

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
567 Capen Hall, 3-4:30pm

Attendance: attached at end.

All proceedings of the meeting was recorded and uploaded on UB Box.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr Phil Glick at 3.00pm

Agenda: The agenda was accepted unanimously with the change in agenda to accept the resolution from the academic and grading committee.

Minutes of 3/06/2019 was approved and accepted unanimously..

Chair's report:

1. *Obituary:* A moment of silence was maintained for:

Robert J. Genco, a world-renowned researcher in oral science and a tireless advocate for interdisciplinary research and entrepreneurship at UB for the past 51 years who died March 6. Dr Genco received a doctorate in microbiology and immunology from the University of Pennsylvania, a doctorate in dental surgery from UB. Lauded by the Journal of Dental Research as the “father of oral science,” Genco was arguably the world’s leading periodontal researcher and a pioneer in advancing the study of how oral health impacts overall health. He was a member of the National Academy of Medicine and a SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral biology, Periodontics and Microbiology.

He published more than 400 scientific articles, served in editorial positions for nearly a dozen scientific journals, held nearly a dozen patents, and received numerous multimillion-dollar grants as the principal investigator on research projects. Dr. Genco served as vice provost of the UB Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach (STOR) from 2002-16, where he successfully commercialized both his own discoveries and those of UB faculty and students. Dr. Genco received numerous awards

throughout his career, including the American Dental Association (ADA) Gold Medal for Excellence in Research, the ADA Award for Clinical Research, the SUNY Research Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, and the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Distinguished Scientist Award.

Robert E. Baier, Professor of Ophthalmology and executive director of UB Center for BioSurfaces who died on March 2, 2019. He completed his doctorate in biophysics at UB in 1966, then did post-doctoral training in surface chemistry as a National Academy of Sciences fellow in the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Bob was an internationally renowned biomedical engineer and distinguished professor at the University at Buffalo. His discoveries include: non-toxic coatings to keep marine creatures off the hulls of ships, development of Systane lubricant eye drops, artificial tears that do double duty by maintaining the protective film on the eye, development of titanium dental implants, which are used worldwide and a mouthwash that removes plaque from teeth.

Dr. Baier served as the principal physicist at Calspan Advanced Technology Center, working on chemical and biological defense for the military; an adjunct professor in the UB Dental School; executive director of the New York State Center for Advanced Technology in Health-care Instruments and Devices at UB; executive director of the Industry/University Center for Biosurfaces; professor of biomaterials in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences in the UB Dental School; a volunteer professor of ophthalmology; an adjunct professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, and the director of the biomaterials graduate program. He also served as an adjunct professor, faculty associate or consultant at Empire State College, Columbia University, Cornell University and Clemson University. He helped found the Society for Biomaterials, was an early winner of its Basic Science Prize and later served as president.

Ms. Bernadette Hoppe died March 1st at the age of 54. Bernadette "Berni" Hoppe was a lawyer, adjunct professor in the law school and a lifelong community activist.

2. Shared Governance Day:

March 5th was the SG day celebrated at the Center for tomorrow. Approximately 80 people attended the celebrations. The resolution accepting, “Office of Shared Governance: Doctrine of Shared Governance” was passed unanimously. Along with the visiting dignitaries also patched in by phone were the SUNY Chancellor and Provost. Food was served by Big Blue/little blue.

3. PRB meeting:

The annual PRB general meeting of interested faculty/staff with the Chair of the President’s Review Board and the Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs will be held on April 11, 2019 at 10 Capen Hall from 10am – 12 noon.

4. Chairs comments on leadership

The Chair reminded everyone what leadership was all about. He commented on leadership, power and Tzimtzum: a model for contemporary leadership. He alluded to the interview with Dr Andrew Rehfeld, president-elect of HUC and Rabbi Borowitz’s modern interpretation of the kabbalah concept of Tzimtzum. The chapter from Rabbi Borowitz’s book is on UB Box.

President’s report:

The National Science Foundation's career award is the most prestigious award in support of junior faculty. The awards are given to outstanding scientists who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through research, education, and the integration of education and research. Ten UB faculty received the award this year, the highest number compared to earlier years (5 last year).

University at Buffalo ranking has moved to 89 according to US news, going up about 24 points. Several schools rankings have surged ahead in their respective fields.

The President spent a few minutes remembering, Dr Genco as a friend and colleague, internationally renowned.

Four, University at Buffalo alumni will receive SUNY honorary doctorate degrees. They include: Dr Donald Pinkel, First Director and CEO of St Jude's Hospital, Memphis; Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary of Department of Science and Technology, India; United States Navy veteran Rebecca McCormick-Boyle; and Judge Julio Fuentes, third circuit court of appeals.

Critical conversations is a presidential program showcasing distinguished scholars at the forefront of their fields and at the vanguard of shaping how we understand the vital issues, questions and challenges facing our 21st century world. The **2019 CC** program features France A. Córdova, the 14th director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) on April 3rd at 10 Capen Hall.

Parliamentarian's report: None.

Provost's report:

PRODI-G: The SUNY PRODI-G (Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth) led by Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives Teresa Miller which is a comprehensive solution to a complex problem, using research-informed, data-driven best practices. PRODI-G will help our campuses recruit and retain 1000 early- to mid-career professors from under-represented groups by 2030, with salary support in the first three years of a PRODI-G faculty appointment. UB has bid to participate in PRODI-G.

Online courses: The 64 institutions of The State University of New York including UB offer online 470 courses. Online majors allow you the flexibility of getting an education on your schedule and can be completed either part-time or full-time without a residency requirement.

Presentations:

Drs. Stephen Dunnett and John Wood from the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (PRV) made a presentation on UBs distinctive International identity and the strategic priorities. The presentation is on UB Box.

New business:

Suspension of rules for Parliamentarian: Phil Glick presented a suggestion that rules should be suspended at the end of the semester in order to look for a new Parliamentarian. The concern expressed regarding confidentiality during executive sessions was addressed and mentioned that their function as a Parliamentarian supersedes their functions outside the senate.

TA stipend resolution: Once again presented by Jason Benedict who requested input to bring back to the BP committee. The TA stipend resolution along with the input from the FSEC was sent back to the budget and priorities committee for further discussions.

English Ph.D. student Willis McCumber made a two minute pitch about the Living Stipend Movement.

Faculty Senate agenda for 3/26/2019 was approved unanimously.

Academic and Grading policy: Undergraduate SA presented earlier on mental health and sexual harassment. They asked that the syllabi should add this as a mandatory part of the syllabus. The academic and grading committee felt the syllabus should not be made so policy heavy. It could be added to the syllabi as a suggestion but not mandating it. It could be done on the electronic syllabi. The resolution was to recommend the resolution, "Faculty should be strongly encouraged to include an article or a link to the syllabi regarding resources available for mental health and sexual harassment concerns" for discussions in the FS. It was unanimously passed for discussions. Ernie S. suggested that it was too narrow. The question was called for passing the resolution. Resolution was passed with yea to nay, 16:1.

Strategic Planning Commission: In December 2018 the FSEC had a strategic planning session and campus environmental issues hit the top of the chart. Ernie Sternberg made a motion to discuss the resolution which was accepted. Ernie S. communicated with both Ryan McPherson and the Professional Senate. It was suggested a standing committee be established (14th standing committee).

Domenic Licata commended the formation of the committee but suggested that they should work together with the Professional sustainability committee. Comments from Domenic, attached at end of minutes.

It was suggested that the Campus environmental & Sustainability committee formed and brought back to the FSEC. Fred volunteered as the liaison.

The motion for the formation of the CESC was passed unanimously.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Executive session: None.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate,
March, 2019.

Comments from Domenic J. Licata, Chair, Professional Staff Senate

We commend the Faculty Senate on their interest and actions to further UB along its sustainability mission through shared governance processes. The more voices speaking on any issue will strengthen and amplify our progress, and the PSS looks forward to continue a collaborative dialog with the Faculty Senate in this area.

I'd like to give you some info about the PSS Sustainable Living Committee and suggest that the charge of your new committee consider avoiding any duplication that might exist with the PSS, whose activity mirrors this in these resolved clauses very closely. I would urge that we work together to create a higher order of shared governance process, rather than creating a second body with a similar charge. I would predict that administrative operational units are going to tell us that we need to work together - that they don't want to hear duplicated message from two separate governance bodies.

Instead, I would suggest focusing on areas where we are still lacking, such as within curriculum and library support, and marrying them with operational strategies. For example, need more of what's happening with the tree inventory/drones.

I propose postponing a vote on this resolution and invite members of this body to meet with the PSS Executive Committee to discuss opportunities to strengthen the FS committee charge, creating a complementary body rather than a duplicate.

Failing that, I would propose that at a minimum the resolution designates that a liaison be pointed to service on both the FS committee and the PSS committee.

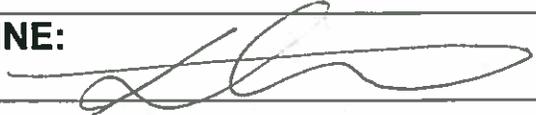
Finally, I propose that a Whereas statement be added recognizing the decades-long work of the PSS Sustainable Living committee, it's decades-long advocacy and activity, and striving to work with and build upon this shared governance legacy.

PSS Sustainable Living Committee Accomplishments

- Winner of the 2016 SLICE Award - UB Sustainability recognition for Sustainability Excellence by a Department or Cross-Functional Team — “playing a critical role to mainstream sustainability into the fabric of university life and helped to create a culture of sustainability”.
- Sponsored electronics recycling and clothing donation event for 3 years, removing tons of waste from landfills.
- Co-sponsored Libraries sustainability film series.
- Alternative transportation subcommittee participated in the 2017 University Transportation Informatics conference, and has identified and promoted state-sponsored pre-tax NFTA passes and rail travel options.
- Partners with facilities on campus beautification efforts.
- Partnered with Slow Roll Buffalo for a Bike Stamped between campuses and with P&T on campus Bull rides.
- Funded new kayaks for use by professional staff and faculty.
- Conduct Campus Nature Walks with Professor Sandy Geffner.
- Resolution on landscape improvement and drone-based tree inventory.
- Co-sponsor on presentation with Janice Cochran on the carbon footprint of Food.
- Sponsors annual Sustainability Fair to inform the UB community of sustainable living strategies.



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CHAIR: Philip Glick
SECRETARY: Jessy Alexander
PARLIAMENTARIAN: To be determined...
ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING: Ernie Sternberg 
ARTS & SCIENCES: Sampson Blair Ken Dauber
DENTAL MEDICINE: Dana Keblawi 
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER: Chris Yuen 
ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES: Bharat Jayaraman  Marina Tsianou 
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:  Samuel Abramovich
LAW: Mateo Taussig-Rubbo
MANAGEMENT:  Jurriaan de Jong
MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: David Mattson  Robert Miletich  Richard Quigg 
NURSING:  Carla Jungquist

