



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

April 1, 2020

Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

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 FSEC meeting, 3/11/2020 was approved and accepted unanimously.

President's report:

COVID19: Update on COVID19. President Tripathi said that the transition from person-to-person to online has been successful. There are still issues that are being ironed out. In response to questions regarding the budget, the President responded that so far they were not aware of any budget cuts, but he cautioned that there may be limitations on the budget. Data was needed to make any predictions as there was uncertainty whether there would be any cuts down the line. The Provost added that all courses were being offered online and that it was a dynamic situation and although they were trying to plan ahead the situation was being closely monitored and they would proceed based on the situation at the moment.

Provost: The Provost thanked the Faculty for providing instruction in this extraordinary climate.

The Provost mentioned that Robert Granfield would be giving an insight into the tenure clock which is a national conversation, later during the meeting.

Graduate students: The Provost mentioned that it was an unprecedented climate with the graduate students not present on the campus. We should "think deeply and strongly across the landscape" as to the movement forward.

Dean of SEAS: The Provost informed the FSEC that after an intense search, Dr Kemper E. Lewis has been appointed as the Dean of UB's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, effective May 1, 2020. Dr. Lewis currently serves as Moog Professor of Innovation and Chair of the

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at UB. The Provost said that Dr Lewis brings to this role exceptional scholarly and teaching accomplishments, significant administrative experience, and proven dedication to UB students and faculty.

He ended by once again thanking the FS and the PS for their service.

Phil requested/suggested that union be represented at the table when big decisions are being made in this uncertain climate.

Chair's report:

The Chair spoke of COVID19 and the uncertainties.

Parliamentarian: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ann Bisantz, Dean of Undergraduate Education gave an undergraduate academic policy update. They were extending support, expanding exceptions and broadening policies in collaboration with the Chair of Academic Policy & Grading committee, Registrar, Undergraduate Associate Deans Council, and in regular communications with UG Associate Deans and Advising Community to help the students succeed in the current climate. A student facing website is in place where there was information as to how the students could take advantage of the resources and the policies in place. Students are also being given maximum flexibility in their option to choose S/U. Deadlines have all been extended until 12/31/20.

Robert Granfield: Since research has been disrupted with labs not functioning normally, travel restriction, decreased mobility in data gathering, discussions are ongoing as to clock extension for faculty recovery. Although there is nothing yet in policy or recommendation SUNY & UUP are having conversations and thoughts about clock stop issues.

Graham Hammill: SUNY is providing campuses with lap-tops and UBIT is providing mobile hotspots. 200 laptops are expected with another shipment in the future. UB is expecting demand to exceed availability. Academic planning and assessment committee would be setting guidelines and priorities and he welcomed suggestions by the next day.

Executive session: None

New business:

Jessy Alexander: Presented the reapportionment of Faculty for 2020 which is done once in 5 years in UB. Since the number of faculty has not changed significantly from 2015, the apportionment for 2020 remained similar except for a couple of units such as SEAS and law which saw changes in the number of senators from 2015.

Old Business: None

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4.00 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, April2020