



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE

February 2, 2016

CHAIR:

Phil Glick

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Shannon Bassett

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas (absent)

Ana Mariella Bacigalupo (Franquea-alt present)

Michael Cowen

Sergey Dolgopolski

Stephen Dyson

Walter Hakala

David Johnson

Jacob Kathman

Nicholas Lustig

Sara Metcalf

Peter Morgan

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant

Harvey Palmer

Katja Praznik

David Schmid

Adam Sikora

Jean-Jacques Thomas

Camillo Trumper

Paul Zarembka

Ewa Ziarek

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Ilaf Almawadi

Michael Hatton

Ray Miller

Benita Sobieraj

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Maureen Boyd

Kayte Conroy (absent)

Lilliam Malave

Sarah Robert

Margaret Sallee

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Paschalis Alexandridis

Christine Human

Igor Jankovic

James Jensen

Joseph Mollendorf

Adel Sadek (absent)

Sabanayagam Thevanayagam

Robert Wetherhold

LAW:

Martha McCluskey

Matt Steilen

Mateo Taussig-Rubbo

MANAGEMENT:

Jun Ru

Larry Sanders (spring)

Sudhir Suchak (fall)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Omar Al-Ibrahim

Nikolaos Almyroudis
Daniel Amsterdam
Daniel Antonius
Jeffrey Anker
Peter Bradford
Michael Chaskes
George Chen
Clarice Cooper
Peter Elkin
Julia Faller
Edward Fine
Richard Gronostajski
James Hassett
Hoon Jung (left UB)
Supriya Mahajan
Dennis Nadler
Chukwumere Nwogu
Sangita Patel
Garbriela Popescu
Rajeev Sharma
George Simpson
Satpal Singh
Susan Udin
Taechin Yu

NURSING:

Grace Dean
Donna Fabry

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu
Fred Doloresco

PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Peter Horvath
Heather Kearns
Jim Lenker

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe
Kathleen Kost

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper
Liz Stellrecht
Margaret Wells

SUNY SENATORS:

Ezra Zubrow (excused)
Phil Glick
Jamal Basaran
TBD

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Chip Zukoski, Provost
Dominic Licata, PSS Chair
Andrew Stott, Vice Provost & Dean Of
Undergraduate Education, Dean of
Undergraduate Education

Meeting began at 3:00pm

- Minutes from 12/1/15 approved
- Chair's report
 - Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) decided to split the Library and IT committee into two separate committees. Both have pressing issues that are unique to their unit and require appropriate committees. Volunteers or nominations are being sought.
 - Chair met with all Faculty Senate (FS) Committees' chairs and went over the new committee report template approved last month by FSEC.
 - FSEC approved a motion to limit committee chairs to a 2 year term, renewable 1 time. Committee rosters will be looked at annually, per our bylaws, to assure that they have a full complement of members.
 - April 18th will be FS/Professional Staff Senate (PSS) Continuing Education on Shared Governance and Social Media
 - FS and PSS are looking for a social media Ombudsman.
 - SUNY Plenary
 - State budget has no major cuts. Rational tuition extended. \$2 million for capital improvements.
 - Maintenance of Effort money was passed by the legislature but was not included in the Governor's budget.
 - SUNY Trustees are concerned about growing SUNY with just tuition revenue. They want the legislature to give SUNY more money if they want to grow SUNY.
 - Chancellor Zimpher reported that her office has hired a new trustee with healthcare background. SUNY is currently undergoing 21 President searches. The Downstate Council has resigned. Centers like Buffalo and their buildings are crumbling. Trying to walk the fine line on this issue with Albany and understands everyone's concerns.
 - Alex Cartwright reported that SUNY would like to see 150,000 completions by 2025 and is working on Open SUNY 2.0.
 - 3 resolutions were passed: *Preferred name and gender identity, Gender inclusive spaces, and a Report on Applied Learning was accepted.*
 - Adopt a family went very well for the two families adopted by FS and PSS.
 - Department of Jewish Thought: The Chair has reviewed all the minutes, bylaws, standing orders, and the report of the Academic Policies and Grading Committee (APGC) from last year. He has also talked with the Provost, Dean Pittman (College of Arts & Sciences), the Faculty Senate Secretary and the former FS Chair. Although APGC did not support the new department the Provost and the Dean don't have to get our approval.
 - March 1st FS meeting will be brief as we will have our first ever shared governance meeting with FS and PSS. Chancellor Zimpher will teleconference in and SUNY Senate Chair Peter Neffer will be present to speak.
- Provost's Report
 - SUNY Excels and the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) awarded UB \$1.75 million for a professional pathways for Arts & Humanities to get Arts & Humanities where the students are. \$1 million for the SUNY Centers to work collaboratively to focus on students success in STEM

courses. They will establish common learning outcomes and use open education resources (OERs) to improve pedagogy. Other proposals were well received and we could be receiving more awards in the future.

- Winter terms increased by 300 students, 1800 total. 75% were taught online. Study abroad is very popular.
- UB is becoming known as a place to get a good education. Acceptance by students is up 10%, highest in 5 years and minorities accepting is up 15%.
- 3 Dean searches are going on: Dental, Management, and CAS.
- Venu Govindaraju has been named Vice President for Research and Economic Development
- Presentation by Dr. Andrew Stott, Vice Provost & Dean Of Undergraduate Education, Dean of Undergraduate Education
 - UB Curriculum Update
 - Implementation for the fall 2016 semester is on target.
 - Dr. Stott thanked everyone involved in assuring the success of the new curriculum.
 - Pathways tools was demonstrated https://myub.buffalo.edu/path_finder/#/intro/1
 - An additional upcoming feature will allow transfer students to pull their coursework from another school in to the UB Curriculum to identify gaps
 - College scheduler is an 8 semester plan
 - UB Seminar introduces students to critical thinking, ethical reason, and is guided by intellectual curiosity.
 - Foundation courses offer courses in the major or out that cover Communication Literacy, Math & Quantitative Reasoning, Scientific Literacy & Inquiry, and Diversity Learning
 - Pathways courses correspond to broad areas of Arts, Civilization & History, Humanities, Languages, and Social Sciences. Students have two Pathways to complete: Thematic and Global. They must complete three courses for each pathway.
 - Capstone pulls all of their course work together into an online portfolio using Digication. It is a reflective project that places their learning in context.
 - Q&A
 - Comment about where science was in the UB Curriculum. Dean Stott pointed out it is a Foundation
 - Concern raised on the part of TAs who will need to oversee 90 undergraduates at the final Capstone phase. It should be capped at 60. Dean Stott said there is a pilot right now to determine a manageable workload.
 - Question raised whether there was a diversity component to the sciences. Dean Stott referred to the learning objectives for the course.
- First Reading “Resolution to Amend the Faculty Senate Handbook regarding Teaching Evaluation” by Dr. Liu
- First Reading “Resolution for The Greening of the UB Commons” by Dr. Popescu

Meeting adjourned at 4:15p

Submitted by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary of the Faculty Senate February 29, 2016