



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
October 2, 2019  
567 Capen Hall

Attendance: Attached

All proceedings of the meeting was recorded and uploaded on UB Box.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr Robert Miletich at 3.00pm

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted unanimously.

**Minutes** Minutes of 9/25/2019 was approved and accepted unanimously. A correction – Jason Benedict resigned from the SUNY senate but will continue as an UB senator.

**President's report:** President Tripathi invited the faculty to the State of the UB address on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am. He spoke about how the students mental health trend is currently a national issue and in light of that the FS would be hearing from Dr Sharon Mitchell as to what UB is doing to address this issue.

**Provost:** Not present.

**Chair's report:**

In response to a request for comment on SB1, where there was no shared governance in the decisions that were taken. The Chair presented the ongoing issue of SUB BOARD 1 and the movement that was occurring in that landscape with links (Chairs report links) to the newspaper articles on the issue.

The Chair spoke of the PhD graduate student (CAS) recruitment issue. It is a rapidly evolving issue, the petitions filed, the letters from the Dean to the faculty and the Provost, with the links that gave more detail.

He then introduced Dr Sharon Mitchell to present on student mental health. A link to the article that called UB campus one of the ugliest campuses that need to be changed by increase trees etc.

It was reiterated by Phil Glick that the SB1 was an egregious issue by Laura Hubbard and the committee. The actions taken were not transparent

and the FS needs to take a look into the issue to make sure that such type of issues do not occur again.

**Parliamentarian:** None.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

***Student mental health:*** Dr Sharon Mitchell, Director of student wellness presented to the FS the current issue on students mental health, the trends, the different crisis due to differences such as identities etc, the programs in place in UB, the training of the staff and across other institutions to address this matter. She presented and explained the new wellness coaching program. Slides and presentation are up on UB Box.

In line with this there was a discussion on the medical insurance acceptance for students by UBMD, new facility being built across Millersport Hwy, practice plan and School of Nursing, training of General medicine physicians for treating mental health, the run down condition of Michael Hall that houses student health and pharmacy.

***UB Sustainability:*** Last year a sustainability committee was formed. Meetings are ongoing. Both PS and FS will be working together to beautify the campus.

***PhD Excellence Initiative:*** There was an open discussion on the PhD excellence initiative, the bridge funding, emergency CAS faculty meeting with the resolution, the moratorium on PhD hiring, which is a work in progress. However, members expressed concern at the lack of transparency regarding the mission of the University and the funding. CAS suspects a movement towards clinicalization of the University. These questions need to be addressed regarding the enrollment in different colleges.

**Executive session:** None





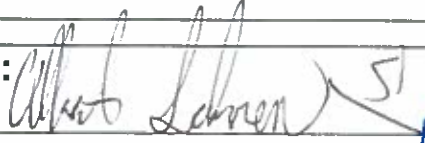
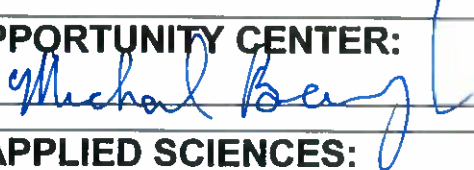


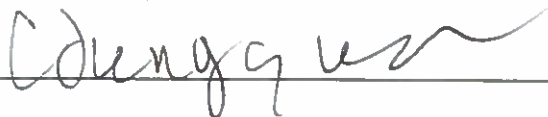
**New business:** None

**Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 4.30 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, October, 2019.



**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**3:00pm – 4:30pm, 567 Capen Hall**

<b>CHAIR:</b> Bob Miletich 
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Jessy Alexander 
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> Destiny Johnson 
<b>ARCHITECTURE &amp; PLANNING:</b> TBD (1)
<b>ARTS &amp; SCIENCES:</b> Sampson Blair Michael Cowen Ken Dauber 
<b>DENTAL MEDICINE:</b> Albert Sohnen 
<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:</b> Michael Baugh 
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES:</b> TBD (2)
<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:</b> TBD (1)
<b>LAW:</b> Michael Boucai
<b>MANAGEMENT:</b> TBD (1)
<b>MEDICINE &amp; BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:</b> David Mattson  Michael Morales -  Richard Quigg
<b>NURSING:</b> Carla Jungquist 

**PHARMACY:**

Ed Bednarczyk

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

John Wilson

*John Wilson*

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Laura Lewis

*LL*

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

Amy Lyons

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Cemal Basaran

*C. Basaran*

Philip Glick *Present*

Fred Stoss

*Fred Stoss*

TBD

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi *Present*

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

A. Scott Weber

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Tim Tryjankowski

**COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):**

Mike Montoro

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Sharon Mitchell

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Ezra Zubrow*