



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
October 28, 2020
Zoom 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 order of the agenda was changed and accepted unanimously with the change.

Discussion regarding matters from the last meeting: James Jarvis, Associate Counsel at the University at Buffalo was at hand to answer concerns regarding the SUNY Chancellor's harsh measures in response to student failure to comply with COVID19 stipulations. This stipulation included intentional exposure, failure to quarantine if positive, attention to on/off campus gatherings, safety protocol compliance etc would result in expulsion or suspension by the University. In response to questions, the Counsel stated that there were guidelines established for these lapses to be dealt with in a 'progressive way'. He also mentioned that as per the directive this would occur only on repeated violations and thus far no expulsions had occurred. After some discussion, it was decided to keep this matter open for communications since this was a very current and ongoing problem. Michael Monterro was given the opportunity to present the student views. A discussion regarding the daily checks pursued. It was clarified that the stipulations in the directive were not mandatory but were to be adjudicated by the different campuses as per their guidelines. The Chair thanked the counsel for his guidance on the matter.

Secretary's report:

Minutes of October 7, 2020 meeting were approved with a change of the date.

President's report: None

Provost report: None

Chairs report:

Report uploaded on UB Box.

1) *Scholarly Discourse on University and Societal Issues*: The Chair informed the Senate that the inaugural presentation would be on 10/28 by James Campbell of Political Science.

2) *Chancellor's COVID-19 Student Violation Directive*: Prosecution of alleged violations will be conducted by the Student Wide Judiciary.

3) *Faculty Senate Committee Membership*: The Chair gave an insight into what the membership of the FS committee membership entailed. He presented the Charter of the Faculty Senate Article VI. A discussion regarding voting rights ensued.

4) *Safety and Health Committee*: A joint State/UUP Safety and Health Committee would be established consisting of three members (State) and three members (UUP) to identify and review safety-related issues affecting employees and to recommend plans for the correction of such matters. Details are in the Chairs report on UB Box.

Parliamentarian Report:

Contact tracing app: The NY mobile phone contact tracing app, its application and its nuances was presented.

Unfinished Business:

FSEC liaisons: The Chair gave a call to the FSEC members to volunteer as liaisons on the 13 different FSEC committees. Clarifications regarding the committee membership and liaisons were requested and responded to.

Spring 2021 Academic Calendar Proposal: The Chair requested an update from Michael Cowen regarding the resolution that was sent to the Academic Policies and Grading committee at the previous FSEC meeting, for a change in the Spring 2021 Academic calendar. Michael Cowen responded that committee was not yet ready to make a recommendation. Discussions would continue at the next committee meeting on October 22. Phil Glick enquired whether the 2 amendments that he sent to the committee was discussed to which the response was not yet and since they did not have the documents and would pursue it when the documents were ready.

New Business:

Health and Safety Committee: The Chair invited Phil Glick to present the discussion. Page 74 of the contract was displayed for the meeting to see. The resolution was being presented so that it would be moved to the FS. In a very responsible manner the UB administration had put together a huge task force last spring to plan for opening in the fall, with 16 committees and

180 members. All faculty and staff present on these committees are appointed by the administration, many of whom are not familiar with the contract. The UUP has monthly meetings with employee relations and biannual meeting with the President and his cabinet, at which matters are discussed which are already decided upon. Since health and safety of the faculty and the staff are one of Union's highest priorities, unless the UUP is given a seat at the table, they would not be able to do the due diligence. Therefore, Phil Glick had requested that the Union leadership be given a seat in the Task force, which was rejected.

He cited examples of

- (a) Baseline and surveillance testing which UUP lobbied for, and was successful in getting, testing to be in place and,
- (b) Upgrading the HVAC system for COVID19 protection especially during the winter months.

He cited these examples to convey the importance of having the union voice/presence at the voting table. He suggested the FSEC adopt a resolution be for the formation of a health and safety committee with the UUP at the table in alignment with article 43.

The motion was seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion.

In response to the statement that there exists a health & safety committee, it was pointed out that the committee in place was a COVID19 committee that would disappear as COVID19 is overcome. Michael Monterro interjected that other unions such as the students union would also need a place in these discussions. The resolution for 'establishing a Health and Safety committee with all stakeholders at the table' was passed, 12yay:1nay:0abstain. It was decided to have the first reading of the resolution at the next FS meeting.

Agenda for Faculty Senate 10/20/20: The agenda was passed unanimously with the amendment to add the first reading of the 'Health & Safety committee' resolution.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4.15 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, October, 2020.

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
3:00-4:30 p.m.

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| CHAIR: Bob Miletich - X |
| SECRETARY: Jessy Alexander - X |
| PARLIAMENTARIAN: Richard Gronostajski - X |
| ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING: Unknown |
| ARTS & SCIENCES: Michael Cowen - X Ken Dauber - X Barbara Prinari - X Maureen Jameson - |
| DENTAL MEDICINE: Othman Shibly - X |
| EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER: Michael Baugh - X |
| ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES: Paschalis Alexandridis - X Adly Fam - X |
| GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION: Janina Brutt-Griffler - X |
| LAW: Matthew Dimick - X |
| MANAGEMENT: Michael Dambra - X |
| MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: Anna Blumenal-Perry - X Channa Kolb - X E. Brooke Lerner - X |

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston - X

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris - X

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler - X

SOCIAL WORK:

Laura Lewis - X

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Alison Fraser - X

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran -

Philip Glick - X

Fred Stoss - X

R.J. Multari -

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber - X

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski -

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Mike Montoro - X

INVITED GUESTS:

James Jarvis - X

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish - X

Eileen Sherman - X

Robert Granfield - X

Graham Hammill - X

PHONE ATTENDEES:

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