

# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting December 8, 2021. Zoom Hall

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Fred Stoss called the Meeting to order at 3.01pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: Agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

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

President's report: None.

#### **Provost's report**:

Provost Weber spoke about the new Gen Ed requirements by SUNY. He informed the FS that UB had contributed to it significantly and our UBs curriculum that was revamped last in 2016 meets most of the new SUNY requirements. One of the improvements is that course proposals need not be sent to SUNY but will be handled at the local level by the UB curriculum committee.

The President's advisory council on race made recommendations. The steering committee and the seven subcommittees have been working to implement them. The subcommittees were asked to identify who would be responsible for implementing specific recommendations. The subcommittees have wrapped up their work and the University community will have an opportunity to review the recommendations during the Spring semester. The Provost thanked the committees for their continued commitment and diligence to this work.

The Provost said UB was happy to welcome Allison Brashear, MD, MBA, who was the Dean of the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, as vice president for health sciences and Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She has had a distinguished and impactful career — including as a longtime champion of inclusion and social justice. As vice president for health sciences, Brashear will lead the



strategic integration of interprofessional education and practice, health sciences collaborative research, and clinical programs among all of UB's health sciences schools, departments and hospital and clinical affiliates. Prior to serving as Dean at UC Davis, she was the Chair of Neurology at Wake Forest university school of medicine, where she was responsible for the near doubling of the Faculty.

While Erie county and Western New York have been seeing a rapid increase in the number of COVID19 cases recently, UB has not followed the same pattern. UB continues to be the safest environment in WNY. This is attributed to the high vaccination rates of the students, faculty and staff and the mitigation strategies that UB has used throughout the semester, such as mask wearing. He advised the faculty staff and students to obtain a booster shot when they're able to do so.

Discussion ensued regarding the omicron variant, Gen Ed requirements and potential duplication.

**Chair's report**: The report has been uploaded on UB Box.

Obituary: Professor Harold L. Cohen, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Born 1925 in Brooklyn, NY to Russian/Polish immigrant parents, he was 96 years old. Trained in the Bauhaus tradition of art and design at the in Institute of Design Chicago, Cohen had many roles: professor/administrator at several universities, inventor, and artist. His "Designers in Production" furniture with Davis Pratt won awards; their chairs and tables are in the NY Museum of Modern Art and the Art Institute of Chicago. Cohen wrapped up his career as Dean Emeritus and Professor at the School of Architecture and Planning, State University of NY at Buffalo. As Dean, Cohen was instrumental in the redesign of downtown Buffalo and breathing life into its Theatre District. Leading a fight against Chagas disease, Cohen founded Health in Housing, now part of the World Health Organization. He also designed the Insect World for the Buffalo Museum of Science. At 75, Cohen gave up teaching to return to his love of art and printmaking. He opened his studio in downtown Buffalo. Cohen combined his love of religion, design, and art studies into a diverse accumulation of prints, paintings and sculpture. Dr. Hiro Hata spoke a few words in memory of Prof. Cohen.

Discussion ensued regarding candidates for the position for FS Secretary.

Fred Stoss informed the FSEC that he had convened the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the joint senate professional staff ad hoc committee on child and elder care that was attended by 14 members. Fred spoke of the



discussions that included extended hours for the childcare, resources for single parents, waitlist, contract workers etc.

A draft of a resolution condemning hate speech and intolerance towards acts and words of hates was presented and a discussion ensued.

There was a discussion regarding increasing membership of the FS standing committees including the by-laws committee, appointment of Chairs for the FS standing committees and the FS committee for athletics and recreation.

There was a question regarding the Faculty satisfaction survey and the results from the last coache survey.

There was a detailed discussion on athletics, state funding, grants, revenue,

#### Presentation:

#### **Old Business/New business:**

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:17pm.

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

Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

3.00 4.50 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 - ✓

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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
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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 - ✓