



Faculty Senate Meeting
November 16, 2021
Online by Zoom

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Fred Stoss called the Meeting to order at 3.00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the Senate that a memorial was being held for Terri Miller and that the President and Provost were in attendance.

Agenda: Agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the previous meeting was approved unanimously.

President's report:

Provost's report:

Chair's report: Uploaded on UB Box. Fred spoke of replenishing and revitalizing the FS standing committees and requested the faculty to share their talents.

Presentation:

President's advisory council on race: Suzanne Rosenblith presented to the FS, the steering committee co-chaired by her and Mark Alnutt. There are 7 different subcommittees on scholarship tenure and recognition; staff recruitment mentoring and advancement; Student experience and programs; curriculum and pedagogy; undergraduate committee, inclusive space committee and community engagement. She informed the FS that the Chairs had met with the individual committees. The subcommittee's have made tremendous progress since the start of this initiative. Although there was some skepticism on the part of some of the groups that they could get the work done by Thanksgiving, as it turns out, having worked very hard, all are prepared to have their recommendations completed by the Wednesday before thanksgiving (in a couple cases they asked for some time after

thanksgiving). It is expected that there will be specific initiatives, with a lot of new systems and structures in place so that whatever is implemented stands the test of time, and it can be sustained and Issues of equity and inclusive do not fade into the background. It is expected that each subcommittee will develop some type of value proposition preamble, which should provide context to the work that they've done. Once the Chairs meet with the student advisory group after Thanksgiving, they will begin reading through the action items, which will subsequently be forwarded to the Provost. It is expected that there will be a town hall in January where the results will be presented to the community at large. The Chair thanked Susan Rosenblithe for her report and informed Susan of the SUNY plenary, in case they would like the process, the action items or the implementation presented at the plenary.

Sharon Mitchell, senior director of student wellness and counseling services gave insights into the services that they provide. When it is beyond the scope of the practice community referrals are given. Crisis appointments are given throughout the day with access to counselors after hours. A public health approach is taken towards mental health, to make the campus, one that promotes well-being and health in general for all students, develop healthy habits, so that the students don't develop problems that require professional intervention. They offer over 200 workshops and programs each year such as programs on sleep hygiene, stress relief, stress reduction, programming that focuses on students of color and international students. She gave an example from a program called chill out, given to help students destress. This includes pet therapy, which is extremely popular. She also spoke about online programs that students could tap into. Therapy assistance online is actually an empirically validated program that was developed specifically for college students that addresses some of the common issues that students experience such as anxiety, depression and interpersonal effectiveness. This semester they have started a financial wellness coaching which really helps students look at understanding debt understanding budget and really learning how to manage their money better. They also have in classroom presentations. Problems faced by students include peers problems, problems with romantic partners to problems with people they know in their lab. She spoke of COVID19 impact on the students. The slides are on UB Box.

A discussion ensued regarding the mask policies that was initiated by Kristin Stapleton. Wilma Hofmann enquired as to the resources available to students who were asked to take a break due to health issues. Walt Hakala asked about the resources available to the wellness & counseling services, while Edward Fine suggested the inclusion of physical therapy.

Cemal Basaran presented the first reading of the resolutions that were passed and approved, at the 189th plenary in October. Cemal informed the FS that they had the opportunity to meet the Chancellor and the chair of the board of trustees at the plenary. The student population has decreased across the board in the different SUNY campuses. The first resolution, which was passed unanimously, was about the executive budget urging the governor to draft an executive budget that makes New York state a national leader on sustainability and equitability supporting and advancing SUNY and CUNY core academic missions.

The second resolution was regarding attendance at the regular meetings of the SUNY Senate. You have to be present, to be able to vote and voting could not be done online. However, because of the pandemic voting has been online essentially violating the bylaws. Therefore the this resolution calls for amending the standing rules so that it allows online vote.

The next resolution is about the university FS Commitment to education about racism and American history. There are some states who have legislative efforts to restrict education about history of United States restricting it at all levels K 12 and college level. The statement supports academic freedom at all levels, from K to PhD and SUNY FS is endorsing this.

The next resolution was in regards to the telecommuting policy with a vote of 27 for, 13 against 2 abstain. Essentially the resolution was to support telecommuting. For example faculty could teach across campuses allowing consolidation of faculty services.

The fifth resolution is on contact hours policy for applied learning experience. However, it was decided that the resolution would be sent to the appropriate Committee to understand what it means before it was presented and is expected to be brought back to the table in January. The resolution states, therefore, be it resolved that the university faculty senate recommends to the Chancellor, that the SUNY policy on the award of credit for experiential

learning be amended to make it congruent with the current Commissioners and federal regulations and the state. When life or work experience is to be credited as a concurrent portion of an academic program designed as an internship, one semester credit hour will be awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of supervised academic activity since it provides the learning considered necessary to program study. The vote was 38 for, 1 against and 3 abstain. There were some clarifications asked by Linda Verdi and Annahita Ball. RJ Multari spoke of cross registration and the potential for students to take courses at other campuses.

Fred Stoss informed the FS that The faculty senate Executive Committee and the Faculty senate discussion list are up and operational and are available for interchange.

Committees: Cemal enquired as to the process for the appointment of the members to the committees.

Barbara Pinari enquired as to the status of the Faculty Satisfaction survey.

Parliamentarian:

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

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



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Tuesday, November 16, 2021
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Fred Stoss – ✓

SECRETARY:

Jessy Alexander – ✓

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Nicholas Chibuikem Ogam – ✓

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Hiro Hata –

Kerry Traynor –

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Michael Cowen – ✓

Maureen Jameson – ✓

Barbara Prinari – ✓

Kristin Stapleton – ✓

Jason Benedict – ✓

Gino Biondini – ✓

Sampson Blair – ✓

Julie Bowker – ✓

Vesna Danilovic – ✓

Christopher Dennison – ✓

Grady Gambrel – ✓

Walter Hakala – ✓

Eero Laine – ✓

Chad Lavin – ✓

Yiqiang Li – ✓

Sara Metcalf – ✓

Kimberly Meehan – ✓

Carin Mardorossian –

Harvey Palmer – ✓
Justin Read –
Wei Sun –
Liana Vardi – ✓
Marion Werner –

DENTAL MEDICINE:
Othman Shibly –
Richard Hall – ✓
Michelle Kay – ✓
Benita Sobieraj – ✓

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
Michael Baugh – ✓

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Paschalis Alexandridis – ✓
Marina Tsianou – ✓
Kevin Burke – ✓
Lora Cavuoto –
Qiaoqiang Gan –
Julia Latorre – ✓
Hilde Martinez-Leon – ✓
Presentacion Reyes – ✓
Kallol Sett – ✓
Tarunraj Singh – ✓
Ferah Percy Vandrevale – ✓
Jose Walteros – ✓
Junson Yuan – ✓
Jennifer Zirnheld – ✓

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Tiffany Karalis-Noel – ✓
Blythe Anderson –
Stephanie Fredrick – ✓

Alisa Husain – ✓

LAW:

Matthew Steilen – ✓

Matthew Dimick –

Patrick Long –

Stephen Paskey –

MANAGEMENT:

Michael Dambra – ✓

Laura Amo – ✓

Myungsun Kim – ✓

Chunchi Wu – ✓

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Anna Blumental-Perry – ✓

Channa Kolb –

E. Brooke Lerner – ✓

Michael Morales – ✓

Yongho Bae – ✓

Vanessa Barnabei – ✓

Elsa Bou Ghanem – ✓

Marilou Ching – ✓

Richard Chou –

Stewart Clark – ✓

Michael Duffey –

Valerie Elberson – ✓

Michael Farkas – ✓

Edward Fine – ✓

Seth Glassman – ✓

Michael Guppenberger – ✓

Wilma Hofmann – ✓

Liise Kayler – ✓

Supriya Mahajan – ✓

Yaron Perry – ✓

Matthew Ruggieri – ✓

Ferdinand Schweser – ✓

Spyridon Stavrou – ✓

Elizabeth Wohlfert – *

Ahmad Zaaroura –

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston – ✓

Darryl Somayaji – ✓

PHARMACY:

Marilyn Morris – ✓

Nicole Cieri-Hutcherson – ✓

Erin Slazak – ✓

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler – ✓

Adam Graczyk – ✓

Jeanne Langan – ✓

Vijaya Prakash K. Muthaiah – ✓

Todd Rideout – ✓

SOCIAL WORK:

Annahita Ball – ✓

Peter Sobota –

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty – ✓

Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell – ✓

Deborah Chiarella (alternate) –

SUNY SENATORS:

Cemal Basaran – ✓

Amit Kandel – ✓

Patrick Long –

R.J. Multari – ✓

Ken Seldeen (alternate) –

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi –

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Scott Weber –

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski – ✓

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

Brianna Bennett – ✓

INVITED GUESTS:

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield –

Graham Hammill –

William McDonnell – ✓

Eileen Sherman –

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – ✓

Phil Glick –

Bob Miletich –

Gary Poll - ✓

Suzanne Rosenblith - ✓

Sharon Mitchell - ✓

Paul Tesluk - ✓

Bob Shibley - ✓
Ann Bisantz - ✓
Kemper Lewis - ✓