



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
February 10, 2021
Zoom Hall

Attendance: Attached

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

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

Agenda:

The FSEC passed the agenda unanimously.

Secretary's report:

Kudos to Deborah Chung for being ranked 14 among the material researchers worldwide.

The minutes of February 3, 2021 meeting was presented and approved unanimously.

President's report: None

Provost report: The Provost reminded everyone that it was Black history month. There were several activities to highlight and explore African/American history. The activities included:

(1) Talk by political activist and bestselling author Cornel West at UB Department of Surgery entitled, "Beyond the Life: Anti-Racism & Health Equity."

(2) Patrisse Cullors, co-creator of the viral Twitter hashtag and the movement, #BlackLivesMatter delivered the 45th annual address, as a part of UB's Distinguished Speakers Series.

(3) A presentation, "Calling In, Not Calling Out," by Smith College faculty member Loretta J. Ross.

UB is dedicated to enhancing its social impact and addressing issues related to structural racism through its curriculum, research and hiring and retention practices.

The Provost reminded everybody of SUNY's spring reopening policies. The university has multiple COVID19 testing sites available to make it more

convenient for everyone who is regularly on campus to participate in the weekly server surveillance testing.

A discussion regarding COVID19 testing and vaccination followed.

Parliamentarian report: None

Chairs report: Report was uploaded on UB Box.

Phil Glick pointed out that there was a statement from Dean Cain as Vice President of health affairs that for the five health science schools, if our accounts are not frozen and if you have a legitimate expenditure go to your chair if its less than \$2500 the Chair can personally approve it. If its more than \$2500 he/she needs to get the Dean, to sign off on it, and these accounts are available for legitimate professional expenses.

New or Unfinished Business:

Resolutions:

(1) The 'Modified Faculty Satisfaction Survey' resolution was presented by Cemal Basaran. The floor was opened for discussion. The Provost reminded the FSEC that there was an evaluation process in place for the President, Provost and the Deans. The Senate, with this resolution was entering the personal realm and had to consider the confidentiality of the process and of the data obtained through the process. After the discussion that ensued the question was placed on the table as to whether the FSEC wished for the resolution to be sent to the FS. The polling results were 13 yay: 6 no :4 abstain. The resolution passed.

(2) 'Changes to the F Grade Regarding Participation' – resolution was presented by Michael Cowen. The resolution was from the Academic policy grading committee suggesting that the Fx grade be eliminated. The Fx grade is used mainly to track students attendance for financial aid purposes. The Registrar was also present and a discussion ensued. Subsequently, the question was called to amend the undergraduate and graduate grading scheme to delete the Fx grade. The resolution passed with 16 yay: 3 no : 3 abstain.

Barbara Prinari led a discussion on PhD funding, including the PhD excellence initiative, COVID19 cuts of PhD lines, the national conversation regarding the PhD programs and retention of the students. A robust



conversation continued. As per the Chair's suggested it was decided that the matter would be sent to the budget priorities committee for further discussions.

The Agenda for the 2/16/21 FS Meeting was presented by Robert Miletich and was passed unanimously

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4.30 pm.

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



Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 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 - 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 – (Sabbatical)
MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: Anna Blumenal-Perry - X Channa Kolb - 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 - X

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:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – X

Robert Granfield – X

Graham Hammill - X

Eileen Sherman

PHONE ATTENDEES: