



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
February 24, 2021
Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

The recordings of the February 24 meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair Dr. Robert Miletich called the meeting to order at 3.00pm

Agenda:

The FSEC passed the agenda unanimously with the change of the title of the resolution, “fossil fuel” to “TIAA divestment from fossil fuel and deforestation.”

Secretary’s report:

The Secretary reminded the FSEC of the ongoing SUNY Senator elections. The minutes of February 10, 2021 meeting was presented, and was approved unanimously.

President’s report: None

Provost report: None

Parliamentarian report: None

Chairs report: Chairs report is uploaded on UB Box. The focus was on bullying and climate change.

New or Unfinished Business:

Resolutions:

(1) Carine Mardorossian presented the resolution, “TIAA divestment from fossil fuel and deforestation.” This resolution is crafted and was passed by the SUNY New Paltz Faculty Senate. In addition, the resolution is supported by the UUP. This resolution is meant to bring awareness to the ‘climate emergency’ and to stop its forward trajectory before it causes catastrophic consequences. The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of

America-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA) has \$8 billion invested in industries promoting fossil fuel production, distribution and consumption. This resolution calls on the TIAA executives to cease investing money to fund fossil fuel expansion and the deforestation projects that are destroying the planet.

Fred Stoss mentioned that although this matter was mentioned at the SUNY Plenary no decision had been taken.

A discussion ensued in which Phil Glick mentioned that the individual investments could be changed by those who own investments, and the question as to how SUNY investments were decided upon could be brought up at the next SUNY meeting.

The question of acceptance of the resolution by the FSEC and sending it to the full FS was brought to the table and voted upon.

The resolution passed: 15 yay; 3 nay; and 2 abstained.

It will be moved to the March 16th full FS agenda.

(2) Resolution to “Establish Faculty Senate Health and Safety committee.” Bob Miletich presented the resolution and therefore, Jessy Alexander conducted this part of the meeting. Previously, the FS had passed a resolution, supporting the establishment of an Article 43 health and safety committee, which was not promulgated by the President since it conflicted with the established rules of the FS and the UUP. However, it was suggested that the FS establish a committee as it relates to teaching, learning and research and therefore this resolution was drawn.

Some discussion ensued. Phil Glick informed the FSEC that there had been a call that day drafting a resolution on establishing a ‘campus governance leadership group’ with all stakeholders involved signing in support of this issue. Fred Stoss reminded everyone that the resolution earlier in the day was to see that everyone had a fair and equitable opportunity for a seat at the table, and the current FSEC resolution was just making sure the Faculty Senate is afforded the same opportunity to have a seat where decisions are made.

The Resolution to establish a FS health and safety committee was brought to the table for voting. The motion carried with 14 yay; 1 nay and no abstain.



Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 3.59 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, February, 2021.



Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
3:00-4:30 p.m.

CHAIR: Bob Miletich - X
SECRETARY: Jessy Alexander - X
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Richard Gronostajski - X
ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING: Hiro Hata - X
ARTS & SCIENCES: Michael Cowen - Ken Dauber – X Barbara Prinari - X Maureen Jameson – X
DENTAL MEDICINE: Othman Shibly - X
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER: Michael Baugh - X
ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES: Paschalis Alexandridis - X Adly Fam - X
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION: Janina Brutt-Griffler –
LAW: Matthew Dimick - X
MANAGEMENT: Michael Dambra - X
MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: Anna Blumenal-Perry - X Channa Kolb - X E. Brooke Lerner - X

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston - X

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris - X

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler - X

SOCIAL WORK:

Laura Lewis - X

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Alison Fraser – X

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran -

Philip Glick - X

Fred Stoss - X

R.J. Multari - X

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber - X

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski - X

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Mike Montoro - X

INVITED GUESTS:

Carine Mardorossian - X

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – X

Eileen Sherman – X

Robert Granfield – X

Graham Hammill - X

PHONE ATTENDEES: