

305 Silverman Library

Attendance: see FSEC Attendance 9/10/24

### Call to Order

Chair called meeting to order at 3:03pm

# Agenda Approved

- A motion to approve the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Agenda was made and seconded. All approved.
- A motion to approve the Faculty Senate 9/17/24 Agenda was made and seconded. All approved.
  - SUNY Faculty Senate Senator Stapleton clarified the amendments to the Criteria for Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure will be the second reading and not the fifth reading as stated in the FS 9/17/24 agenda. The Chair accepted the updated reading sequence and noted that the forthcoming FS agenda will be amended to note the corrected reading sequence.

## Actionable Items

- Minutes from 5/7/24 were unanimously approved.
- Secretary's Report 9/10/24 accepted.
- Chair's Report 9/10/24 accepted.
- Summary of Summer Faculty Retreat presented potential areas of focus for Faculty Senate and Standing Committees.
- New Faculty Standing Committee Members approved. The Executive Committee tabled approval of volunteers
  that are adjunct faculty, staff, and those that requested to be part of three or more Standing Committees. The
  Secretary will follow up with each tabled category and provide an update of the Faculty Senate Charter and
  Standing Orders for guidance on approval of these exceptions at next Executive Committee Meeting on 9/24/24.

#### Other Items

#### President's Report

- Continues to focus on ensuring that students continue to learn and thrive in a healthy and safe environment free from disruption.
- Draft policies provided on August 22 are content neutral. Policies are in the 30-day review period with Policies Review Group.
- Renovations continue on North and Campus:
  - New student club space in School of Law
  - New entrance to Silverman Library
  - Major renovations to Student Union

- Expansion of Fargo Quad
- Brittany Murchie Mulla Sports Performance Center finished—grand opening October 17
- o Russell L Agrusa Hall for School of Engineering—groundbreaking September 17

#### Faculty Highlights

- School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences—largest NIH award in the School's history for therapy for antibiotics resistant infections.
- School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences—competitive NIH grant to train early career faculty to address health inequities in WNY.
- NSF grant—Graduate School of Education to prepare teachers for the needs of multilingual learners who
  are choosing STEM related subjects.
- Dept of Philosophy and Political Science received John Templeton Foundation grant to diversity and disagreement helps open society.
- Search for the next Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.
  - Law School Dean Todd Brown serves as Chair of Search Committee.
  - New Dean should be identified by the Spring 2025 semester
- State of University Address—10/11/24 at 11a.
- 161 total faculty hired—more than last year.
- Student Numbers: final numbers in early October; Current: 30,500 +100 more than last year; UG population same (19K); Growth in Masters Programs. Wants steady student body growth.
- Questions for President:
  - SUNY Senator Stapleton posed a question regarding the need for more transparency around how
    outside law enforcement is used on campus in conjunction with UB police. President Tripathi shared
    that there is a committee of faculty, students, and staff who are looking at these policies to analyze the
    current policy and discuss what changes need to be made. The Committee is addressing this policy this
    semester.
  - SUNY Senator Stapleton reiterated the desire for more clarification on how decisions regarding the use of outside law enforcement are made.

#### Changes to UB Policies Regarding Campus Demonstrations presented by James Jarvis, SUNY Counsel.

- o Jarvis shared the updated policies on Assembling, Camping on Campus, and Posting (<u>Draft Policies</u>).
- Shared that the policies are open to feedback from the University at Buffalo community for 30 days, with the commenting period ceasing at the end of September (2024).
- The Policy Review Group (PRG) will provide the feedback made within the 30-day review period from the University at Buffalo community to guide updates to the policies. The updated policies will be presented at the PRG meeting in mid-October (2024). At that point, the policies will go into effect.
- Jarvis shared that following the PRG's established process, there will not be an additional 30-day commenting period after initial 30-day commenting period (the end of September). Therefore, the updated policies will be approved after the PRG meeting in October (2024) with no further commenting from the University community.

# Academic Freedom and Responsibility Standing Committee's Response to Time, Place, and Manner policies with memo.

- Concerns were shared by Chair and members of the Academic Freedom and Responsibility Standing Committee:
  - Lack of confidentiality with posting flyers and the impact on student safety. Anonymity needs to be maintained for open discourse.
  - The assembly rules have some ambiguity which may lead to inequities with enforcement.
  - o Unsure of the update to the chalking policy and why the policy on chalking differs from the SUNY policy.

- Concerns of updates to the amplification policy and the impact of the policy on others who are utilizing amplification devices that are not impacting University operations (for example at social events).
- Members of the Academic Freedom and Responsibility Standing Committee shared the concerns that the
  updated policies impact First Amendment rights and the ambiguity in the polices may lead to selective
  enforcement.
- SUNY Senator Stapleton made a motion to present a resolution at the next Faculty Senate meeting on 9/17/24 to extend the commenting period on the updated policies on Time, Place, and Manner.
  - Members of the Academic Freedom and Responsibility Standing Committee agreed to draft a resolution that will be presented to the Faculty Senate on 9/17/24 for approval to provide the University Community an additional 30-day commenting period on the updated Time, Place, and Manner policies prior to the updated policies being presented to PRG in October for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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# Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2024 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN:
Patrick Long — Excused
ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:
Kerry Traynor — Excused
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Sampson Lee Blair (Sabbatical)—
Swathi Karamcheti —
Sara Metcalf – TPF  Liana Vardi – Cui
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DENTAL MEDICINE:
Michelle Visser –
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
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ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Weifeng Su –
Jing Wang - MATTING

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