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## FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 27, 2016

**CHAIR:** 

Philip Glick

**SECRETARY:** 

Cynthia Tysick

**ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:** 

**Ernest Sternberg** 

**ARTS & SCIENCES:** 

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen Stephen Dyson

Jean-Jacques Thomas (absent)

Ewa Ziarek (excused)

**DENTAL MEDICINE:** 

Michael Hatton (absent)

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:** 

To be assigned

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:** 

Lilliam Malave

**PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH** 

PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker (absent)

LAW:

Matt Steilen (absent)

**MANAGEMENT:** 

Larry Sanders (absent)

**MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:** 

Michael Chaskes

Peter Elkin

Richard Gronostajski

Gabriela Popescu (excused)

Charles Wiles

**NURSING:** 

Grace Dean (excused)

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

**SOCIAL WORK:** 

Robert Keefe

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:** 

Glendora Johnson-Cooper

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran

Ezra Zubrow (excused)

Phil Glick

Heather Montague (absent)

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

James Hassett

**GUESTS:** 

Satish Tripathi, President

Charles Zukoski, Provost

Sharon Nolan-Weiss, Diversity and Inclusion

Nancy Lane, EOC

Shirley Bennett, EOC

Robert Granfield, VP for Faculty Affairs

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1. Minutes of 4/13/16 approved.

## 2. Chair's Report

• Next Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a special meeting of the voting faculty. We will attempt to have two resolutions receive their second reading and vote on them.

- Next Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the last meeting of FSEC for the academic year. The chair thanked the committee for their patience as he learned about the office and governance. He advised them that they will all get letters of recognition sent to their chairs
- Representation has been sought by the Chair on:
  - President's Cabinet-no, but the Chair was invited to their strategic planning retreat in May, along with the Chair if PSS
  - UB Council-no, because NYS education law prohibits.
  - UB Foundation-work in progress, meeting with Foundation President Schneider and board member Frank Letro resulted in Letro willing to take the matter to their board.

## 3. President's Report

- State Budget
  - 2020 not extended
  - Graduate tuition rate is frozen
  - We are still advocating for \$33 million in need based funding
  - Received \$22.4 million in capital funds, last year was \$18 million.
- Two Centers of Excellence got their funding back, Bioinformatics & SMART
- Commencement starts next Friday and goes throughout the month of May across the various schools and colleges
- UB has its first Truman Scholar, Madelaine Britt (environmental design and political science)
- UB had 12 honorable mentions. There is a paradigm shift as we are recruiting more and more nationally competitive students.
- Tom Towles, political cartoonist and UB Alum was here as part of the Signature Series.
- Clarification was given regarding the events that led to UB's acceptance letter email being sent out to over 5000 potential students in error.

## 4. Provost's Report

- Dr. Tesla named Dean of the School of Management
- Searches still ongoing for Deans of CAS and Dental Medicine
- EPA Green Power has named UB their #1 partner, 100% of our energy use is green energy we either generate or purchase.
- Point was raised asking for recognition of those ROTC lieutenants that will be graduating. Provost will look into it.
- 5. Meeting calendars for FSEC and FS were discussed and approved. FSEC will still meet 3 times a month however, the "tradition" of a Provost hosted, monthly meeting of FSEC will cease with the understanding that the Provost will have as much time as he desires at any FSEC. FS will move their meetings to every third Tuesday instead of every first Tuesday and will add a meeting to the month of September. A point of clarification was raised and noted by

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the Chair that this calendar is voted on annually and the committee could decide next year to revert back to the original meeting schedule.

- 6. Budget Priorities Committee Report was given by Dr. Elgin (chair) accepted
- 7. EOC Presentation was given by Cynthia Tysick (chair of elections/reapportionment committee). The issue of whether or not EOC members are considered Voting Faculty of the University at Buffalo is a question that is being asked of the Provost and SUNY central. The Election committee exercised due diligence during the Fall of 2015 when they inquired to various administrative offices in an attempt to answer that question. At that time it was determined, after consulting the Faculty Senate Bylaws and reviewing the Policy of the SUNY Board of Trustees, that the EOC faculty were not University at Buffalo voting faculty, therefore they did not get assigned Faculty Senate or Faculty Senate Executive Committee seats. The Chair requested the elections committee work with the bylaws committee and continue to investigate over the summer and report back in the fall.
- 8. Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Faculty Senate for May 3, 2016 approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm Submitted by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary to the Faculty Senate 5/3/2016