

Faculty Senate

Minute, October 1, 2013

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Sternberg, Ernest (Absent)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Aldstadt Jared (Absent)
Anas Alex (Absent)
Baumer William
Blair Sampson (Absent)
Churchill Melvyn
Dauber Kenneth
Duvanova Dinissa
Dyson Stephen
Lindqvist Charlotte
Liu Zhiqiang (Absent)
Lyon Arabella (Absent)
Mardorossian Carine (Absent)
Metcalf Sara
Morgan Peter (Absent)
Neofotistos Vasiliki
Palmer Harvey (Absent)
Sikora Adam
Stapleton Kristin
Thomas Jean-Jacques (Absent)
Weinstein Bernard
Werner Marion
Zarembka Paul

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Davis Elaine
Hall Richard (Absent)
Tabbaa Sawsun (Excused)
Tezal Mine (Absent)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Cooke-Cottone Catherine (Absent)
Hayden Emily
Lee Gloria (Absent)
Wang X. Christine
Yang Lynne (Absent)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Aref Amjad (Absent) Alternate--Salamone Salvatore (Absent)

Alexandridis Paschalis
Fam Adly Alternate--Krovi Venkat (Absent)
Filiatrault Andre (Absent) Alternate--James Jensen (Absent)
Mohan Satish (Absent)
Mollendorf Joseph
Sadek Adel (Absent) Alternate--Lewis Kemper (Absent)
Su Weifeng
Wetherhold Robert

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Rowe Donald (Absent)

SCHOOL OF LAW

Mather Lynn Alternate—McCluskey Martha

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Fotak Veljko
Sanders Larry
Talukdar Debu (Absent)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean Grace
Fabry Donna

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Ceacareanu Alice

SUNY SENATORS

Fam Adly
Grinde Donald (Absent)
Kielar Kathleen
Nickerson Peter

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Adelman Elizabeth (Absent)
Johnson-Cooper Gendora
Morey Ophelia (Absent)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Keefe Robert

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Bakhai Yogesh (Absent)
Badgaiyan Rajendra (Absent)
Barth Matthew
Bass Kathryn (Absent)
Bradford Peter (Absent)
Campbell Lorne (Absent)
Chaskes Michael (Absent)
Fine Edward
Fitzpatrick Lorna
Hassett James
Hughes David (Absent)
Iyer Vijay (Absent)
Lehman Heather (Absent)
Page Brian (Absent)
Popescu Gabriela
Sadler Laurie
Sawyer Robert (Absent)
Shucard David
Silvestri Nicholas
Stachowiak Michal
Stewart Scott
Swartz Daniel (Absent)
Udin Susan
Wiles Charles

GUESTS (2 names were illegible)

NAME	DEPARTMENT
James Holstun	English
Ann Marie Landell	PSS
Bernard Weinstein	Physics
Lee Swadis	Student, African And African American Studies
Raymond P Dannenhoffer	Pathology And Anatomical Sciences

1. The Senate accepted the **minutes of May 7, 2013** conditionally with the expectation that changes be made to page 4, section 9. Zubrow noted that these are not official minutes, but a summary of the meeting because a quorum was not present.

Original summary: Baumer noted that candidates had a month to declare their desire to hold office. The rules require candidates express their willingness to serve. Write-in candidates are, thus, disqualified because their willingness to serve is unknown.

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2. Chair's Report

- University Senate
 - Most colleges are moving forward on the Open SUNY program faster than UB.
 - Budget implications of the ten regional economic development centers will affect the Start UP SUNY program.
 - SUNY looks upon UB's relationships with Kalida as a possible model for restructuring its associations with teaching hospitals.
 - The Chair of the SUNY Senate hopes to foster better relations with UUP due to overlapping concerns. Examples include seamless transfers, curriculum issues, and hiring.
- Discussion centered upon apathy towards the Faculty Senate after Zubrow noted that the Faculty Executive Committee is evaluating the Senate's standing committees and their charges. K. Stapelton suggested that the Senate survey faculty about their views. J. Holstun complained that the Senate has not had a quorum since October 2007 and that it met for 2 years without compiling minutes. Zubrow reminded him that Senate proceedings during that time were audio recorded because no one was willing to compile written minutes. M. McCluskey asked how that Faculty Senate agenda is set and how volunteers for committees are considered. She pointed out that Article VI, section F.2. of the Faculty Senate *Charter* states "The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for the Senate." The corrected minutes also show that M. McCluskey is a Senator, not an alternate. Zubrow responded that FSEC approves membership after volunteers inform the Senate Chair of their willingness to serve. FSEC considers all requests and rarely rejects a nomination. Zubrow said he will consult with FSEC about subsequent agendas.

3. President's Report

- Key dates:
 - October 9—Faculty and staff excellence will be celebrated.

- October 10—The Chair of the Middle States Review Committee will visit campus.
- October 11—President's State of the University Address.
- Two new Deans are James M. O'Donnell (Pharmacy) and Jaekyung Lee, (Education). Searches for the Chief Information Officer and the Vice-President for Communications are nearly completed.
- UB is now ranked among the top 200 world universities.
- Based upon GPA and SAT scores, this year's new undergraduate class is the best one yet.
- The Critical Conversations program began this semester. Ed Lazowska, Bill & Melinda Gates Chair in Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington, spoke about "Big Data, Enormous Opportunity."

4. Provost's Report

- UB enrolled 29,000 students this semester, the largest number ever. This includes large numbers of international students who chose Buffalo when they could have gone elsewhere. The University must compete with online programs to continue attracting students.
- UB 2020: Task forces studied implementation of 2020 ideas over the summer. The final *Realizing UB2020* report will be available shortly.
- Interested parties will have an opportunity to comment upon the draft self-assessment report prepared in preparation for the Middle States review. The Chair of the Middle States Review Committee, P. Beeson, will get a copy on her October 10 visit.
- A core education curriculum will replace the general education program. Pilot programs will start in the Spring 2014 semester with full implementation by the Fall 2015. Experiential learning will be a strong component. Responding to K. Stapelton about the role of the Faculty Senate in these changes, Zukoski said that it was represented on a wide range of committees, and Zubrow added that the Senate must approve curriculum changes.
- The Provost noted that 142 new faculty were hired for the Fall semester. K. Dauber asked about the distribution of ranks among the new hires. Zukoski answered that most are at the assistant level, and L. Finley's office has the precise numbers.

- A group of students asked Zukoski why there have not been discussions about McCarley Gardens. He replied that the University has been heavily engaged in conversations. He also indicated that St. John's approached UB about a possible purchase. President Tripathi said that there is not a contract to purchase the property, but a memorandum of understanding that has since expired. He also noted that the University is working with all local residents generating a database of local job opportunities.

5. UB Foundation (Edward Schneider)

- The UB foundation administers non-public monies acquired by the University, nearly a billion dollars. Schneider said that the Foundation has 7 or 8 corporations that report to the Board. Board meetings are quarterly. Selected committees deal with investments, properties, finance, audits, and gifts.
- UBF differs from the Research Foundation because the later administers both public and private funds. Both groups have a 58% research overhead.
- The Foundation had between \$150 and \$200 million revenue last year (unknown if calendar or fiscal year), and it spent nearly \$150 million dollars. Investments are roughly \$700 million, endowments are approximately \$554 million, and real estate is around \$140 million.
- K. Dauber asked who decides how to spend the money. Schneider responded that the Foundation follows restrictions and intents of donors. Regarding endowment spending, the President and Provost adhere to a formula in the University's financial plan. Considering unrestricted funds, Schneider said that the University creates a plan for these moneys at the beginning of the year which UBF then follows. These plans should be available from the University leadership.
- Dauber introduced a motion that the Faculty Senate should appoint a faculty-only committee of the Senate to look into, and report on, the budget of the UBF, and for that purpose should gather all public information available and request the Foundation and/or the administration to provide copies of all relevant documents. Schneider argued that this data is already public. Zubrow ruled that the Senate could not consider this without a quorum, but he will take this up with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

- A Senator asked how one determines the amount of money spent when public/private lines are blurred. Schneider once again emphasized that all UBF moneys are private.
- M. McCluskey noted that in the past when public money supported the Law School's Baldy Center annual reports were filed with the Surrogate Court. She asked if the Foundation filed the same since 2009 when it acquired control of the Center. Schneider was unaware. [After checking following the meeting, he confirmed to the Secretary that they are filed.] McCluskey also questioned if one who wishes to donate money to UB must do so through the Foundation. Schneider said donors can also offer money to the State.
- R. Dannenhoffer noted that once the Foundation transfers documents to the University administration, such information might be considered public and available through the Freedom of Information Act.
- Responding to a Senator who asked Schneider how UB's endowment compares to national norms, he indicated that it is comparable to those of peers. Schneider also said that the endowment grew during the Greiner years.
- According to Schneider, the 5% fee UBF taxes gifts to pay for costs is comparable to that of our peers. Gifts to the endowment do not face that tax, but other fees are involved.
- J. Holstun questioned Schneider about an alleged conflict of interest when the Ciminelli Corporation received a contract supported by UBF while a family member sat on the Board. Holstun said he was unable to locate UBF's conflict of interest statement on the Web. Schneider responded that UBF has a conflict of interest statement, but he does not see a need for posting it on the Web. McCluskey added that a UBF 990 form states the policy is available upon request.
- Holstun asked about the percent of annual expenditures provided for student scholarships. Schneider noted that donors restrict this by specifying the schools they wish to fund. Deans determine how to spend unrestricted funds.

6. Questions from non-Senators

- When a Senator asked Zubrow not to accept questions from non-Senators, he responded that it is his policy to promote open discussion unless the rules prohibit doing so.

7. Old business—None.

8. New business—None.