



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE

December 2, 2014

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

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Cynthia Tysick

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ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas (excused)

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Michael Cowen

Kenneth Dauber (absent)

Stephen Dyson

Walter Hakala

James Holstun

Jacob Kathman (excused-Jacob Neiheisel,
alternate, present)

Charlotte Lindqvist

Sara Metcalf

Peter Morgan (absent)

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant

Harvey Palmer

Katja Praznik

Adam Sikora

Kristin Stapleton

Jean-Jacques Thomas

Camillo Trumper

Marion Werner

Paul Zarembka

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton

Ray Miller

Sawsun Tabba (absent)

Mine Tezal (absent)

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED
SCIENCES:**

Paschalis Alexandridis (excused)

Christine Human

Igor Jankovic

James Jensen

Joseph Mollendorf

Adel Sadek (absent)

Sabanayagam Thevanayagam

Robert Wetherhold

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION:**

Maureen Boyd (excused-Alexa Dimick,
alternate, present)

Anne Perroult

Lorna Peterson

Sarah Robert (absent)

Lynne Yang

LAW:

Christine Bartholomew (excused-Jessica
Owley, alternate, present)

Martha McCluskey

MANAGEMENT:

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Jun Ru (absent)

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MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Daniel Amsterdam
Jeffrey Anker
Matthew Barth (absent)
Kathryn Bass (absent)
Peter Bradford
Michael Chaskes
George Chen (absent)
Peter Elkin (excused)
Edward Fine
Lorna Fitzpatrick (absent)
John Gibbs (absent)
Richard Gronostajski
Vijay Iyer (absent)
Dennis Nadler
Chukwumere Nwogu
Garbriela Popescu
Laurie Sadler
Rajeev Sharma
David Shucard
George Simpson
Satpal Singh
Scott Stewart
Daniel Swartz (absent)
Susan Udin (absent)
Charles Wiles
Taechin Yu

NURSING:

Grace Dean
Donna Fabry

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu (excused-Kathy Boje, alternate, present)
Fred Doloresco

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Peter Horvath
Heather Kearns
Jim Lenker
Sue Nochajski

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)
Kathleen Kost (absent)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand
Adly Fam (absent)
Kathleen Kielar
Rober Van Wicklin (absent-Reid Heffner, alternate, present)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper
Ophelia Morey
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PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Elaine Cusker, Academic Affairs
Krista Hanypsiak, Honors College
Kira Lowe, Enrollment Management
Alex Reid, English
Arabella Lyon, English
John Wood, International Education
Maria Chavan, Undergraduate Education
David Hill, Reporter
Diane Christian, English
Dagobert Soergel, Library and Information Science
Andy Stott, English & UGE
Peter Biehl, Anthropology
Kara Saunders, Registrar
Teresa Miller, Provost's Office
Christian Flaugh, RLL
Claire Schen, History

Meeting began at 3:00pm

1. Approval of the minutes from 11/18/14
 - The body voted to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.
2. Quorum called
 - We did have a quorum with 56 senators signing in and present at the start of the meeting.
 - More senators arrived during the meeting.
3. President's Report
 - 3 faculty were promoted to the SUNY Distinguished Professor; Dr. Morse (Pharmacy), Dr. Constantinou (Engineering) and Dr. Nitsche (Engineering)
 - The State of the University address and the 2013-2014 report are available online at <http://buffalo.edu/progress>
 - The Critical Conversations Program will present its second event with Dr. Wellman from Stanford. He is the Chief of Infectious Disease at Palo Alto.
 - The UB Scholarship Gala rose over \$300,000. Thank you to those who attended.
4. Chair's Comments
 - The only items on the agenda are the resolution presented by Dr. Horvath on 11/04/14 to accept the new Undergraduate General Education Proposal as well as the six amendments to the proposal.
 - The amendments will be voted on first and the resolution last because the amendments may have some bearing on how faculty senators will vote on the resolution.
 - How will the voting be done? After consulting with FSEC members and others the chair has decided that we will stay with normal procedures and vote with a raised hand. The Parliamentarian and the Secretary will confirm the tallies.
 - Amendments from the floor will be accepted after the current six amendments are voted on but before the resolution vote.
 - Each amendment will be presented and a second will need to be made. After which a two minute pro and con discussion can take place. The time for debate has come and gone.
5. Amendment 1 Domestic Diversity (see attached PowerPoint for full text)
 - Approved without discussion (40 yes 16 no)
6. Amendment 2 Breadth of Knowledge Cluster (see attached PowerPoint for full text)
 - Dr. Gronostajski-the amendment is too narrow. The Thematic Clusters in the original proposal offer more breadth than this amendment.
 - Defeated (5 yes 47 no 4 abstentions)
7. Amendment 3.2 Language Change to Amendment 3 Staffing with Tenure Track (see attached PowerPoint for full text)

- Dr. Zarembka explained his amendment was to not only assure the new hires were tenure track but that current adjuncts and part-time faculty be actively considered for these new positions.
 - Accepted (27 yes 25 no 4 abstain)
8. Amendment 3 Staffing with Tenure Track (see attached PowerPoint for full text)
- There was confusion here, with some senators believing the previous vote was to approve this amendment.
 - Dr. Horvath pointed out that in fact what was approved was the change in the paragraph of Amendment 3.
 - Dr. Zarembka advocated adopting this amendment now that it had the new language requesting part-time and adjunct faculty be given consideration for the new full-time positions.
 - Dr. Lenker-Having full-time faculty is an improvement for the General Education program however this amendment does put a lot of restraints on Deans and Chairs. The type of hire decisions should be made by them and not be part of the resolution.
 - Defeated (26 yes 35 no)
9. Amendment 4 Math & Quantitative Reasoning (see attached PowerPoint for full text)
- Dr. Sikora-this is a friendly amendment to assure that some math courses will count toward General Education requirements.
 - Dr. Horvath-it is a very friendly amendment
 - Accepted (55 yes 1 no 5 abstentions)
10. Amendment 5 Freshman/Transfer Seminars & Reallocation of those Funds (see attached PowerPoint for full text)
- Dr. Sikora-Money is not being spent in the most optimal way. Departments need to decide where to spend the money so move the money dedicated to the Freshmen/Transfer seminars to the departments.
 - Dr. Jensen-This is a vote against Freshmen seminars. Faculty are already teaching these types of courses.
 - Defeated (3 yes 57 no 3 abstentions)
11. Original Resolution to approve a new Undergraduate General Education Program
- Dr. Horvath-The Libraries and Faculty Senate Executive Committee have endorsed this program along with a number of departments. Let's move forward.
 - Dr. Zarembka-Will vote 'no' because tenure practices are the heart of the university. He recognized that there have been a lot of important changes in this document but feels we need more time to look over the proposal before we vote.
 - Before the vote could be taken Dr. Holstun looked to be recognized. The Chair requested that comments be made in regards to the resolution.
 - Dr. Holstun motioned to overrule the chair in regards to voting procedures on this resolution. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion.
 - Defeated (10 yes 37 no 6 abstentions)
 - Resolution was voted on by hand raising.
 - Accepted (51 yes 7 no 5 abstentions)

Dr. Stapleton asked to be recognized and said that while she had mixed feelings about a lot of the unknowns she thanked her colleagues for creating a quorum and having this important vote. She asked all faculty to pay attention to the accountability necessary to effectively run a new Undergraduate General Education program to avoid having negative consequences as it is implemented. She also called on the faculty senate to empower the faculty senate committees.

Respectfully submitted 1/23/2015 by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary