



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022
Online by Zoom

Attendance: Pages 6-9

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The chair, Fred Stoss, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

Secretary's report: The Secretary, Jessy Alexander, will be leaving tomorrow. Barbara Prinari has accepted to serve as the interim Faculty Senate Secretary until June 30. As mentioned in the previous meeting, we have a nomination for the secretary position. You will see electoral ballot being sent out, please send in your vote. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously, after a few changes suggested by Kristin Stapleton.

Chair's report: Uploaded on UB Box. One item was highlighted at the meeting from the report: a note from the President standing in solidarity with our colleagues, friends and, in many cases, family that are in Ukraine and enduring the trials and travails that are taking place there.

Parliamentarian's report: no report

President's report: no report

Provost's report: no report

Items of interest

COACHE survey update: VP Granfield updated the FSEC on the new COACHE 2022 survey that was launched on February 7, the full presentation is uploaded on UBbox. Please go back to your faculty and encourage them to do the COACHE survey. COACHE sent out a follow-up, so this week all faculty have received another link to do the survey. At this point, we have a

26% response rate with a completion at over 75%. Completion rate varies across the different units, for instance, the College of Arts and Sciences has a 32% response rate, Engineering 20% (lagging a bit behind with respect to the 2017 response rate at this time), Pharmacy is leading with 60% of a response rate, the Law School is at 47%, and so on. Some units are doing very well, for others we really need more of a push. In the Medical School here's a higher response rate among tenured faculty (30%), but the clinical response rate is below 10%. Senators from the Medical School are asked to deliver this message for a push to make sure that full-time non-tenure track faculty are also participating. Our goal, again, is to try to get to about a 60% response rate. In 2017 we had a 50% response rate, so we want to do better this time around. The survey will be open until April 11. We will get another round of invitations from COACHE in a couple more weeks. Please really reach out to your faculty and your departments and encourage them to participate.

PRB workshop: VP Granfield reminded that an announcement went out recently about the annual Presidential Review Board (PRB) workshop on Wednesday, March 30, at 10am. PRB is the final faculty committee that a tenure and promotion dossier will go in front of before it then moves to the Provost and eventually to the President. The PRB is a committee of nine individuals that are brought together from across the university, each individual has a three-year stint of service on the PRB. The workshop is not just for junior faculty, it is also for faculty who are interested in promotion to full professor. The workshop discusses the process of the PRB, the construction of the dossier, answers any questions that people have about the PRB. It is I highly recommend that people come, generally we have anywhere from 20 to 40 people that come in any given year. This year the workshop is in person.

Items for consideration at the 191th UFS Plenary: Fred Stoss announced the 191st University Faculty Senate plenary will be taking place on the weekend of April 7. Cemal Basaran cannot be with us today, but if anybody has anything that they would like to be presented at the university sector, an item, an issue of concern or something that you feel should be addressed at the SUNY level, let him know or you can email me and I'll forward it onto him.

PACOR townhalls: Fred Stoss reminded the FSEC of the PACOR town halls which will begin next week. An announcement went out earlier this morning. The agendas for the PACOR town halls are available for all of the

of the meetings. Make every effort that you can to attend those meetings. There is a tremendous amount of effort that went into the preparation of the other reports. I served on several of the committees that were related to this, and I was just so impressed with the dedication and the robust nature by which individuals really stepped up and worked hard so hard on giving us a really great document.

Unfinished business

Changing dates and times of FS and FSEC meetings: Fred Stoss announced that, following previous discussions and a FSEC resolution that was recently passed, a survey will be coming out in the near future about changing the date and time of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee meetings. An effort is being made to trying to get the meetings taking place at least on the same day of the week, so that faculty members won't have to juggle classes around two very different days for class scheduling purposes.

There was some discussion on this item, the main comments are given below.

Jennifer Livingston: I remember a suggestion for holding the meeting at different locations during the month. I think that would add further confusion, I personally would rather us decide on a place that has ample parking and just stick with them.

Kristin Stapleton: what I proposed was not that FSEC that meets frequently meet at different locations, it was only for the Faculty Senate. It would be interesting to meet at the three different campuses, and the FS only meets once a month, so there could be chances for multiple reminders. But I agree that parking or public transport could be an issue.

Jessy Alexander: Jessica (Naish) and I had a meeting with Mary Odden, who conducts the elections for us. Mary accepted to send out a survey by email to the faculty with all the choices for the meeting times. And then she will collate the results for us.

Barbara Prinari: since I will be serving as interim Secretary, I can coordinate with Mary regarding the survey. The only thing we need to do is agree on the wording and the choices on the survey. Once we have that, Mary will send out the survey, and the FSEC itself can look at the data and make a decision accordingly.

Fred Stoss: there will be no need for this issue to be handled by a separate FS committee. The FSEC could make the final decision on the meeting

dates, and work on the calendar for the 22-23 academic year according to the data that we get from the survey.

Philip Glick shared an uplifting announcement about everyone's wellness: it was brought to our attention, a couple months ago that the athletics department had stopped allowing faculty and staff into Clark gym and the alumni arena exercise free between 8am-9am and 12pm-1pm. Through the Labor and Management meeting, we were told today that there will be full restitution of everyone's privileges. So if you're a faculty member, staff or other employees, if you want to exercise and Clark, or at the alumni arena swiping and you'll be allowed to use the gym, the pool, the locker room, the racquetball court and squash court, I hope everyone takes advantage of this great opportunity.

Faculty Senate Secretary vacancy filled: The FS Secretary election should have been held last Fall, but we never got a volunteer. I just wanted to let you know that the person who stepped up Cynthia (Cindi) Tysick, who held the position as FS Secretary from 2014 to 2017 and is willing to do it again.

Fred Stoss attracted the FSEC's attention to an article in the print edition of the Spectrum, in which some people have questioned the masking requirement being dropped.

New business

Approval of the March 15th FS meeting:

Barbara Prinari: a discussion item on the PhD funding resolution was included in the agenda. I was expecting a discussion at the FSEC meeting, but of course we can discuss it with the full FS. I want to ask if two graduate students can participate to the discussion item as visitors.

Fred Stoss: I don't see any problem about having that, because they are the they are the persons who are going to be the most directly affected by any decisions. I think it would be proper and perhaps fitting to have students who participated in the data collection present at that meeting.

The agenda was then approved unanimously.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.



Submitted by Barbara Prinari, Interim Secretary of the Faculty Senate, March 21, 2022.



University at Buffalo
Faculty Senate
University Shared Governance

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Fred Stoss - ✓

SECRETARY:

Jessy Alexander - ✓

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Nicholas Chibuikem Ogam - ✓

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Hiro Hata - ✓

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Michael Cowen - ✓

Maureen Jameson - ✓

Barbara Prinari - ✓

Kristin Stapleton - ✓

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Othman Shibly -

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:

Michael Baugh - ✓

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Paschalis Alexandridis - ✓

Marina Tsianou -

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Tiffany Karalis-Noel - ✓

LAW:

Matthew Steilen - ✓

MANAGEMENT:

Michael Dambra - ✓

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Anna Blumental-Perry - ✓

Channa Kolb -

E. Brooke Lerner - ✓

Michael Morales -

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston - ✓

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris -

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler - ✓

SOCIAL WORK:

Annahita Ball - ✓

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty - ✓

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran -

Amit Kandel -

Patrick Long -

R.J. Multari - ✓

Ken Seldeen (alternate) -

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber -

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski - ✓

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Brianna Bennett - ✓

INVITED GUESTS:

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield - ✓

Graham Hammill -

William McDonnell - ✓

Eileen Sherman - ✓

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish - ✓

Bob Miletich -

Phil Glick - ✓

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