

#### Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting April 7, 2021 Zoom Hall

#### Attendance: Attached

The recordings of the March 24 meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair Dr. Robert Miletich called the meeting to order at 3.00pm

Agenda: Accepted unanimously.

#### Secretary's report:

The Secretary announced the results for the SUNY Senator elections.

SUNY Senator (Health Sciences):Amit KandelSUNY Senate Alternate (Health Sciences):Ken Seldeen

SUNY Senator (Non Health Sciences) : RJ Multari SUNY Senate Alternate (Non Health Sciences) : Patrick Long

The FS thanked:

- 1. The office of the vice provost for educational effectiveness that helped conduct the elections effectively.
- 2. The candidates that were ready to volunteer their time
- 3. All those who cast their votes.

The minutes of March 24, 2021 meeting was approved unanimously.

**President's report**: The President gave an update on the budget.

The President also shared an update on COVID19 vaccinations.

Student vaccinations will commence soon.

SUNY Upstate Medical Ctr testing facility has opened in Farber increasing the testing speed and testing capacity.

The faculty, students and staff from UB's School of Management, with assistance from the UB Information Technology group have



launched a new website (<u>WNY Vaccine Hound</u>) to help people easily find available COVID-19 vaccination appointments across Western New York.

Commencement: Indoor and outdoor ceremonies are being planned. Two distinguished alumni will be honored with SUNY honorary degrees.

A new NY State funded incubator was opened in downtown that will help accelerate the commercialization of UBs research breakthroughs.

UB faculty members Jaekyung Lee and Anya Bernstein received 2020-21 Fulbright Scholar Awards, one of the most widely recognized and prestigious scholarships in the world.

**Provost report**: The Provost informed the FSEC that:

The UB commencement for 2021 will be held outdoors.

The new department of indigenous studies has been established.

Sarah Handley-Cousins book Bodies in Blue received the 2020 outstanding book award. It expands and complicates our understanding of wartime disability by examining a variety of bodies and ailments, ranging from the temporary to the chronic, from disease to injury, and encompassing both physical and mental conditions.

Provost reminded the FSEC of two events:

- 1. The office of inclusive excellence is hosting the second inclusive excellence summit
- 2. Sustainability month: UB will be offering lectures webinars curricular workshops and other resources

## Parliamentarian report: None

Chairs report: Chairs report is uploaded on UB Box.

## **Obituary**:

*Jean George Haar, DDS, MD*: He played a key role in developing UB's combined MD/DDS degree program. He was a professor of oral maxillofacial



surgery at the school of Dental Medicine and Professor of Otolaryngology in the School of Medicine.

*Howard H English*: He was a systems analyst at UB from 1968 to 1980. He had a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and was also an instructor at UB's Millard FillmoreCollege from 1978 to 1988 teaching systems design, computers and programming with COBOL. He passed away on March 27 after testing positive for Covid-19.

A few moments of silence was maintained in memory of these, our colleagues.

#### New or Unfinished Business:

#### **Presentations:**

*Amanda Nickerson*, Professor and Director of the Dr. Jean M. Alberti Center for the Prevention of Bullying Abuse and School Violence at the University at Buffalo gave a presentation on the ramifications of bullying, touching upon the verbal, physical and relational elements.

*Gregory Delaney* presented the campus environment and sustainability committee annual report. The committee is largely focused on achieving a campus with net zero emission, the meaningful implementation of the campus forest resolution, transportation and parking, and prioritization of human experience on campus.

*Barbara Pinari* gave the FSEC a presentation on COACHE survey. She alluded to the 2017 survey slides. Dr. Pinari pointed to the areas of concern for UB and suggested how COACHE could help design questions for the faculty satisfaction survey.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, April, 2021.



#### **Executive Committee Meeting** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:00-4:30 p.m.

# CHAIR: Bob Miletich - X SECRETARY: Jessy Alexander - X PARLIAMENTARIAN: Richard Gronostajski - X **ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:** Hiro Hata -**ARTS & SCIENCES:** Michael Cowen - X Ken Dauber-Barbara Prinari - X Maureen Jameson -X**DENTAL MEDICINE:**

Othman Shibly -

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:

Michael Baugh - X

## **ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:**

Paschalis Alexandridis - X

Adly Fam -

# **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:**

Janina Brutt-Griffler -

# LAW:

Matthew Dimick -

# MANAGEMENT:

Michael Dambra - X

# **MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:**

Anna Blumenal-Perry -Channa Kolb - X E. Brooke Lerner -

# 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 - X Philip Glick - X Fred Stoss - X

R.J. Multari - X

# PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi - X

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:** 

A. Scott Weber - X

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski - X

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Mike Montoro - X

#### **INVITED GUESTS:**

Amanda Nickerson - X

Greg Delaney - X

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Naish – X

Eileen Sherman – X

Robert Granfield – X

# PHONE ATTENDEES: