

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2013

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Edward Herman

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Sampson Blair (Absent)

Kenneth Dauber

Stephen Dyson (Absent)

Peter Morgan

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Elaine Davis

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Joseph Mollendorf

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Emily Hayden

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Robert Burkard

LAW:

Lynn Mather

MANAGEMENT:

Larry Sanders

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Yogesh Bakhai

Michael Chaskes

James Hassett (Excused)

Gabriela Popescu (Excused)

NURSING:

Grace Dean

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (Excused)

SUNY SENATORS:

Adly Fam (Excused)

Donald Grinde (Absent)

Kathleen Kielar

Peter Nickerson

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Beth Adelman

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

William H. Baumer

GUESTS:

Undergraduate Student Association:

Daniel Ovadia

Professional Staff Senate:

Ann Marie Landel

1. Chair's Report

- The University administration wants FSEC to nominate 8 people to serve on the Law School Decanal Review Committee. Four nominees will be accepted.
- The Startup NY program requires participating companies to adhere to the academic mission of the respective campuses. Zubrow will argue that it is the Faculty Senate's role to determine UB's mission.
- The Chair said FSEC must re-activate a committee to approve new undergraduate courses and programs. A group of associate deans did this until recently, but after insisting that it is the Faculty Senate's role, Zubrow began doing so as a committee of one.

2. Report of the Grading Committee (William Baumer):

- FSEC approved the attached report of the Faculty Senate Grading Committee, "Academic Standards Policy—Proposed Revisions" (November 2013). [Click here](#) to view it.

3. Restructuring Faculty Senate Committees

- Baumer argued that FSEC, which is the Committee on Committees, has the authority to restructure Faculty Senate committees. Zubrow decided that FSEC should present a proposal for restructuring committees to the Faculty Senate at its December 3 meeting and ask for advice.

- FSEC considered several options:
- Airport Plan (Created by Zubrow and A. Fam during an airport layover) FSEC

Elections

Bylaws

Governance

Graduate Affairs

Undergraduate Affairs

Research

- Mather Plan

Academic Planning (add Admissions & Retention)

Budget Priorities

Governance

Library and Information (add: Computers & Facilities Planning—kind of an infrastructure committee)

Research (add Public Service)

Teaching (add Grading and Educational Programs)

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Equity and Diversity (instead of Affirmative Action and add Tenure and Promotion)

- Keiler Plan—Mirror the SUNY Senate committee structure.

- FSEC agreed to propose the following committee structure to the Faculty Senate:

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility
- Academic Planning and Assessment
- Academic Policies and Grading
- Budget Priorities
- Bylaws
- Elections
- Equity and Diversity

- Executive/Governance
- Libraries and Information Technology
- Research and Creative Activities
- Teaching and Learning
- Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges

4. **Senate Rules**—The “Standing Orders of the UB Faculty Senate” (Revised 2/18/97), Article 2--Duties and Responsibilities of UB Faculty Senators, section B states:

“Election to the UB Faculty Senate entails the obligation to attend its meetings. If an elected Senator and his/her Alternate are absent from two consecutive meetings of the Senate, or from three meetings during the academic year, without explanation of such absence satisfactory to the Chair of the Senate (from whose decision appeal may be taken to the Executive Committee),... the Senator's membership in the Senate shall cease (terminating thereby the service of the Alternate). Upon notification to the electoral unit by the Secretary of the Senate, the electoral unit shall elect a replacement to fill the unexpired term. The vacant seat will not be counted in the determination of a quorum; nor will any unfilled seat.”

Furthermore, Section C—Notification states that “Senators who are unable to attend a Senate meeting are responsible for informing their alternates of that fact and for providing the alternate with the appropriate meeting documentation.” Zubrow will forward a message to all Senators prior to the December 3rd meeting reminding them of this. In an attempt to increase Senate attendance, FSEC determined that the rule should be enforced beginning with the December 3rd meeting. The rule will not apply to meetings missed prior to that date.

Prepared by
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Faculty Senate

