



University at Buffalo
Faculty Senate
University Shared Governance
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2024
Zoom

Attendance: see attached attendance.

Call to Order

- Chair called meeting to order at 3:03pm

Agenda Approved

- A motion to approve the Faculty Senate Executive Committee [11_26_24 Agenda](#) was made by the Faculty Senate Chair. Motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded; EC unanimously approved the agenda.

Actionable Items

- [11_12_24 FSEC Meeting Minutes](#) was unanimously approved.
- [Chair Report 11_26_24](#) was accepted.
- [University Faculty Senate Resolutions from the Fall 2024 Plenary Session](#) by a vote of 20 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain to be sent to Faculty Senate for Endorsement. See notes in Other Items section below for specific resolutions that will be provided to FS for endorsement.
- Bernadette Gargano, Chair of the Equity and Diversity Standing Committee, to review the charge of said committee and consider potential revisions to meet the needs of faculty and students.
- Seval Yildirim, Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence, to facilitate data acquisition from the Office of Institutional Analysis to provide supporting information to the Equity and Diversity Committee for charge revisions.
- Patrick Long, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, to convene the Committee to discuss potential revisions, including the use of executive sessions, ex officio membership, and Faculty Senate replacements midterm/FS alternate assignment.
- FS Chair to invite the IT Committee Chair to the next FSEC meeting to discuss their work and potential suggestions to address concerns of faculty with use of chosen name rather than legal name for UB email and UBIT administrative privileges to allow faculty to independently complete software updates without the support of UBIT.

Other Items

I. SECRETARY REPORT

- The Faculty Senate election for the Chair position will close 11/26/24 at 5p. An official announcement of the results will be made the week of December 2.
- The Budget Priorities Committee has provided UB faculty with a survey that will rank budget areas. The survey will close at 5p December 20. The results will be used as part of a presentation to the UB Administration in early 2025.

II. CHAIR REPORT

• New AI Department Funding Timeline

- Provost, Scott Weber, in response to the SUNY call for an RFP regarding AI department centers and institutes submitted a proposal from UB on 11/25 for a new Department of AI and Society.
- SUNY indicated an early to mid-December timeline for informing campuses as to whether they will get the award.
- Funds must be spent by February or March 2025.

• Resolutions Approved

- Resolutions approved by the Faculty Senate from the Academic Policies and Grading Committee, including the resolution to revise the credit hour requirements for the Dean's List eligibility for undergraduate students and the resolution to revise UB academic integrity policies to include a sabotage category for undergraduates and graduate students have been sent to President Tripathi for review.

• Use of SUNY title, clinical professor

- Discussed with Robert Granfield, Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs, the possibility of using SUNY titles other than clinical professor as appropriate. This discussion arose because in the health sciences, the term clinical relates really to health.
- SUNY HR told Dr. Granfield that SUNY titles other than clinical professor can be used as appropriate. UB can utilize those other titles in place of clinical professor, and they will be official titles.
- Dr. Granfield is currently considering how to provide this information to the units.

III. UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTIONS FROM FALL 2024 PLENARY

- [University at Buffalo Faculty Senate's resolution to change Board of Trustees policy on term appointments](#) was endorsed by the SUNY Faculty Senate. The President of the SUNY Faculty Senate, who sits on the SUNY Board of Trustees, is going to present the resolution to the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees to enact the policy. This resolution was already endorsed by UB Faculty Senate.
- Following [SUNY Resolutions](#) were unanimously voted [20 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain] to be sent to Faculty Senate for Endorsement:
 - *Faculty Freedom and HyFlex Teaching Modality*
 - *Graduate Education Standards Workgroup*
 - *Recommendation for the adoption of the Okanagan Charter for Health Promotion in Universities and Colleges*
 - *Resolution Endorsing the Joint SUNY UFS, SUNY FCCC, and CUNY UFS Statement on Funding Public Higher Education*

IV. **FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES: FSEC LIAISONS**

Faculty Senate Standing Committee	Executive Committee Liaison	Contact Information
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V. **FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES: BYLAWS AND EQUITY AND DIVERSITY**

- Equity and Diversity Committee Areas of Focus for Upcoming Year
 - From retreat, faculty shared that there is a need for equity in all aspects of education, service, and research.
 - Discuss with Sharon Nolan Weiss whether some of the language in the charge needs to be updated to reflect changes from the outcome of recent court cases, general updates in terminology, and the impact of possible policy changes from a new administration.
 - Obtain data to have a better understanding of diversity in specific units at UB.
 - Focus on ensuring fair employment practices, fair admission practices, and fair opportunity and access to opportunity for students and employees.
- Potential areas to be addressed by the Bylaws Committee
 - Clear information in the Bylaws that justifies when an executive session can be used.
 - Ex-officio membership on Standing Committees
 - Process for assigning Faculty Senate Senator replacements midterm

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35p

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Name (original name)	Email	Join time	Leave time	Duration (minutes)
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Brian Murray		11/26/2024 15:04	11/26/2024 16:37	94
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Guest	Recording disclaimer response	In waiting room
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