



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
February 10, 2021  
Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

All proceedings of the meeting was recorded and uploaded on UB Box.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Dr. Robert Miletich at 3.00pm

**Agenda:**

The FSEC passed the agenda unanimously.

**Secretary's report:**

The Secretary informed the FSEC that when the University closed for winter the FS was holding a runoff election for the position of the FS Chair. The faculty had been apprised of the result. However, for the records it was stated that Fred Stoss had been elected the Chair-elect.

The FSEC congratulated Fred Stoss on his election and thanked Robert Miletich for his service.

Minutes of December 9, 2020 meeting was presented and approved with two changes: (1) On page 3 desegregation to be changed to disaggregation and (2) The motion to rename the department carried.

**President's report:** The President welcomed the Faculty for the spring semester. The President informed the FSEC that in accordance with SUNY guidelines UB has begun weekly surveillance testing of all of our students, faculty and staff with testing sites on all three campuses. Chancellor Jim Malatras visited UB and announced that UB would be performing surveillance testing for SUNY upstate medical university at the Farber Hall testing facility.

The President said that despite the pandemic and ensuring economic downturn, critical maintenance money remains the same amount as last year, that is 550 million for the system. The governor's budget and state operating costs were cut by 5%, which is a permanent cut to the budget, however the finances are better than expected. ,UB remains cautiously optimistic regarding the budget in these challenging times.

As per UB's mission, especially in today's climate UB is addressing matters of racial inequality with the help of the President's advisory council. It is looking into matters concerning recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and leadership. They are examining UBS curriculum through a lens of inclusive pedagogy and anti-racism. A university wide mentorship program for student researchers of color is another facet being considered. This semester, the council meeting will be conducted to discuss these recommendations with the broader university community.

A discussion ensued regarding the measures being taken to confront the budget cut challenges, student tuition and increase in admissions especially for the minority and disadvantaged students.

**Provost report:** The Provost welcomed the Faculty for the Spring semester. UB is conducting hybrid classes with 61% online and 39% in person. The student course evaluations for Fall were positive, and the Provost congratulated the faculty for their achievement. New tools that have been designed and used during the online classes/pandemic will continue help enrich the teaching/learning process even after we return to 'normalcy'. During the pandemic, the number of grant application that were processed increased by 100% compared to the same time last year. Faculty received grants during the pandemic: the Provost mentioned a few.

He reiterated the ongoing Dean searches. Russell Reynolds, who has extensive recruiting experience, will support the search committees. Search progress and status information will be available on the website.

The Provost informed the FSEC that the search for the Vice Provost for International Education was ongoing with a strong pool of finalist candidates and he hoped to name the VP by the end of the month.

Fred Stoss presented items from shared governance leadership meeting:

1. The first was, concern regarding the tragic suicide at Clemens Hall and the measures that were in place to ensure that such incidences never occur. The Provost responded that the Capital Planning committee and the facilities group had surveyed and were evaluating all the UB buildings.
2. The second question was regarding mental health and the availability of satellite offices on all campuses. The Provost responded in the positive.
3. The third and final question was regarding salary equity for distinguished visiting faculty. The Provost responded that the goal of UB was to increase diversity and UB was competitive where salaries were concerned.

**Parliamentarian report:** None

**Chairs report:** The Chair informed the FSEC that he had attended a senior leadership retreat where racial injustice was discussed along with the initiatives that were being put in place.

*Obituary:*

Nancy Preston Broderick, a longtime associate dean at the University at Buffalo, died Nov. 23, 2020 under hospice care in her Williamsville home. She was 102.

Corstiaan "Chris" BRASS M.D., Infectious specialist passed away December 20, 2020 after a brief illness. Dr. Brass received numerous honors that included the Robert S. Berkson MD Memorial Award in 2000 and a Medical Research Council of Canada grant 1978-1980 among others.

A moment of silence was maintained in memory of our colleagues.

**Presentation:** Brice Bible, Vice President and Chief Information Officer (VPCIO) gave some pointers on zoom security. This is very important in today's environment. He spoke of the different challenges including class hacking, password security, zoom behavior, waiting room/lobby etc. The slides are available on UB Box.

He answered questions subsequently regarding attendance, dashboard possibilities, library resources, changes being made etc.

**New or Unfinished Business:**

***Renaming the Department:*** Dean Robin Schultz spoke about the establishment of Department of Native American Studies, a process, including the history, that was detailed for the FSEC by Theresa McCarthy earlier. Theresa is a professor in the UB History department, an Onondaga nation, Beaver clan citizen of Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in Ontario and the author of 'In Divided Unity: Haudenosaunee Reclamation at Grand River', which won the 2017 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association's Best First Book Prize. Dean Robin spoke about the timeline, hiring faculty, outreach staff, tightening community ties, language courses, incoming students and cross disciplinary interactions with departments such as Public Health.

The motion placed on the table was to support the formation of the Department of Indigenous Studies in CAS.

The motion passed unanimously.

**187<sup>th</sup> SUNY Plenary resolutions:**

The Resolutions for consideration needed our Faculty Senate Endorsement only. These resolutions were passed at the Plenary:

The resolution presented include (presenter given in brackets):

1. Shared Governance in These Times of Extraordinary Challenges; (RJ Multari); passed unanimously.
2. On Academic Planning for Responding to Future Crises (RJ Multari); passed unanimously.
3. Board of Trustees Acknowledges that Black Lives Matter Resolution; (Fred Stoss)

UFS recognizes and supports Black Lives Matter Resolution (University Faculty Senate); (Fred Stoss).

It was passed with Yay 87%; Nay 0% and Abstain 13%

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 4.32 pm.

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



**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m.**

<b>CHAIR:</b> Bob Miletich - X
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Jessy Alexander - X
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> Richard Gronostajski - X
<b>ARCHITECTURE &amp; PLANNING:</b> Hiro Hata - X
<b>ARTS &amp; SCIENCES:</b> Michael Cowen - X Ken Dauber – X Barbara Prinari - X Maureen Jameson – X
<b>DENTAL MEDICINE:</b> Othman Shibly -
<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:</b> Michael Baugh - X
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES:</b> Paschalis Alexandridis - X Adly Fam - X
<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:</b> Janina Brutt-Griffler –
<b>LAW:</b> Matthew Dimick - X
<b>MANAGEMENT:</b> Michael Dambra -
<b>MEDICINE &amp; BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:</b> Anna Blumenal-Perry - X Channa Kolb - E. Brooke Lerner - X

**NURSING:**

Jennifer Livingston - X

**PHARMACY:**

Marilyn Morris - X

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Albert Vexler - X

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Laura Lewis - X

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

Alison Fraser –

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Cemal Basaran -

Philip Glick - X

Fred Stoss - X

R.J. Multari - X

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi - X

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

A. Scott Weber - X

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Tim Tryjankowski - X

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

Mike Montoro - X

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Robin Schulze - X

Brice Bible - X

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Naish – X

Eileen Sherman – X

Robert Granfield – X

Graham Hammill - X

Theresa McCarthy - X

Sean Bennett - X

**PHONE ATTENDEES:**

Empty rows for phone attendees.

