

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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A. **Smoking Policy**

Be it therefore resolved that the Faculty Senate urges the Administration to work with all deliberate haste to ban smoking in campus buildings, while consulting with students and with the collective bargaining units to assure the consideration of smokers' concerns, including proper notice to smokers of any change in policy.

B. **Exchange Programs with China**

Although the Faculty Senate condemns the actions of the Chinese government in Tiananmen Square and its subsequent suppression of human rights, the Faculty Senate supports the resumption of negotiations for the reopening, under the proper conditions, of the exchange programs with China.

C. Access to Campus/Law School Recruitment Policy

The Faculty Senate has received the report of Professors Garver, Solkoff, and Zemel in response to President Sample's opinion of May 1989 concerning the Law School Employer Recruiting Policy. It commends and thanks Professors Garver, Solkoff and Zemel for their report.

In response to both documents, the Faculty Senate hereby calls upon the President to take all actions within his competency to enforce Resolution 83-216 of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

[Documents available in the Senate Office]

D. Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Activity

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of the State University of New York at Buffalo urge the Chancellor to create a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity.

E. Complimentary Copies of Textbooks

Complimentary copies of college textbooks and instructional materials are supplied to faculty members for the limited purpose of facilitating their evaluation for possible use in the classroom. The sale of these copies to any persons or organizations, including solicitors and used-book dealers, is an unethical practice, in which faculty members should not engage.

F. Limits to Free Speech

Every intellectual community worthy of its name thrives on traditions of sharp and heated controversy. Any and all expressions of bigotry, prejudice and discrimination are abhorrent to these intellectual traditions. Such expressions not only detract from the person uttering them, but reflect poorly upon the community as a whole.

The faculty notes with concern reports of graffiti on the UB campus inciting and reinforcing bigotry, prejudice, discrimination and hatred. Such material constitutes harassment and intimidation of members of the university as a place of intellectual inquiry and employment. The faculty strongly condemns such activity.

G. Privacy of Electronic Communication

The Faculty Senate recognizes the increasing use of electronic communications by all sectors of the University community and the absence of clearly formulated campus policies delineating the users' rights to privacy and security. The Senate calls upon the University's senior administrators to formulate and publicize a University policy defining its rights of access to electronic communications produced, transmitted or received by University-owned equipment, and the Senate invites the administrators to make use of the good offices of the Senate and its standing committees in the development of such a policy.

H. Talloires Declaration

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate urges President William R. Greiner both to sign the Talloires Declaration, and to ask appropriate University groups to undertake or continue the actions listed in it.

I. Alert for Instructional Staff

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends to the President that the following statement be adopted and inserted into the Faculty Staff Handbook and circulated to other appropriate constituencies of the University Community.

ALERT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Members of the teaching staff should be aware that any romantic involvement with their students may lead to formal action against them if a complaint is registered by a student.

Even when both parties have consented to the development of such a relationship, it is the instructor who, by virtue of power differential and special professional responsibility, may be

held accountable for unprofessional behavior.

Those who are directly or indirectly affected by such a relationship are invited to discuss their concerns with the Office of Equity, Diversity and Affirmation Action for professionally competent discussion of their complaint.

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