



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
February 05, 2020  
567 Capen Hall

Attendance:

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 agenda was accepted unanimously.

**Minutes:** Minutes of 12/04/2019 was approved and accepted unanimously. The interim secretary, Carla was thanked for her service during the secretary's absence.

**President:**

**Provost:**

The Provost thanked the members of the search committee. He promised to continue to keep UB on the road to excellence with the goal of becoming one of the top 25 Public Research Universities in line with the President's vision. Steps to achieve this goal would begin with: Increase in research expenditure, student retention and faculty appreciation.

*Student retention:* UB is planning to increase the number of top graduate programs. At the UG level, UB's retention rate is 86% and ranks 79. Universities ranked above UB have a retention rate above 90%, which UB needs to strive for. UB has been successful at diversifying student population and the process will continue.

*Faculty appreciation & retention:* UB plans to increase faculty awards which would lead to more prestigious awards. An initial insight into this process was presented later at the meeting by VP Bob Granfield and VP Craig Abby. UB will also continue to strive to maintain faculty diversity. UB has been successful in recruiting faculty from underrepresented minorities or women in STEM, but has not been as successful in retention of these

faculty. In line with this goal is the Prodigy program: one of initiatives by SUNY with 2.2 million over the next three years to hire 14 new faculty that are from underrepresented minorities or women in STEM.

Task force: A task force is being put in place to codify what is being done by search committees, and to make sure what is done is very intentional in this space.

Dean of the School of Engineering: The search for the Dean of the School of Engineering is well underway. There is a very strong pool of candidates and it is hoped that the new Dean will be in place by the Fall of 2021.

Vice Provost for International Education: Dr John Wood has served as the interim for a year and continues to do a wonderful job. The search for the position will begin soon and the position filled by Fall 2021.

### **Chair's report:**

The Chair congratulated Dr Scott Weber on assuming the position of Provost. Dr Weber was selected from a pool of very strong candidates.

The Chair reminded the committee that the Shared Governance Day will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the downtown campus. The Senators (Faculty and Professional Staff) will be given an introduction to the Five pillars after which there will be tours of the buildings.

FSEC meetings: The meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled. FSEC meets only when classes are in session. Therefore the meeting scheduled for 5/19/2020 will be rescheduled for 5/12/2020 and the meeting on 5/13/2020 will be cancelled.

Election: Faculty Senate Secretary call for nominations is ongoing and will be open until 2/10/2020.

Coronavirus: UB has been very proactive and responded by setting up a website with appropriate details.

One World café: The construction of One World Café has begun. This would be potentially an ongoing process for about a year. Since there is a

possibility for the meeting rooms to be changed the Chair requested that the Senators be cognizant.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

**Faculty Awards at UB:** Vice Provost, Bob Granfield and Asst VP Craig Abby presented a comprehensive review of faculty awards at UB. The presentation is uploaded on UB Box. During the presentation they covered the University priorities –since local awards beget external recognition and awards, Academic analytics as to the placement of UB in attaining and giving faculty recognition, what are the current improvement efforts of UB in that direction, what are the best practices and case studies to drive home what is, and needs to be done.

## **New business:**

**Sustainability resolution:** The resolution put forward by the sustainability committee was presented by Dr E. Steinberg. He thanked the Chair for the opportunity to present the resolution. He reminded everyone how the sustainability committee was formed, with Phil Glick putting forward a meeting in 2019 where members put forward what they felt should be the priorities for University Life. Sustainability ranked first. Thereafter, the sustainability committee was formed. Since the goal were the same, both the Faculty and Professional sustainability committees have joined hands. Although no directives and timelines have been laid down as yet, annual benchmarks have been identified and resources need to be discussed.





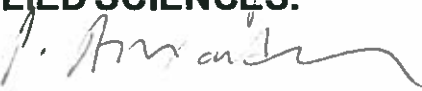





The question was called and unanimously passed.

**Executive session:** None

**Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 4.20 pm.

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

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m., 567 Capen**

<b>CHAIR:</b> Bob Miletich	
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Jessy Alexander	Present
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> Destiny Johnson	Present
<b>ARCHITECTURE &amp; PLANNING:</b> Ernest Sternberg	Present
<b>ARTS &amp; SCIENCES:</b> Sampson Blair Michael Cowen Ken Dauber	 Present Absent
<b>DENTAL MEDICINE:</b> Albert Sohnen	
<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:</b> Michael Baugh	
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES:</b> Paschalis Alexandridis Adly Fam	 Present
<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:</b> Namsook Kim	
<b>LAW:</b> Michael Boucai	
<b>MANAGEMENT:</b> TBD (1)	
<b>MEDICINE &amp; BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:</b> David Mattson Michael Morales Richard Quigg	  

**NURSING:**

Carla Jungquist

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**PHARMACY:**

Ed Bednarczyk

*Ed Bednarczyk*

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

John Wilson

*John Wilson*

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Laura Lewis

*- Mike Lynch*

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

Amy Lyons

*Amy Lyons*

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Cemal Basaran

*Cemal Basaran*

Philip Glick

Fred Stoss

R.J. Multari

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**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

A. Scott Weber

*Present*

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Tim Tryjankowski

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

Mike Montoro

*Present*

**INVITED GUESTS:**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Adly T. Faim EE*

*Mike Lynch UBSSW*

*Marina Tsianou Guest*