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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE March 2, 2016

CHAIR:

Philip Glick

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas

Michael Cowen

Stephen Dyson (excused)

Jean-Jacques Thomas (absent)

TBD

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

To be assigned

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lilliam Malave

PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH

PROFESSIONS:

Jim Lenker

LAW:

Matt Steilen (absent)

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders (absent)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Chaskes (absent)

Peter Elkin (excused)

Richard Gronostajski

Gabriela Popescu (excused)

Charles Wiles

NURSING:

Grace Dean (excused)

PHARMACY:

Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper (excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran

Ezra Zubrow

Phil Glick

Heather Montague

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

James Hassett

GUESTS:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost

Dominic Licata, Chair of Professional Staff

Senate

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1. Minutes of 2/24 approved.

2. Chair's Report

- Moment of silence for student William Cooper, Buffalo artist and husband of FSEC member Glendora Johnson-Cooper.
- Moment of silence for UB student and athlete Solomon Jackson.
- March 1st UB Day of Shared Governance was a great success. Over 100 in attendance. Chancellor Zimpher teleconferenced in and was very positive and encouraging of this historic event.

3. Provost's Report

- Responded to a Buffalo Business First news article, http://www.bizjournals.com/buffalo/print-edition/2016/02/26/how-ub-stacks-up.html, that looked at how UB stacks up to the other SUNY centers.
 - Open discussion on how we might "fix" this lead to the Provost asking the group what specifically about the comparisons troubled them.
 - 1. Increase the % who graduate in 4 years.
 - 2. Grow the number of students might actually hurt us.
 - Improve the quality of student by requiring higher SAT scores
 - a. Problem is it creates a socio-economic imbalance.
 - 4. Less than 50% of 4 year degrees in NYS are coming from Public schools.
 - 5. Brochures coming from UB are of poor quality
 - 6. We do not recruit enough locally from public or private schools
 - We should model Binghamton and send our Honors and Academies students back to their high schools to talk up our programs
 - 8. Do we retain our undergraduates as graduates?-Yes but it varies by department
 - 9. We should have more accelerated programs, like the math program, for high school students
 - 10. Can we develop a better relationship with the 4 year SUNYs to funnel some of those graduates into UB graduate programs?

4. Bylaws report by Dr. Gronostajski.

 A revision of the Bylaws was suggested but the committee would like only those passages that impede the workings of Faculty Senate to be brought up and then they will look at those. The committee would like to see proportional/cumulative voting done, as per our Bylaws, across all units. FSEC, 3/2/16 Page **3** of **3**

- 5. Elections report by Cynthia Tysick tabled until 3/9/16
- 6. Academic Freedom report by Dr. Sternberg
 - Committee would like a written policy for faculty on IT policies related to security and privacy, especially in relation to email.
 - Discussion occurred among FSEC members about freedom of information, freedom of speech, and privacy.
 - NIH grant data is public property and must be in a repository but the question is what is the definition of data?
 - It was noted that NSF raw data must be in a public database
 - FSEC should ask SUNY Senate to take up the issue of what is a FOILable exception.
 - What is freedom of speech/expression? Who defines it on a campus, the faculty?
 - SUNY and UUP contract says that academic freedom will exist but there is no definition or policy anywhere.
 - Discussion occurred among FSEC members and Dr. Basaran was asked to work on his resolution further.
- 7. Resolution on Academic Freedom was tabled until 3/9/16
- 8. Ethics discussion led by Dr. Basaran

Discussion occurred amongst FSEC members as to the ethical dilemma of a chair who uses or misuses department funds to employee staff or students for his/her own research lab. Can he/she use department money to purchase equipment and fund TAs/RAs for their research lab? Faculty must report any unethical dealings of ANY faculty colleague to their Dean.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm Submitted by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary to the Faculty Senate 3/7/2016