



Faculty Senate Meeting  
February, 2022  
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.

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

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

**President's report:** The President informed the FS that Chancellor Malatras had submitted his resignation, effective January 14. Keith Landa. President SUNY Faculty Senate issued the following statement:” *The University Faculty Senate (UFS) thanks Chancellor James Malatras for his service to the State University of New York (SUNY) and his recent decision to put SUNY and its mission first. The Chancellor’s resignation should allow us to refocus our efforts on supporting SUNY’s students, faculty, and staff.*”

President Tripathi thanked the faculty for a highly successful and productive semester.

COVID19: COVID19 positivity is limited and restricted in UB campus due to the diligence shown by the community. He informed the FS that booster shots were available.

***Faculty recognition:*** Five UB faculty Quanxi Jia, Marianthi Markatou, Janet Morrow, Robert Shibley and Mark Swihart were appointed to the distinguished professor rank by the SUNY Board of Trustees at its meeting on Nov. 9.

*Quanxi Jia*, Empire Innovation Professor and National Grid Professor of Materials Research, is an internationally recognized leader in multifunctional and nanostructured materials for energy and electronic-device applications. He has made significant contributions to the development of high-performance superconducting coated conductors, or 2G wires, for electric-

power applications. He has invented and pioneered the polymer-assisted deposition, a cost-effective coating technique to grow a vast number of electronic materials. Jia is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), National Academy of Inventors (NAI), American Ceramic Society (ACerS), the American Physical Society (APS), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the Materials Research Society (MRS) and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

*Marianthi Markatou*, professor of biostatistics and associate chair of research and healthcare informatics in the Department of Biostatistics, is an internationally renowned expert in biostatistics, statistics and biomedical informatics. She has conducted seminal methodological research that has significantly advanced the fields of statistical robustness, mixture models, statistical distances, weighted likelihood methods and statistical machine learning. Among her many honors and awards, Markatou has been named a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and a member of the International Statistical Institute.

*Janet R. Morrow*, Larkin Chair and UB Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, is a highly regarded expert in the field of metal ion complexes in biology and in biomedical imaging. She is recognized for her invention of transition metal-based MRI contrast agents that have the potential to monitor disease states including bimodal imaging agents, paramagnetic liposomes and self-assembled cages as theranostic agents for imaging drug delivery to tumors. Morrow has authored more than 120 publications, 12 book chapters and nine patents, and serves as associate editor of *Inorganic Chemistry*, the premier American Chemical Society journal in the discipline. She is the recipient of an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, a Special Award for Creativity from the NSF, and the Schoellkopf Medal from the ACS. She is a fellow of the AAAS.

*Robert G. Shibley*, professor and dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, is a globally renowned scholar, recognized for his work on the theory and practice of placemaking — the way we transform the places we are into places we love. He has authored more than 120 publications, including 17 books and 15 book chapters. His productivity is all the more impressive given the significant administrative roles he has held, first as chair of the Department of Architecture during the 1980s, and as dean for the past decade. Shibley's work has received global attention for its impact on the people and places of Buffalo, and its elevation of practice-based research in architecture and urban planning. The work has also led to top national awards in his disciplines, including an American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Thomas Jefferson Award and induction into the College of Fellows in the

AIA, and the American Institute of Certified Planners. He is the recipient of the UB President's Medal, the New York State AIA Educator of the Year Award, and 45 other international, national and regional honors for outstanding design and planning projects, as well as additional lifetime achievement awards.

*Mark Swihart* is UB Distinguished Professor, chair of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, and Empire Innovation Professor in the UB RENEW Institute. He is recognized globally for developing new nanoscale materials, engineering practical processes for producing unique materials, and generating fundamental understanding of those processes. Swihart has made key contributions to the synthesis and post-processing of these materials. He has published more than 285 manuscripts on these subjects, which have been cited roughly 20,000 times. He co-authored the two most recent editions of the best-selling chemical engineering undergraduate textbook and has co-founded two startup companies. He is a fellow of AIChE and AAAS, and is recognized with the Schoellkopf Medal from the American Chemical Society and the Whitby Award from the American Association for Aerosol Research.

*Jason Sprowl*, assistant professor in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, has received a five-year, \$2.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to lead an exploration of how tyrosine kinases affect the removal of drugs by the liver.

*Amy Hequembourg and Jennifer Livingston*, School of Nursing researchers will explore how to address disparities in alcohol and drug abuse among sexual minority youth, thanks to a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA research grant awarded for "Peer Victimization and Risky Alcohol Abuse Among Sexual Minority Youth).

*Jason Briner*, Professor of geology is principal investigator on \$1.9 million grant from the National Science Foundation that will bring together interdisciplinary scientists to improve modeling on how ice sheets respond to climate change.

Four startups founded or co-founded by UB researchers have received Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards from the National Institutes of Health to advance research on potential vaccines or therapies for a variety of diseases. The companies include: Abceutics Inc., Immune Modulatory Therapies LLC, POP Biotechnologies Inc., and Transira Therapeutics LLC.

*Irus Braverman*, Professor of Law, Adjunct Professor of Geography received highly prestigious national humanities Center fellowship for the book on *Settling Nature: The Biopolitics of Conservation in Palestine/Israel* (Hurford Family Fellowship).

*Steve Schwaitzberg*, Chair of the Department of Surgery, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB, was inducted into the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators.

*Janet Yang*, professor of communication in the College of Arts and Sciences, has received the 2021 Chauncey Starr Distinguished Young Risk Analyst Award from the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). SRA presents the award annually to one of its members age 40 or younger for outstanding achievement in science or public policy relating to risk analysis, while demonstrating exceptional promise for continued contributions to the field.

***Terri Miller:*** This semester also saw the UB Community come together to celebrate the life and legacy Professor Terri Miller, who passed away in August. She was a UB law professor and UB's first Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion. She went on to become SUNY's senior Vice Chancellor for strategic initiatives and Chief diversity officer. Terri was a nationally recognized scholar and leader, a dedicated teacher and mentor and a truly valued colleague. The President recognized that Terri made a big difference at SUNY. To honor Terri's legacy, the Professor Teresa Miller memorial scholarship, sponsored by SUNY Impact Foundation has been established, which provides full tuition to law students who seek to champion, social justice and civil rights, much like Terri throughout her life. Secondly, the former SUNY Chancellor Christina Johnson and wife Victoria Meinhardt have established the Teresa Miller Professorship in Law, honoring the indelible mark that Terri made on issues of equity and our dedication to teaching and mentoring, the next generation of legal professional professionals.

***New building for Engineering:*** Over the past 10 years student interest has risen exponentially in UB's engineering school. The growth includes: undergraduate enrollment by 60%, and graduate enrollment by more than hundred percent and the faculty rank has grown approximately 70% in the last 5 years. The demand of stem professionals nationwide and globally has increased significantly and this trend will continue. According to the US Bureau of Labor, stem occupations are projected to grow by 10.5%, while all other occupations are projected to grow about 7%. According to the New

York State Department of Labor, computer science and computer engineering jobs in the state are expected to grow by 25% through the year 2028. Our engineering school faculty and staff are responding to this demand, by bringing the research and innovation to market. In fact UBs students are involved in at least 50 startups. From 2014 to the present the school's research expenditure has totaled more than \$22 million. Given this robust growth and activity one of UBs foremost priority has been a new academic building for the engineering school. The New York state budget includes the Strategic Needs Capital Matching Program (Matching Program) program. UB has submitted an application for the new engineering building through this matching Program.

***Presidential Scholars:*** The President hosted a reception for UBs Presidential scholars. The students are excited about UB and spoke about their academic goals and positive experience in the first semester.

**Provost's report:** The Provost expressed his appreciation and thanked the Faculty for their work.

**Chair's report:** The report was uploaded on UB Box and focuses on (1) COVID19 recovery; (2) Presidents advisory committee on race and (3) COACHE survey. The Chair reported that in response to the extensive efforts of the FS there has been a revitalization and replenishing of the rosters of the FS standing committees. Fred thanked the Senators, especially those Senators who brought to the attention of their respective constituents the needs of the FS. He also invited the Senators to continue to serve or recommend a colleague for serving on a committee.

**Presentation:** The presentation by the Chief Sustainability Officer, Ryan A. McPherson was postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

*Ann Bisantz*, Dean of Undergraduate Education spoke of the changes in Gen Ed requirements that was recently promulgated by SUNY. One of the primary reasons for the SUNY wide changes is to bring all of SUNY into compliance and alignment with the expectations of middle states accreditation. UB is ahead of the game and has already made several of these changes when it developed its curriculum a few years ago. For example, one of changes in particular is the requirement for continuous assessment of learning outcomes which is already built into the UB curriculum process. The second positive change is that the new Gen Ed courses need approval only locally



and not from SUNY for which UB has a governance process in place. Dean Bisantz presented some of the changes and offered to provide slides after the talk, with all the SUNY changes. One of the change is that in addition to satisfying requirements in oral and written communication, and mathematics and quantitative reasoning, students will have to take a course in natural sciences and scientific reasoning, which is already a requirement in UB. The students will also have to fulfill or take a course in diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice. Students are required to take a course in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As per the new requirements students cannot wave out of the Gen Ed communication course. She weaved the changes and details regarding courses in communication, information literacy, critical thinking and diversity with the different existing pathways and how they could be accessed to fulfil the requirements.

### **Unfinished Business:**

*Cemal Basaran* presented the second reading of the resolutions that were passed and approved, at the 189th plenary in October.

**Resolution 1:** The student population has decreased across the board in the different SUNY campuses. The first resolution, Resolution 1 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. Resolution passed with a vote: Yay – 91%; Nay – 9%; Abstain – 0.

**Resolution 2:** The resolution was regarding voting online. Because of the pandemic voting has been online essentially violating the bylaws. Therefore, the resolution calls for amending the standing rules so that it allows online vote. Resolution passed with a vote: Yay – 91%; Nay – 9%; Abstain – 0.

**Resolution 3:** 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. Resolution passed with a vote: Yay – 91%; Nay – 9%; Abstain – 0.

**Resolution 4:** 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. Resolution passed with a vote: Yay – 91%; Nay – 9%; Abstain – 0.

***Resolution on anti-semitism:*** The resolution was presented by Fred Stoss. There was a discussion. A suggestion was presented by Vanessa Barnabei to change ‘climate for students’ to ‘climate for Jewish community.’ Walter Hakala suggested a few subject/verb agreement changes. The amendments were made to include these changes.

The second reading of the resolution was suspended by unanimous vote.

Fred Stoss assured the FS that all voting in the Senate was 100% confidential. Fred will be attending the 190<sup>th</sup> plenary in place of Cemal who is unable to attend.

**Parliamentarian:**

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, February, 2022.



Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, December 14, 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 – ✓

Carine Mardorossian – ✓



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

<b>DENTAL MEDICINE:</b>
Othman Shibly –
Richard Hall –
Michelle Kay –
Benita Sobieraj – ✓

<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:</b>
Michael Baugh –

<b>ENGINEERING &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES:</b>
Paschalis Alexandridis – ✓
Marina Tsianou – ✓
Kevin Burke – ✓
Lora Cavuoto – ✓
Qiaoqiang Gan –
Julia Latorre – ✓
Hilde Martinez-Leon – ✓
Presentacion Reyes – ✓
Kallol Sett – ✓
Tarunraj Singh –
Farah Percy Vandrevala – ✓
Jose Walteros – ✓
Junson Yuan – ✓
Jennifer Zirnheld – ✓

<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:</b>
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 Elbersen – ✓

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-Hutherson – ✓

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:

Anne Bisantz - ✓

Marsha Lewis - ✓

Keith Alford - ✓

### UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield – ✓

Graham Hammill – ✓

William McDonnell – ✓

Eileen Sherman – ✓

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – ✓

Phil Glick – ✓

Bob Miletich – ✓

Kemper Lewis - ✓

Susan Rosenblith - ✓
Paul Tesluk - ✓
Michelle Visser - ✓
Robin Schulze - ✓
Allison Brashear - ✓
Danielle LaMarre-Smith - ✓
Cynthia Stankiewicz - ✓
Jean Wactawski-Wende - ✓
Craig Abbey - ✓
Krista Hanypsiak Krause - ✓
Bob Shibley - ✓