



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
April 28, 2021
Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

The recordings of the April 14 meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

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

Agenda: Accepted unanimously.

Secretary's report:

The Secretary presented the minutes of April 14, 2021 meeting. The minutes was approved unanimously.

Patrick Long is elected SUNY Senator. He will serve a three year term.

President's report: President Tripathi was not present.

Provost's report

End of academic year: The Provost gave kudos to all for navigating a surprising year.

Accolades: Anoop Kiran, an aerospace engineering student who chose the field because it “drives innovation and inspiration” is UB’s latest recipient of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship, the most prestigious and competitive research scholarship offered for undergraduate STEM students.

Three UB researchers, Margarete Jadamec, Department of Geology and the Institute for Computational and Data Sciences; Huamin Li, Department of Electrical Engineering; and Ann-Marie Torregrossa, Department of Psychology have received the National Science Foundation’s CAREER award for this academic year.

Sustainability: According to the [2021 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings](#), which rate UB No. 1 in the world in addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) pertaining to climate action. In addition, UB is ranked No. 2 out of 560 institutions globally and No. 1 in the U.S. in SDG 7, which captures institutional commitment to affordable and clean energy.

Leadership changes: Amit Goyal has shared his plans to step down as founding director of the UB RENEW Institute this summer at the conclusion of his second three-year term. He will continue to work at UB as SUNY Distinguished Professor and Empire Innovation Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, and as an adjunct professor of physics.

The search for Dean for the School of Social Work continues and has attracted several outstanding candidates.

There was a discussion on vaccination and distance learning.

Parliamentarian report: None

Chairs report: Chairs report is uploaded on UB Box.

Obituary:

Yow-Wu “Bill” Wu, longtime School of Nursing faculty member, died on March 30, 2021. Wu received a PhD in educational psychology from the University at Buffalo; an MS in remedial reading from the University of Wisconsin; and an MA in education (exceptional children) and a BA in education from National Taiwan University. Wu joined the University at Buffalo in 1986 as the director of the Academic Computing Laboratory and joined the School of Nursing as a clinical assistant professor in 1987. His contributions to the scientific community and the field of nursing, both directly and through his colleagues and mentees, will be felt globally for generations to come. A treasured member of the School of Nursing for 32 years, his colleagues and students fondly remember him for his patience, kindness and optimistic spirit.

A few moments of silence was maintained in memory of Dr Wu.

Presentations:

New or Unfinished Business:

1) *Faculty Satisfaction Poll Committee Volunteers/Candidate Recommendations:* Presented by Robert Miletich.: He requested FSEC members to step up and volunteer for this committee. He also suggested

that it would be helpful if colleagues who use polls in their academic work and have expertise in the area, volunteered to serve on this committee.

2) *Faculty Senate EC Discussion Listserv*: Presented by Robert Miletich.: He informed the Senate that two listservs for the FSEC will be available: FSEC Official, which is the current listserv, used for Official business only; FSEC Discussion, which any member of FSEC can use in order to send emails to all the other members.

Productivity during the pandemic: Presented by Barbara Pinari. This suggestion (potential resolution) is calling upon academic leadership to ensure that reductions in productivity during the pandemic, not adversely impact faculty access to consideration for research leaves, discretionary salary increases or result in increased or shifted workload; and to solicit from faculty an optional supplement to the annual report detailing impacts of the pandemic on their work.

SUNY Resolutions:

Resolution 1: *On Academic Planning for Responding to Future Crises*. This resolution urges System Administration, and relevant campus governance organizations, to develop plans to effectively manage the fundamental responsibility to educate students- modes of teaching, learning, and assessment – when these may be significantly disrupted by future crisis, such plans to be reviewed and updated annually.

Resolution 2: *Holistic Student Space*. SUNY University Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor to direct campus presidents to designate, develop, and maintain a dedicated fully accessible, multi-purpose space on campus for private student holistic well-being needs (e.g., spiritual practice, meditation, or other self care)

Resolution 3: *Pandemic Response*. SUNY University Faculty Senate acknowledges the incredible hard work, growth, and resilience exhibited over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic by SUNY faculty, staff, administration and students.

Resolution 4: *360 Reviews*. SUNY University Faculty Senate requests that the Chancellor encourage campus presidents to implement a 360 review of



all M/C employees below the campus president level as a component of such employees professional development and self-evaluation.

Resolution 5: *TIAA Divestment*. SUNY University Faculty Senate commends and strongly supports the resolutions of SUNY constituent campuses to date, the UUP, and NYSUT; and urge the Chancellor to publicize SUNY support for divesting all TIAA funds from the fossil fuel industries and resulting deforestation activities.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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



Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
3:00-4:30 p.m.

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

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran - X

Philip Glick - X

Fred Stoss - X

R.J. Multari - X

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

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:**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Naish – X

Eileen Sherman – X

Robert Granfield – X

Graham Hammill -