



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

FACULTY SENATE

March 3, 2015

CHAIR:

Ezra B. W. Zubrow

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Ernest Sternberg (Jordan Geiger-Alt)

ARTS & SCIENCES:

Alex Anas (absent)
Joe Buscaglia (resigned)
Melvyn Churchill (excused)
Michael Cowen
Kenneth Dauber
Stephen Dyson (excused)
Walter Hakala (off Spring Sem. Lee, Eunhee
Alternate-absent)
James Holstun
Jacob Kathman
Charlotte Lindqvist (excused)
Sara Metcalf
Peter Morgan (excuse)
Alyssa Mt. Pleasant (absent)
Harvey Palmer (absent)
Katja Praznik (excused)
Adam Sikora (absent)
Kristin Stapleton
Jean-Jacques Thomas (absent)
Camillo Trumper (absent)
Marion Werner

Paul Zarembka (excused)

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michael Hatton
Ray Miller
Sawsun Tabba (excused)
Mine Tezal (absent)

**ENGINEERING & APPLIED
SCIENCES:**

Paschalis Alexandridis
Christine Human
Igor Jankovic
James Jensen
Joseph Mollendorf (absent)
Adel Sadek (absent)
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam (absent)
Robert Wetherhold (absent)

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION:**

Maureen Boyd
Anne Perroult (absent)
Lorna Peterson (retired)
Sarah Robert
Lynne Yang

**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH &
HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Peter Horvath
Heather Kearns

Jim Lenker
Sue Nochajski (absent)

LAW:

Christine Bartholomew
Martha McCluskey (excused)

MANAGEMENT:

Veljiko Fotak
Jun Ru
Larry Sanders (excused)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

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

NURSING:

Grace Dean

Donna Fabry (excused)

PHARMACY:

Alice Ceacareanu (absent)
Fred Doloresco

SOCIAL WORK:

Robert Keefe (excused)
Kathleen Kost (absent)

SUNY SENATORS:

Henry Durand (absent)
Kathleen Kielar (excused)
Rober Van Wicklin

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Glendora Johnson-Cooper
Ophelia Morey
Margaret Wells

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Elaine Davis, Dental School
Andy Stott, English (UGE)
Ann Marie Landel, Professional Staff Senate

Meeting began at 3:10pm due to weather (snowstorm)

1. Approval of the minutes from 02/03/15
 - The body voted to approve the minutes from the April, 15, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.
2. A minute of silence was observed in respect to the passing of Sociology professor Addie Levine
3. Report of the Chair (Ezra Zubrow)
 - April 7th will be the Voting Faculty meeting hosted by President Tripathi. A switch from the usual May Voting Faculty meeting was requested by the President due to a scheduling conflict.
 - The Research Foundation had reminded PIs about the nepotism policy statement http://www.rfsuny.org/media/RFSUNY/Policies/nepotism_policy_pol.htm. The chair was asked about his opinion regarding the policy and found it reasonable. He asked the chair of the Academic Freedom committee to look at it. The chair of the committee felt it wasn't in their purview so the Ezra will ask FSEC if they want to recreate the Research Committee or create an ad-hoc Research Committee to review the nepotism policy.
 - March 4th FSEC will be taking up the issue of faculty publishing and then assigning their textbooks in their courses. The VP for Faculty Affairs is also looking into this issue.
 - The various committees of the Faculty Senate need members. Please urge voting faculty to participate on these committees.
 - Questions:
 - Dr. Hatton: What are we doing with the Decanal Review Proposal?
 1. Ezra: If we don't have a quorum it will go back to the FSEC to decide what to do with it.
 - Will there be an assessment body of the new Undergraduate General Education program?
 1. Ezra: No, however; we are trying to get a faculty senator on every Gen. Ed. Implementation committee.
4. No President's Report
5. Provost's Report
 - Communities of Excellence are stilling being worked on and vetted.
 - Dr. Prasad has received the Innovative Impact Award
 - UB graduate Thomas Curley (Media Studies) received an Oscar for sound mixing for the movie Whiplash.
 - Budget meetings happened with all units last week. Some challenges highlighted are:
 - Capital needs
 - Tuition and enrollment stability
 - Excellence in UB degrees

- Budget model
 - Community engagement needs to improve
 - Nimbleness is response to students' areas of study
 - External funding needed
 - New review streams needed
 - Opportunities are happening for UB
 - Momentum in research
 - UB General Education reform and new degrees
 - Interdisciplinary growth
 - State visibility
 - Buffalo Manufacturing Works
 - Buffalo Institute of Genomics
 - StartUp NY
 - Demonstrating our importance to New York State
 - Medical campus coming along
 - Working to define various roles for accurate statistics like student, faculty, and staff
 - Campus culture is changing in terms of equity and diversity
 - The ABA is allowing the Law school to grant LSAT waivers to 10% of their students.
 - Questions:
 - Dr. Lenker: What about IRB compliance challenges and the search for a new IRB officer?
 - Provost: no impact right now and we are working on the search
6. Committee Reports <http://faculty-senate.buffalo.edu/committees/senateCommitteeRoster.htm>
- Academic Planning & Assessment (Diane Christian)
 - They meet monthly
 - The issues are as they come up so contact them if you have any suggestions
 - Reviewed Heart of the Campus renovations as they pertain to academic issues
 - Commented on the Undergraduate General Education proposal
 1. Implementation process is going to be important so voting faculty should participate in the committees.
 - Academic Policies & Grading (Michael Cowen-Conveyor)
 - Developing academic integrity policies-postponed the work for now
 - Currently working on repeat/controlled enrollment policy to bring to FSEC before the end of the semester.
 - Faculty Engagement (Michael Hatton)
 - This is a new committee that looks to embrace and welcome new voting faculty and new faculty senators
 - The committee wishes to stress Faculty Senate as a means of governance
 - Elections Committee (Cynthia Tysick)

- Created a new Nomination by Petition form for election of Chair and Secretary
 - Created a template for units to follow cumulative voting procedures
 - Will be looking to get the staggered terms of Chair and Secretary back in order with the upcoming Secretary's term being one year rather than two
 - Will conduct a reapportionment in 2015 that will take effect in 2016
 - Looking for more members, currently a committee of three
 - Tenure, Promotion, and Privileges (James Holstun)
 - Are talking with VP of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Granville about mentoring
 - Taking up parental leave and stopping the tenure clock.
 - Contact us if you have any issues
 - Question from the audience about mentoring, is there a mentoring policy?
 1. Yes but it hasn't been consistently followed.
7. Decanal Review Proposal
- Ezra: No quorum it goes back the FSEC. Would the members of faculty senate like it to come back to them?
 - Questions:
 1. Glendora Johnson-Cooper: Why is the Vice Provost for University Libraries not included in the Decanal Review? They oversee faculty.
 2. Dr. Davis: It was an oversight on the part of the committee
 3. Ezra: They did not realizing that they VPUL position is head of the libraries.
 4. Michael Hatton: Word smithing but under "initial review" 3rd sentence can we use "need not" rather than "shouldn't".
 5. Dr. Davis: Yes we can do that.
 6. Dr. Holstun reminds Chair Zubrow that it is not up to FSEC to vote the issue up or down but rather to bring it back to the faculty senate for a quorum vote.
 - The Decanal Review Proposal will go back to FSEC and they will recommend further action in light of no quorum for the 2nd reading.

Adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted 04/02/2015 by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary.