



**University at Buffalo**  
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**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Report to the Faculty Senate, Academic Year 2012/2013**

The following highlight selected key issues discussed by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee during the 2012/2013 academic year. Refer to the appropriate Faculty Senate or Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes for details at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/faculty/governance/fac-sen/minutes/minutes.htm>.

- Course evaluations. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 9/12/12 and 1/23/13)
- Shale Resources and Society Institute. (Faculty Senate, 10/2/12)
- The budget and the Provost's "newcomer analysis" of the Universities strengths, concerns, and opportunities. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 10/24/12)
- Review of undergraduate education, the Finish in 4 Program, and the budget. (Faculty Senate minutes, 11/6/12)
- Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 11/7/12)
- Parking and related issues affecting the new Downtown Medical Campus (Faculty Senate, 12/4/12).
- Revisions to the Academic Calendar and winter intersession schedule. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 1/23/13 and Faculty Senate, 2/5/13).
- President's meeting of the Voting Faculty. (Faculty Senate, 2/5/13)
- Committee to evaluate decanal review procedures, and presentation by the Athletics Director. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 2/13/13)
- Changes to course syllabus that emphasize student learning outcomes, as opposed to course learning outcomes, and changes to Drop/Add. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 2/27/13)
- Report on the University Libraries and a proposal for a new internal funding program that emphasizes basic research and innovation. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee minutes, 3/20/13)
- Recommendations to the President about holding classes on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Labor Day. (Faculty Senate, March 5, 2013, and Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 4/3/13)
- Grading policies. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 4/24/13)

The Faculty Senate also collected feedback about the initial phase of the Provost's Realizing UB 2020 Plan. (Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2/27/13)

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