



**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022.
Zoom Hall**

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Fred Stoss called the Meeting to order at 3.05pm.

Agenda: Agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous meeting was approved unanimously.

President's report: Not present.

Provost's report:

The Provost, Scott Weber informed the FSEC that UB was lifting the mask mandate on campus for students, faculty and staff on 3/6/22. Anyone who wishes to continue wearing the mask in a classroom, office or other campus spaces is welcome to do so and others should be respectful of that choice. Based on federal and state guidelines mask will be required on UB buses, shuttles and health care centers. The decision id based on CDC new guidelines and the recommendations from UB's health guidelines committee chaired by Dean Allison Brashear of the Jacob School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. UB will continue to monitor COVID19 in consultation with local health officials and keep the campus Community updated in case of any further changes.

International student enrollment - In response to a question on recruitment of international students, the Provost responded that enrollment in 20/21 had been slow but 21/22 enrollment has exceeded expectation. At the undergraduate level UB's team is working very hard overseas to recruit students. He also informed the FSEC that international enrollment and recruiting is moved from International education to the enrollment management division in order to streamline the process.

The FS Chair mentioned that he will be inviting Lee H. Melvin, Vice Provost for enrollment at the University at Buffalo to talk at the May FS meeting on international student enrollment and other closely aligned topics of interest.

Research Foundation- When the Provost's attention was drawn to the bottleneck caused by the loss of staff within the Research Foundation, he responded that his office was aware and were working on multiple angles including remote working, making a significant investment making salaries more competitive, especially the sponsored projects that are the key people helping grant administration.

Buildings - In regards to the improvement of buildings/existing structures such as around alumni arena where the sidewalks are crumbling, Provost Weber described the annual resource planning process where both programmatic as well as facilities investment requests are submitted to the facilities office. He spoke about how the footprint of some programs were increased, classroom renovations and about salt causing damage etc. The infrastructure was monitored and the work decided based on priorities.

Chair's report: The report was uploaded on UB Box.

Items of interest:

Publication costs: Fred Stoss informed the FSEC that Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, Vice Provost for University Libraries was not present and her presentation was postponed to another day to address the article publication costs, and more broadly some other issues.

Academic calendar: Graham Hamill spoke about changes to the academic calendar. (1) At present UB has three days at Thanksgiving for fall break. UB is considering adding two days of fall break in the middle of the semester. This request came from the students since they felt there is a strong need for some mental health days. (2) Consider starting the spring semester earlier. (3) For the winter session, part of the purpose was to help students graduate on time or catch up in their coursework so they could stay on track. Another purpose of winter session was to increase study abroad. Further, a goal of winter session was to increase the use of the campus etc. Academic affairs will be doing some internal review focused on introducing two days break in the middle of the fall semester. The academic policy and grading committee of the FS will review the requests and bring them forward for consideration to the FS in the fall. Therefore, the changes will be in place potentially the year after next. There exists a possibility of temporary

implementation before a full implementation if it is decided to implement the changes this Fall.

In response to the question of where will the two break days be added in the fall calendar, Graham said the idea is to add a Monday and Tuesday right after the mid point in the semester as a fall break. Whether to make up for these break days at the beginning or end of the semester is still not decided, although it would be easier to add days at the end. All discussions pertained to the undergraduate, Masters and PhD programs while professional schools such as medicine, dental medicine and law have their own academic calendars that have their own governance structure.

Another question put forward was regarding whether the 20 minutes between classes for students to get from one room to another will revert to 10 minutes between classes or was it possible to have 15 minutes between classes. The concern with this suggestion was that expanding the time would cause classes to go late into the evening.

SUNY plenary: The Chair informed the FSEC that the Spring 191st SUNY FS plenary has been moved to April 7 to ninth in Westchester county downstate.

New business:

Faculty Senate and faculty senate executive committee meetings: The resolution passed last week that aligns the meeting times of the FS and FSEC was revisited; Kristin Stapleton explained that establishing when these meetings will be held requires a separate process not related to the resolution. A discussion ensued that ended with a suggestion to send out a doodle poll/survey regarding, time, day and hybrid or in person.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, February, 2022.



University at Buffalo
Faculty Senate
University Shared Governance

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Fred Stoss - ✓

SECRETARY:

Jessy Alexander - ✓

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Nicholas Chibuikem Ogam - ✓

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Hiro Hata - ✓

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Michael Cowen -

Maureen Jameson - ✓

Barbara Prinari -

Kristin Stapleton - ✓

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Othman Shibly -

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:

Michael Baugh - ✓

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Paschalis Alexandridis - ✓

Marina Tsianou - ✓

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Tiffany Karalis-Noel - ✓

LAW:

Matthew Steilen - ✓

MANAGEMENT:

Michael Dambra - ✓

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Anna Blumental-Perry -

Channa Kolb -

E. Brooke Lerner - ✓

Michael Morales - ✓

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston -

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris - ✓

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler - ✓

SOCIAL WORK:

Annahita Ball - ✓

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty - ✓

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran -

Amit Kandel -

Patrick Long -

R.J. Multari - ✓

Ken Seldeen (alternate) -

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber - ✓

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski -

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Brianna Bennett -

INVITED GUESTS:

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield -

Graham Hammill - ✓

William McDonnell - ✓

Eileen Sherman - ✓

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish - ✓

Bob Miletich - ✓

Phil Glick - ✓

Darryl Somayaji - ✓

Joanne Song McLaughlin - ✓

Padanna Perry - ✓