



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sept 6, 2022  
Online by Zoom

**Attendance:** see Appendix 1

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The chair, Fred Stoss, called the meeting to order at 3:05pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Agenda:** The agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

**Secretary's Report & Approval of previous minutes:** New secretary was introduced. Minutes from May 11, 2022 were unanimously approved without amendment.

**President's Report:**

- President Tripathi highlighted the welcoming events for incoming faculty and students.
- Announced new deans of Schools of Nursing and Management, Drs. Annette Wysocki and Ananth V. Iyer
- University Advancement now has an Interim Vice President, Jason Diffenderfer
- Question was raised regarding search for new SUNY Chancellor. President Tripathi has nothing to report regarding the ongoing search.

**Provost's Report:**

- Welcomed incoming faculty
- Undergraduate enrollment down around 672 students
  - Declined transfers and internationals
- Retention ongoing issue
- Record number of Masters students (GSE, Management & SEAS)
  - Increase in international students
- 7% growth in faculty grants
- Despina Stratigakos, Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence is stepping down. She will be a visiting professor in Copenhagen this semester then come back to UB in the spring.
- Dean of Dental Medicine search ongoing
- Questions:
  - June 2022 CAS Dean's Tenure Review

- Provost reported strong support for Dean Schulze; however, May 2022 CAS Policy Committee found majority, 84% internally surveyed, did not agree
- Provost felt internal survey was misleading and instead relied on a campus system of assessment that has been long established and used in the past.
- Provost stands by his assessment of Dean Schulze
- Budget Priorities Committee and TA hirings report?
  - Information coming soon
- UB Student Health Center on Sheridan Dr. in Amherst, will there be buses?
  - Yes buses will run throughout the day (weekends included)
- Will the SHC have COVID boosters for students?
  - Unknown, Provost will check
- Will the School of Social Work become part of the Health Professions?
  - Not currently. There are synergies and the will move to south campus but that is all for now.
- Goal of Top 25 we are losing young faculty what will UB do about it?
  - Some attendees suggested tuition support for faculty family members beyond the limited amount currently given through UUP.
  - Provost noted this must be a SUNY-wide initiative because UB can't make the decision to reduce tuition for faculty and staff's family members.
- Do we have a net gain of faculty?
  - Provost will check how many faculty retired versus how many new hires.
- Some faculty have been advised to hold back on early promotion.
  - Provost supports and encourages promotion to tenure and full whenever the candidate is ready.

**Chair's Report:**

- Continue to reconstitute FSEC subcommittees
- Parliamentarian has accepted another position. We will be looking for a new parliamentarian.
- Meeting space for FSEC will be offline for the foreseeable future. Chair is looking for other spaces on campus to hold in person meetings.
- December and February meetings will be on Zoom due to potential weather issues.

**Parliamentarian's Report:** None, currently no parliamentarian.

**Academic Policy and Grading Committee** presentation "Guiding principles surrounding academic calendar change":

- Dr. McLaughlin presented rationale for making changes to our academic calendar.
  - Add fall semester break in October.

- Earlier Spring start
- UB is outlier from Top 25
- Recruitment time is hampered by being an outlier
- Faculty find it difficult to present at conferences due to semester still running.
- Spring semester overlaps graduation
- Feedback sessions will happen until November.
- First reading to faculty senate in November with second reading at a special meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions:
  - Theater and Dance had issue to with a fall break as it related to rehearsals and performance dates.
    - Will go back to that department and work out the details

**Ad hoc Faculty Satisfaction Survey Committee:**

- Dr. Barbara Prinari highlighted the survey instrument.
- FSEC members are encouraged to send suggestions and feedback to her at [bprinari@buffalo.edu](mailto:bprinari@buffalo.edu)

**2022/23 Meeting Schedule:** Chair, Fred Stoss, presented the proposed meeting schedule for upcoming academic year. Faculty Senate meeting scheduled late in December was moved to Thursday, December 15, 2022. This will allow a potential second reading and vote on the proposed changes to the 2023/24 academic calendar. Schedule was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm



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**Appendix 1: Attendance**

**CHAIR:**

Fred Stoss - [here](#)

**SECRETARY:**

Cynthia Tysick - [here](#)

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Open -

**ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:**

Kerry Traynor - [Here](#)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:**

Kenneth Dauber – here

Sampson Lee Blair - here

Barbara Prinari - [here](#)

Liana Vardi -

**DENTAL MEDICINE:**

Michelle Kay -

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:**

Marsha Christiano - [Here](#)

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:**

Paschalis Alexandridis - here

Marina Tsianou -

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:**

Lilliam Malave Lopez - [here](#)

**LAW:**

Matthew Steilen -

**MANAGEMENT:**

Open -

**MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:**

Michael Morales -

Thomas Melendy - [Here](#)

David Shucard - [Here](#)

Open -

**NURSING:**

Jennifer Livingston - [Here](#)

**PHARMACY:**

Erin Slazak -

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Albert Vexler - [Here](#)

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Annahita Ball -

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell - [here](#)

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Amit Kandel -

Kristin Stapleton -

Patrick Long - [here](#)

R.J. Multari - [Here](#)

Ken Seldeen (alternate) -

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi - here

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

A. Scott Weber - here

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:**

Tim Tryjankowski -

**COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):**

Brianna Bennett -

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Joanne McLaughlin - here

**UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:**

Robert Granfield - Here

Graham Hammill - Here

William McDonnell -

Eileen Sherman - [Here](#)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessica Naish - here

Bob Miletich - here

Phil Glick - here

Peter Sobota - here

Kara Saunders - here

Beth Del Genio - here

Amy Bisantz - here