



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2022  
567 Capen Hall

**Attendance:** see Appendix 1

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The chair, Fred Stoss, called the meeting to order at 3:05pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Agenda:** The agenda for the day was approved unanimously with correction of committee name.

**Secretary's Report & Approval of previous minutes:** Minutes from October 11, 2022 were unanimously approved with one typographical error.

**Provost's Report:**

- GSE awarded \$3.5 million grant towards residency program.
  - Provides coursework but also a mentor teacher.
  - Will expand beyond city of Buffalo to Amherst, Kenmore, and Tonawanda
  - Model program for the rest of the nation.
- SUNY is funding a state-wide teacher residency program at \$30 million. UB hopes to receive some of that funding as well.
- Public Health Scholarship to recruit from underrepresented groups has received \$1.3 million grant.
- Reminder of the Faculty and Staff Celebration of Excellence this Thursday in Slee Hall at 3:30p
- Q&A
  - Is there any established pathway to recruitment for the VITAL program awardees. Not from the Provost's office but refer to the Deans.
    - Annual resource planning is the time Deans can seek funding for diversifying their core faculty
  - PRODiG program is SUNY initiative, not UB, but is not currently running.
  - How are the SUNY funds to hire new faculty being allocated?
    - Departments determine who to hire but administration will determine funding allocations to units

- During discussion Provost Weber pointed out two metrics UB needs to improve on: National Academy membership and citations per faculty. Currently the number of books published by faculty is comparable to the Top 25.

### **Chair's Report:**

- Chair submitted written report
- Q&A
  - Why was the faculty senate meeting's agenda changed at the last minute with one speaker being removed and another added. It was not the agenda the FSEC had approved the Tuesday before.
    - Illnesses and permissions to Box and the Listserv caused a breakdown in communication.
    - Chair agreed to putting backup plans in place in case similar circumstances arise.

### **Committee's Update**

- Secretary, Cynthia Tysick, presented update on committees' memberships.
  - Chairs have all been contacted. Two have yet to reply and two were supposed to give the Secretary an updated roster. The rest have all been verified.
  - A spreadsheet is being used to verify who is serving on each committee and remove those who either have retired or no longer wish to serve.
  - Two members of FSEC were added to TPP (Shucard and Melendy).
  - Stapleton will reach out to the Libraries committee and the Secretary will reach out to all members of the remaining committees to verify their willingness to serve.

### **Veterans Concerns**

- Chair opened a discussion on Veterans on campus and their issues. Suggested bringing in Student Support experts to facilitate a conversation.
  - How do we know if they are veterans?
    - Self-identify
  - Supports
    - Veterans lounge in SU
    - Financial Aid
  - Do applicants identify? Can this be noted for faculty on a class roster? There are security and privacy issues.
  - Suggested bringing in Lisa Butler, a UB expert on Veterans issues and care

### **Child and Elder Care**

- Campus needs assessment by Chairs of FS and PSS still ongoing.

- Question of Butler Mansion being used for Medical Campus childcare was brought up. Provost said it was not an option.
- North campus can take another 28 children, but they lack the staff due to salary.
- North and South campuses each have triple digit waitlists.

### **Institutional Review Recommendations**

- Strengthen Faculty Senate
- Compared to other institutions UB's senate is weak
- Recent resolutions have been rejected by the President with no recourse for the Senate
- Some committees have no leadership or lack work
- Potentially merging Professional and Faculty senates, like other SUNYs, was rejected at this time. Chair of Professional Senate pointed out that the groups have different concerns and issues.
- A revision of our bylaws is needed, especially as they pertain to election of officers and succession planning.
- Faculty and Professional Senates "share" governance of the campus with the Administration.
- Faculty Senate officers should be in the Shared Governance office on a consistent basis.
- Chair's time should be bought out at 50% rather than the low stipend that is awarded now.
- Suggestion was made to create an Ad hoc committee on Strengthening the Faculty Senate. Their charge will need to be written; but at the least they will review the recommendations made by the Ad-Hoc Faculty Senate Institutional Review Committee.

### **Plenary Report was tabled**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm



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**Appendix 1: Attendance**

**CHAIR:**

Fred Stoss - [here](#)

**SECRETARY:**

Cynthia Tysick - [here](#)

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Open -

**ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:**

Kerry Traynor - [Here](#)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:**

Kenneth Dauber – here

Sampson Lee Blair - here

Barbara Prinari - [absent](#)

Liana Vardi - [Absent](#)

**DENTAL MEDICINE:**

Michelle Kay - excused

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:**

Marsha Christiano - [here](#)

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:**

Paschalis Alexandridis - Absent

Marina Tsianou - Absent

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:**

Lilliam Malave Lopez - [here](#)

**LAW:**

Matthew Steilen - [absent](#)

**MANAGEMENT:**

Laura Amo- [here](#)

**MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:**

Open -

Thomas Melendy - [Here](#)

David Shucard - [Here](#)

Open -

**NURSING:**

Jennifer Livingston - [Here](#)

**PHARMACY:**

Erin Slazak – (Ray Cha-Alternate) [here](#)

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Albert Vexler - [Absent](#)

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Peter Sobota - [Here](#)

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

John Beatty - [here](#)

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Amit Kandel - [Absent](#)

Kristin Stapleton - [here](#)

Patrick Long - [Absent](#)

R.J. Multari - [Here](#)

Ken Seldeen (alternate) -

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi - Excused

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

A. Scott Weber - here

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Tim Tryjankowski - Here

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

A.J. Franklin - here

**INVITED GUESTS:**

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**UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:**

Robert Granfield -

Graham Hammill -

William McDonnell -

Eileen Sherman - [Here](#)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Naish - here

Phil Glick - here