



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
December 09, 2020
Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

All proceedings (recording) of the meeting is uploaded on UB Box.

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

Agenda: The agenda for the day passed unanimously.

Secretary's report: The Secretary reminded the FSEC that for the first time the FS was holding a runoff election for the position of the FS Chair. She reminded everyone to cast their ballot.

Minutes of November 11, 2020 meeting was approved unanimously.

President's report: None

Provost report: The Provost thanked the students and the Faculty for their great work during this time of COVID19.

- He then shared that The NIH has extended the Women's Health Initiative, led by Jean Wactawski-Wende, a SUNY Distinguished professor and Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Profession by giving 8.1 million towards that goal. With the current extension, the grant has been continuously funded for 35 years, making it the longest funded study on post-menopausal women.
- The American Association of advancement of science, the world's largest scientific society and publisher of the journal Science named four UB faculty members as fellows. These include:
 - (1) Eaton Lattman, emeritus professor of materials design and innovation in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and of structural biology in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB.
 - (2) Xiufeng Liu, professor of learning and instruction in the Graduate School of Education.
 - (3) Janet Morrow, UB Distinguished Professor and Larkin Professor of Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - (4) Stefan Ruhl, professor of oral biology in the School of Dental Medicine.

AAAS fellows were recognized in the journal Science on Nov. 27. An induction ceremony will be held during the virtual AAAS Fellows Forum on Feb. 13. The Provost gave kudos to the faculty for their accomplishments.

- UB Graduate School of Education student “ Justin Downey (BS '20) has been named a winner of the 2020 Student Veteran Leadership Awards. This inaugural list honors 48 student-veterans who are making a positive impact at their schools and in their communities. It was published in the August issue of G.I. Jobs magazine, a national publication that has been connecting service members, veterans and their families to civilian career, education and business ownership opportunities since 2001. In addition, Downey has been named to SUNY’s Student Voices Action Committee. This group is composed of 27 students representing every SUNY sector — from university centers to comprehensive, technical and community colleges. The group’s purpose is to amplify the collective student voice and expand students’ representation and influence in key discussions and decisions that impact their lives. SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras announced the creation of this committee last month.

Downey served in the United States Navy from 2014 to 2017, and reached the rank of E-4 as a Petty Officer Third Class. He worked as a Cryptologic Technician Interpretive, serving as an expert in Spanish linguistics and deciphering information in other languages.”

Downey earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from UB in 2020 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher education and student affairs.

- The bulls are undefeated this season, and for the first time in program history are ranked in the Associated Press top 25 college football pool. This recognition follows a stellar performance during the season by the Bulls running back Jared Patterson, who recently tied the NC, a single game touchdown record of eight, and Mr. Patterson has been named a semifinalists for the prestigious Dr. Walker Award, which recognizes the nation's premier running back for his accomplishments.

Parliamentarian report: None

Chairs report: The Chair informed the FSEC that he had reached out to Valerie Nessel, Associate Professor of Information Science UB Graduate School of Education, regarding the IT committee. Due to COVID19 related reasons, the IT meeting scheduled in December was cancelled and had been rescheduled for January 28.

Presentation: None

New or Unfinished Business:

Renaming the Department. Dean Robin Schultz spoke about a name change for the Department of Transnational Studies within CAS (College of Arts and Sciences) that serves as an umbrella department, to more accurately reflect the current composition and expertise of the faculty.

Following the desegregation of Global Gender Studies, and the establishment of Department of Native American Studies, the proposed name aligns with calls from UB students, alumni and donors. The name Africana will reveal the legacies and cultures of African peoples, which is difficult to see under the transnational umbrella. This name change would also align with UB's peers such as Binghamton, Cornell, U Penn and Stony Brook who use the Africana name. The Department of Africana and American Studies will share the degrees BA, MA and PhD with Department of Native American Indigenous Studies, until each can develop their own degrees and gain approval. A discussion ensued with questions by Maureen Jameson, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and Ken Dauber, Professor, Department of English as to why a vote was not taken in the department and why the 'American studies' is included in the name. Subsequently, the motion was put on the table to approve the name change of the department from transnational studies to Africana and American Studies.

Poll results were 17 yay, none nay and five abstained – the motion carried and would be sent for the first reading in the Full Faculty Senate.

Faculty satisfaction survey.

Paschalis Alexandridis, UB Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering presented a motion to approve the resolution entitled, "faculty satisfaction survey resolution", which was seconded by J. Multari. The goal of the resolution is to help the faculty senate and the administration identify issues through a survey and attempt to address them before they become problems. Discussion ensued regarding the building of questions in the questionnaire, the interval of the surveys etc. As per the suggestion of B. Pinari an amendment was added to the resolution



that the final questions in the survey would be decided by the FSEC or by an adhoc committee assigned to do so.

The resolution and the amendment was voted upon, and passed.

Further discussion ensued as to the setup of the adhoc committee, the time interval between the surveys and the need for further discussion.

3. The agenda for the next FS meeting was passed unanimously with a change that the faculty satisfaction survey would not be presented.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4.27 pm.

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

Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
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 - X 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 - X
LAW: Matthew Dimick - X
MANAGEMENT: Michael Dambra - X
MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: Anna Blumenal-Perry - X Channa Kolb - E. Brooke Lerner - X

