



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 23, 2015

CHAIR:

Philip Glick (excused)

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg (excused)

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen (excused)

Stephen Dyson (excused)

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Joseph Mollendorf (excused)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lilliam Malave

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker

LAW:

Matt Steilen

MANAGEMENT:

Sudhir Suchak (Fall) (absent)

Larry Sanders (Spring)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes (excused)

Peter Elkin (excused)
James Hassett
Richard Gronostajski
Gabriela Popescu

NURSING:

Grace Dean (excused)

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand (excused)
Ezra Zubrow
TBD
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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost

1. Provost's remarks:

- 90 new tenure track faculty.
- Over 5000 new undergraduate students, largest group in five years.
- Finish in 4 will have its first graduating cohort in the Spring 2016. This year 80% of incoming freshman have signed up for the program.
- SUNY Excels is reviewing campus RFPs, all fifteen of the UB proposals have gone forward. Out of the approximately \$100 million available we qualified to compete for about \$85 million.
 - Heart of the Campus
 - Finish in 4
 - Pathways in the Arts & Humanities
 - UBs EOP
 - Empire Innovation Program
 - 1. Renew
 - 2. Biomed and Engineering
 - Seamless transfer collaboration between 4 university centers
 - 1. Key courses shared between all the centers with course materials being developed that they can all use. Scott Weber is working on this.
- Graham Hammill (English) is the new Dean of the Graduate School
- Searches will begin for Deans of the School of Dental Medicine and Management
- A question about Standards of Excellence came up. It was asked whether or not it would be used for tenure and promotion. The Provost stated that units are using the reporting template as a way to drive management discussions within their units on a number of levels, including promotion; but, at this time no, it is not being used to determine promotion.

2. Quorum was called (quorum was met) minutes approved from 4/29/15 and 9/9/15

3. Elections Committee (Tysick)

- The election for VanWicklin's position is underway.
- Henry Durand will be unable to complete his term so a call will go out for his position along with Adly Fam's.
- Reapportionment is progressing. We have, for the first time, approximately 44 faculty in the category of "general". The committee is attempting to verify that these faculty are not being counted in another unit.

4. Unfinished Business

- Resolution to rename the office of the University Governance-**tabled**

- Revised resolution to allow electronic voting presented by Richard Gronostajski. **Approved to go to Faculty Senate**
 - The revision does not allow UB Faculty Senators to vote electronically on issues (motions, resolutions, other senate business) because of the opposition to not requiring face-to-face meetings. It does still allow for electronic voting in instances where the entire voting faculty would have to vote as well as allowing for Senate positions of Officers and SUNY-wide Senators to be done electronically.
 - Amendment to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Standing Orders to enforce time limits for debate/discussion presented by Cindi Tysick. **Motion failed**
 - The FSEC was seen as a body that discusses the issues in a more informal style given their small size. Limiting debate would squelch the free flow of ideas. It is up to the Chair to keep time and enforcing Robert's Rules of Order (if he/she so desired) would be one way to control the amount of time spent on an issue.
 - Amendment to the Faculty Senate Standing Order to enforce timelimits for debate/discussion presented by Cindi Tysick. **Approved to go to Faculty Senate**
 - The argument was made that it is up to the FS to decide for themselves, just as FSEC just did, if they want to enforce time limits. There were issues last year of senators monopolizing time, but it was felt that a good Chair could keep the time and still allow for pro/con open debate.
 - Motion to use enhanced agendas for meetings presented by Cindi Tysick. Enhanced agendas allows for more control of the time spent on a given issue/item. Each item has an allotted time, determined by the Chair, along with the action required (vote, information, discussion, recommendation, etc.). There will also be a spot for links to documents. The Secretary is working on finalizing the SharePoint folders' permissions that will allow FSEC members to have access to working documents prior to meetings. Once an action has been taken on a document it will then either be updated for another discussion or uploaded to the FS website if approved. **Approved**
 - Discussion of UB's relationship with the Buffalo/Niagara Partnership and the US chamber of Commerce. **Tabled**
 - Announcement of Shared Governance Education sessions
 - Sept. 30th on Parliamentary Procedures
 - Oct. 14th on Resolution Writing
5. New Business **tabled until the next meeting.**
- Setting committee report due dates
 - Appointment of new member to the Academic Policies and Grading Committee (M Cowen)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted by
Cynthia Tysick,
Secretary to the Faculty Senate
10/5/2015