



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
September 17, 2019  
Center for Tomorrow

**Attendance:** attached at end.

All proceedings of the meeting was recorded and uploaded on UB Box.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr Robert Miletich at 3.00pm

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted unanimously.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes of 5/14/2019 was approved and accepted unanimously.

**Chair's report:**

The Chair requested the senators as elected representatives, to increase communication with their constituents (voting faculty) of their decanal units using the appropriate listservs.

All documents are available on UB Box organized by the month of the year.

Website:

UB University shared governance:

<http://buffalo.app.box.com/services/browse/official/>

Everything pertinent to the Faculty Senate will be on this website.

**President:**

Not present

**Provost:**

Interim Provost Weber thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone well. The University is bustling with activity with currently a record number of 32,000 students enrolled with 4200 new students. Diversity is increased to 17% from 13% earlier. The University has recruited more than

85 new faculty from prestigious institutions. He welcomed Evviva Weinraub, Vice Provost for University Libraries who joined the University in early August.

Past April a student life (Sebastian Bazan) was lost tragically from the Greek fraternity house due to suspected hazing. President Tripathi closed all Greek Life. Scott Weber, Vice President of Student Life was charged to undertake an internal review into this occurrence. The Greek life committee headed by Dean Rosenblith was charged with examining the culture of these organizations with special focus on anti-hazing. Recommendations have been put forward and the report uploaded on the VPSL website. The report include 4 broad and 14 specific recommendations with an overview to improve university oversight and increase accountability within these organizations, one of which was for UB to develop an annual fraternity/sorority score card to help see that that functioning of these organizations is aligned with the values and codes of conduct of UB. All Greek life suspensions have been lifted and put on probation but they will not recruit new members until they have met all the recommendations.

PhD excellence initiative: It was launched last month. Full time PhD students will be give academic stipends of \$20,000/yr. Check Graham Hammill's presentation for more details.

Sponsored program activities continue to increase totaling \$174 million with a 4.7% rise. NSF grants have increased.

UB rankings continue to rise steadily – 31 among public universities and 5 in the northeast, based on US news and world reports.

Provost Weber thanks everyone for the work they were doing and reminded everyone of the President's State of the University address on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### ***Vice Provost of Libraries:***

Evviva Weinraub: Current SUNY contract with Elsevier will expire on December 31, 2019 – Currently SUNY's library consortium is negotiating with Elsevier. Science Direct Platform of Elsevier has about 3336 journals,

only 242 account for 50% of total usage, 604 account for 75% and 1094 account for 90% usage in 2017.

Costs 25% of the acquisition budget over 5 years it has risen by 21% and is not sustainable by the University. Elsevier double dips with a 19% profit margin – the faculty pays to publish and the library pays to access. Details are available in UB Box.

University of California could not reach a successful negotiation agreement with Elsevier.

There will be Town Hall meetings:

September 20<sup>th</sup> – North campus

October 25<sup>th</sup> = South campus

November 7<sup>th</sup> = North campus

November 13<sup>th</sup> = College of Deans council

All material will be available online until December 31, 2019, maybe until the end of the academic year.

Delivery Plus will procure anything one needs, if requested. SUNY updates will be shared.

### ***PhD excellence initiative:***

*Presented by Graham Hammill:* Slides are on UB Box.

For the last 10 years there has been a National and International conversation on PhD Education.

Different reports that address PhDs at the global level have been presented through the different years –

The challenges facing PhD education

3 main points, national challenges are \_

1. PhD need to improve time to degree
2. Align graduating with employment opportunities.
3. Understanding and achieving the PhD students' participation to achieve a diverse workforce.

Tracking career trajectory of PhDs is pretty difficult – there is a national grant that is trying to track the outcomes through SUNY in which UB is participating.

UB PhD Excellence Initiative

Time to degree currently is 6 years.

Completion rates is 30-40% which is below the national median

Diversity among the PhD students is on a good trajectory with some progress with increased funding but that needs to be improved.

This initiative is a student centric effort: Recruiting good/competitive students, Increasing diversity and inclusion, aligning program level PhD curriculum with outcome as defined by the program and balancing teaching and scholarship. It was decided to give the students a minimum of \$20,000 for full time graduate (TA, GA, RA) students placing UB among the top 5 of the AAU peers. Please check the graduate school website.

The discussion that ensued such as – where the funding was from?

3 things that can be done and are being carried out by other universities are: Reprioritization; Shrink PhD programs; ways to find revenue through Masters Programs;

***Senator orientation:***

Senator orientation was *presented by Robert Miletich*. Slides are up on UB Box.

**Executive session:** None

**New business:** Professional senate sustainability fair 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am at the Student Union.

**Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 4.15 pm.

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, September, 2019.



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**FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS**

Bob Miletich

Jessy Alexander

Destiny Johnson

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING 2/3**

Martha Bohm

Zoe Hamstead

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES 13/31**

Jason Benedict

**Sampson Blair**

Andrew Byrne

**Michael Cowen**

**Kenneth Dauber**

Walter Hakala

Maureen Jameson

Hal Langfur

Ruth Mack

Ariel Nereson

Michael Poulin

Lewis Powell

Wendy Quinton

**SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE 4/4**

Dana Keblawi

**Albert Sohnen**

Eugena Stephan

Lisa Yerke

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER 1/1**

Michael Baugh 

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES 4/11**

Gary Dargush

Igor Jankovic 

Joseph Mollendorf 

Joseph Mook 

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION 5/5**

Janina Brutt-Griffler

Sunha Kim 

Namsok Kim 

Michele Shanahan 

Corrie Stone-Johnson 

**SCHOOL OF LAW 3/3**

Michael Boucai 

Bernadette Gargano

Mateo Taussig-Rubbo

**SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT 2/5**

Laura Amo 

Alan Dick 

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES 24/25**

Kathleen Bethin 

Peter Bradford

Teresa Danforth

Jessica Donhauser 

Michael Dwyer 


Zhanna Elberg 

Valerie Elbersson 

Eleanor Fung

Biswarup Ghosh

Deepali Handa 

Mark Hicar 

Wilma Hofmann
Bree Kramer
<b>David Mattson</b>
<b>Michael Morales</b> <i>Mike Morales</i>
Jeffrey Mullin
Mark Parker <i>Mark Parker</i>
<b>Richard Quigg</b>
Pinaki Sarder
Christine Schaner-Tooley <i>Christine Tooley</i>
Umesh Sharma
Heather Territo
Rabi Yacoub
Jeffrey Yu <i>[Signature]</i>

<b>SCHOOL OF NURSING</b> 2/2
<b>Carla Jungquist</b>
Jennifer Livingston <i>Jennifer Livingston</i>

<b>SCHOOL OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES</b> 3/3
<b>Ed Bednarczyk</b>
Nicole Cieri-Hutcherson <i>NC</i>
Robert Straubinger

<b>SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; HEALTH PROFESSIONS</b> 3/4
Jessica Cao <i>Jessica Cao</i>
Albert Vexler <i>AV</i>
<b>John Wilson</b>

<b>SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK</b> 1/2
Gretchen Ely <i>Gretchen Ely</i>

<b>UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES</b> 4/4
Susan Davis-Bartl
Alison Fraser <i>AF</i>
Michael Kicey
<b>Amy Lyons</b> <i>AL</i>

<b>SUNY SENATORS</b> 4/4	
Cemal Basaran	<i>CB</i>
Jason Benedict	<i>[Signature]</i>
Philip Glick	<i>[Signature]</i>
Frederick Stoss	<i>[Signature]</i>

<b>PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:</b>
Satish Tripathi
<b>INTERIM PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:</b>
A. Scott Weber
<b>PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:</b>
Tim Tryjankowski
<b>COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):</b>
Mike Montoro <i>my mo</i>

71 Senators + 4 SUNY Senators = 75 members  
 39 needed for quorum

107 Senator Seats + 2 Officer Seats = 109 Seats in the Faculty Senate





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## **GUESTS – Please Sign In**

**Alternates – Please Sign In for Senator where they would sign.**

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