben Poremski, Arvind Ramaswamy, Matt Reitmeier, Kathy Roach, Justine Rumbel (alt. for Kira Love), Debbie Stamm, Daniel Vargas, Cassandra Walker-Whiteside, Michael Yates

Senators Absent: Karen Anderson, Susan Bagdasarian, Cheryl Bailey, Kevin Baron, Rachel Blane, Mike Brown (COAL), Harrison Cheung, Fred Covelli, Kelly Cruttenden, Lynn Emminger, Conor Flynn, Phil Glick (FSS), Anne-Marie Hantman, Chris Keough, Gerri Kremer (sent alt.), Jessica Labella, Doug Levere, Kira Love (sent alt.), Sherene Milizia (sent alt.), Eileen Sirianni, Pam Stephens-Jackson, Kevin Westling

Members/Guests: Josh Altemoos, Ed Brodka, Teri Budek, Heather Hagenbuch, Sevie Kandefer, Katie Little, Tammy Milillo, Karen Peissinger

Parliamentarian: ~~Joshua Wallace~~ (absent)

Staff: Lindsay Allen

Recorder: Hugh Jarvis

Meeting called to order by Dom Licata at 3:05 p.m.

Quorum reached: 31 senators and 3 officers present.

Supporting documents on Box:

<https://buffalo.app.box.com/s/ehcb1i631or1kdq6hok9pxhk5zgl0ux3> [or more direct]

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Dom Licata

- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Ben Poremski (Matt Reitmeier). Passed.**

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(s) – Dom Licata

- **Motion to approve Minutes from September 27, 2018: Karlen Chase (Dan Kelly). Passed.**

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dom Licata

- Expect call for parliamentarian (Joshua Wallace is not continuing). Comes with a stipend.

- UB Council Meeting, Oct 1, details including report by student representative Mike Brown: food insecurity, mental health, transportation, TA living stipend
- Note: PSS is NOT subject to open meeting law (we do not set public policy).
- Pres. Tripathi's State of the University (he will be at November Senate meeting), acknowledged professional staff during his speech (gave several examples) and also shared governance (Breathe Free initiative).

"In their commitment to supporting our students' education and overall UB experience, our dedicated staff have created new and progressive ways to help international students settle in to UB and Buffalo, improve policies and communications within their respective schools and respond to students and families in crisis."

"As a university community, we recognize that our most innovative ideas do not emerge from a silo. Most often, they arise through collaboration. In the model of shared governance, UB administration, faculty, staff and students have collaborated to achieve a number of university priorities. This includes the UB Breathe Free "No-Smoking" initiative to make our campus healthier, safer and cleaner."
- SUNY Faculty Senate Fall Plenary, Oct 28-30, Binghampton:
 - major themes included Online Learning, Student Mobility / Transfer Paths, PRODI-G (Promoting Retention and Opportunity for Diversity, Inclusion and Growth), System-Wide Gen Ed requirements, Advocacy (esp. for student assn and FCCC)
 - SUNY Diversity Conference (April 3-4), SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force.
 - four resolutions were passed (we will review in Executive Cmt):
 1. Gender-Neutral Language in All SUNY Correspondence
 2. Support for Lactating Persons and Lactation Space(s) on All SUNY Campuses
 3. To Encourage SUNY to Become the First Test-Optional System of Higher Education in the Nation (e.g. no longer use SATs)
 4. To Re-Institute the Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program
- UB Faculty Senate Exec Cmt meeting Oct 24
 - Dr. Kruger student engagement project assessing current status of Smoke-Free Policy
 - Dept of Library and Information Studies will be renamed Dept of Information Science
- SUNY SA Ballot Tool (<https://app.sunyvotes.civicengine.com>)
- Upcoming Events:
 - Nov 1 – Exec Cmt mtg
 - Nov 1 – 15th Annual Celebration of Student Academic Excellence
 - Nov 15 – Senate and General Membership Meeting
- **Motion to receive: Don Erb (Matt Reitmeier). Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- Initial committee budgets have been awarded. Additional funding is still available. Committees can re-submit requests that were not approved and submit new requests as always.
- Committee reports: including,
 - Sustainability: tree inventory project has started (faculty from geography and engineering).
 - Recreation & Wellness: staff survey planned
 - Staff Development & Engagement: mentoring, lunch club, new hires welcome breakfast
 - Marketing: holiday tips, newsletter usage, progress on promotional video
- **Motion to receive: Ben Poremski (Daniel Vargas). Passed.**



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Hugh Jarvis

- Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Days of Special Concern – Dom Licata

- Ongoing discussions in Inclusion & Diversity Cmt
- **Motion to postpone further discussion until committee has finished its discussion: Jessica Coram (Daniel Kelly). Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PROGRAM

Tonawanda Coke Soil Study – Dr. Tammy Milillo (Project Analyst)

- Including background of coke, facility history, air monitoring, law suit, and soil studies.
- Some controversy with local politicians not permissions to use data from municipal properties.
- TCC has now shut down. Coke production has ceased, air & water pollution diminished. Site is still badly contaminated and will need to be placed on superfund list. Company is essentially bankrupt and will not shoulder remediation costs which are necessary before site can be repurposed.
- Community involvement options:
 - public encouraged to persuade municipal leaders to release public site samples
 - residents / property owners encouraged to allow access for sampling
 - beware any properties that have had multiple samples taken
- Some controversy with Clean Air Coalition over methodology and sharing of funds.

Shared comment cards to solicit feedback on this meeting.

Door prize (from staff development conference). \$25 voucher for Russell Steak House. Winner: Lisa Pano.

Motion to Adjourn: Dan Kelly (James Gordon). Passed. 4:29 p.m.

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

Meeting audio recording available in the PSS office.