



Faculty Senate Meeting  
May 12, 2020  
Online by Zoom

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Dr Robert Miletich called the Annual Voting Faculty Meeting to order at 3.00pm.

The Chair mentioned that this was a meeting where the President would give a presentation after which the participants were allowed to ask the President questions/concerns. The Chair then invited the President and the Provost to deliver their messages.

**President & Provost:**

President Tripathi: Acknowledged and thanked the faculty for their uncommon resiliency in pursuit of the academic goal. He expressed his concern/sympathy to all who are touched by the pandemic.

Planning committee 20/21: The Focus of campus planning committee headed by the Provost has shifted to – scholarship, public health, University finances, research and student experience. We are facing a challenging future with the economic downturn and the pandemic.

The Provost Weber spoke about plans for advancing UBs academic and research mission during COVID19 and two highly related and concurrent issues Financial management and a robust planning process.

The presentations of the President and Provost are on UB Box.

The FSEC meeting was called to order at 3.50 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the April meeting was passed

**Chair's report:**

*Obituary:* The Chair paid respects to Dr. Murray Levine, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Psychology and a longtime UB faculty

member who in the 1960s helped launch the emerging field of community psychology, died May 4 due to congestive heart failure. He authored eight books and more than 200 articles and book chapters. In 1994, he was named to the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect. He also served from 1999-2000 as president of the American Psychology-Law Society, Division 41 of the American Psychological Association (APA). He is the 1997 recipient of the APA's Seymour B. Sarason Award for Community Research and Action. The FS paid respects to the departed by maintaining a moment of silence.

*Zoom:* The Chair reminded everyone that Zoom was being updated and the University has asked that all its members update to version 5 by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Suspension of the Standing Order:* Section 5, paragraph A, part III states that a draft resolution is placed on the agenda for 2 successive meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> meeting = discussion of the matter at hand and no vote

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting = matter will be voted upon

Class material piracy (CMP) has become a crisis with the increase in remote learning. For the resolution to be in place by Fall to stop/inhibit CMP, this resolution has to be passed immediately. Subsequently there is a process where it will be sent to the President's office for promulgation where a committee will examine it and then forward it to the Policy committee, which could be accomplished during the summer months. Therefore, a suspension of the standing order was requested, voted upon, and passed 49:1:1, affirmed:opposed:abstain.

*First and Second reading of the course piracy resolution:* Dr. Glick presented the resolution. The resolution that was approved by the FSEC and the Policy and grading committee was placed on the floor for discussion. A brief insight was given to the senators as to the content of the resolution. The resolution is uploaded on UB Box. Vote was taken and the resolution passed 52:0:2. The Chair promised to forward the resolution to the President asap.

*Bunsis report:* The First reading of the report was presented by Ken Dauber. He urged everyone to read the report before the second reading in the Fall and explained the reports contents in brief. The Bunsis report and associated communication is on UB Box. A subsequent short discussion followed.

**Old Business:** None

**Executive session:** None

**New business:** None

**Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 4.30 pm. -

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Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate,  
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