



Attendance: see [FS 10 8 24 Attendance](#)

Call to Order

Chair called meeting to order at 3:03pm

Agenda Approved

- A motion to approve the Faculty Senate Executive Committee 10/8/24 Agenda was made by Faculty Senate Chair.
- Prior to the motion to approve the agenda being seconded, SUNY Senator Glick made a motion to add an agenda item to allow Dr. Ernest Sternberg, President of the University at Buffalo Association for Jewish Faculty 5 minutes of time during the meeting to make a statement regarding the new Time, Place, and Manner policies and their impact on Jewish faculty and students at the University. SUNY Senator Glick requested that Dr. Sternberg speak at the current meeting rather than the next scheduled EC meeting (10/29/24) to ensure that Dr. Sternberg's concerns regarding the updated policies are heard by the EC prior to 10/14/24, the scheduled date for approval of the Time, Manner, and Place policies following two open comment periods.
- Motion to add the agenda item was approved and seconded. EC voted to add the agenda item (14 yay, 3 nay, and 2 abstained).

Actionable Items

- Minor edits to the 9/24/24 minutes were requested by SUNY Senator Stapleton. Edits were accepted. [Edited minutes from 9 24 24](#) was unanimously approved.
- [Chair's Report 10 8 24](#) accepted.
- [Academic Policies and Grading Committee: 'Sabotage' addition to Academic Integrity Policy](#) was approved by majority [16 yay, 2 nay, 0 abstained]. Policy will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for First Reading. Request was made by EC to include examples of sabotage in resolution that will be presented to FS to better understand what would constitute sabotage in relation to academic dishonesty.
- [Academic Policies and Grading Committee: Updated Dean's List Requirements](#) was unanimously approved. Policy will be forwarded to Faculty Senate for First Reading.
- Motion to change the name of Tenure, Promotions, and Privileges Standing Committee to Appointment, Promotions, Tenure, and Privileges Committee was made and seconded. Vote to change name was unanimously

approved. Name change request will be discussed with Tenure, Promotions, and Privileges Standing Committee and presented to the Bylaws Committee to develop a resolution to finalize the name change.

Other Items

Provost Report

Faculty Updates

- **Grants.**
 - Graduate School of Education received a \$10 million grant from the US Department of Education Institute for Educational Sciences to establish the Center for Early Literacy and Responsible AI. It's one of the largest grants, if not the largest in the school's history. It is one of only four research and development centers funded nationwide by the Institute. It's headed by X. Christine Wang, Professor of Learning and Instruction. The Center will focus on harnessing AI to assist in early literacy instruction among culturally and linguistically diverse kindergarten through second grade students.
 - This grant will contribute to UE's growing strength and impact in AI research, including the announcement of UB as the home Empire AI and the launch of UB's National AI Institute for Exceptional Education.
 - John Beverly, an Assistant Professor of Philosophy, was awarded a \$3 .8 million grant from the National Institute on Aging to develop philosophically informed ontologies related to the psychological study of aging.
 - And the National Science Foundation has awarded a \$1 .5 million grant to the research team from the UB Center for Advanced Semiconductor Technologies, led by electrical engineering professor and chair Jonathan Bird, to develop a new high -speed microelectronics that require less power than traditional silicon -based products.

- **Faculty Achievements**
 - Four UB psychology faculty members have been elected fellows of the Association of Psychological Science: Associate Professor Kenneth Demarree, Professor Michael Dent, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Peter Pfordresher, and Associate Professor John Roberts.
 - Lili Tian, Professor of Biostatistics in the School of Public Health and Health Professions, has been elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association.
 - Hal Langfur, Professor of History, won the Roberto Ries Book Award from the Brazilian Studies Association for his recently published book, *Adrift on an Inland Sea: Misinformation and the Limits of Empire in the Brazilian Backlands*.

- **VITAL Scholars.**
 - On October 13th through the 17th, UB will welcome the fourth cohort of the Visiting Future Faculty Program, or VITL, Scholars to UB. The 35 VITAL scholars will be hosted by seven schools. The students come from 29 institutions from across the United States. UB launched VITAL to bring dissertation-stage, historically underrepresented PhD scholars from other universities to UB, facilitated by the Office of Inclusive Excellence.

Graham Hammill, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School

Presentation on the move of the Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Transformation (CATT) to Downtown Campus

- CATT is scheduled to move to the Gateway Building, on the medical campus sometime early in 2025. It has not been publicly announced because the dates are still tentative.
- **Three main reasons for CATT's move to Gateway Building:**
 - Among staff, there's a strong desire to have all the staff in one place. Staff are currently located in two buildings on North Campus, Evans and in Norton. The office has been seeking a location that can bring all the staff together in one place and the rationale is to allow for more effective integration of the various functions of CATT, which would provide stronger wraparound services for CATT stakeholders.
 - Since COVID, there has been a change in faculty preference for delivery of service. The data shows that faculty have a very strong preference for virtual consultations, Zoom consultation over in-person consultations and when faculty want in-person consultation there is a strong preference for CATT staff to go to faculty rather than faculty go to CATT staff.
 - CATT has significantly changed the service model. Since 2021, since COVID, the service model for CATT has changed from an office where the norm is for faculty to go and receive services to an office where the norm is for CATT staff to bring services to faculty, either through Zoom or through other push-out services going to faculty offices or classrooms.

CATT Usage Statistics:

- In 2022, CATT, surveyed faculty asking how would you like service to be delivered in terms of CATT's offering-- individual consultations, small group trainings, and workshops. Approximately 60% of respondents wanted these services to be provided virtually.
- Between July 1, 2023, and September 23 2024, very few faculty come to CATT for in-person support. Of people receiving support with a learning management system, six people came for in-person support versus 2,242 who came for support through virtual channels. In terms of instructional consultations, over same period, 25 people came for in-person consultations versus 289 who got support through zoom.

CATT Offerings:

- CATT is working with departments to bring services to them. Departments and units can request push-in services for CATT staff to meet with faculty.
- CATT will still host in-person events on North Campus.

Questions/Comments from FSEC:

- Question was asked regarding the number of CATT staff that are spread across two buildings in Edward and Norton Hall. Dr. Hammill estimated that there are 20 CATT staff across both buildings.
- Comments expressed the desire for the information regarding CATT's move to have been presented to the Faculty Senate prior to the move. This would allow the FS to communicate with the UB faculty on the impact of the move on service provision and access. Dr. Hammill shared that for the past two years, a CATT representative has requested an ex-officio seat on the [FS] Teaching and Learning Committee to share this data. This year a

CATT representative has been granted ex-officio status, which should assist communication between CATT and the FS.

Agenda items tabled due to lack of time:

Charges to Committees

Ernest Sternberg addressing the FSEC on concerns with Time, Place, and Manner policies

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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