



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022
Online by Zoom

Attendance: Appendix 1

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The chair, Fred Stoss, called the meeting to order at 3:01pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda for the day was approved unanimously with correction of committee name.

Secretary's Report & Approval of previous minutes: Minutes from May 17, 2022 were unanimously approved.

President's Report:

- Welcomed faculty and students during the semester. Highlighted move-in day and hosting new faculty and librarians at a welcome reception.
- UB has received funds from the state for up to 130 new faculty hires
- There has been a decline in undergraduate enrollment
- First and second year retention rates are an issue, particularly for international students.
- We are #2 in US college/universities for sustainability efforts
- VP Kamala Harris' visit was mentioned
- New deans appointed for Management and Nursing
- Despina Stratigakos, Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence has stepped down and Jacqueline Hollins has been appointed interim VP.
- Jason B. Diffenderfer has been appointed Interim Vice President for University Advancement
- Q&A
 - Why the retention problem?
 - Financial/economic issues
 - Poorly prepared due to COVID and online education
 - Other factors and being analyzed
 - What is our retention rate?
 - Went from 89% to 84%

Provost's Report:

- Met with students, both new and returning. Everyone is thrilled to be back to near normal.
- Agrees number one concern regarding retention is financial
- Students have had bi-modal instruction and as a result are not as engaged

Chair's Report:

- Chair submitted written report see Appendix 2
- Faculty Senate belongs to all of us. We should get involved and reach out to the faculty we represent
- Serve on one of our committees

Special Presentation by Mark Alnutt, Vice President and Director of Athletics

- The student athlete
 - Strives for academic excellence, socially engaged, and strives for competitive success.
 - 3.252 GPA
 - Four out of the last five semester UB has athletes have had the highest GPA in UB history.
 - Resources for academic success include tutors, mentors, and regular progress reports.
 - NCA graduation success rate is 90%
 - We have 11 NFL Alumni
 - Key component of UB athletics is community service to foster overall success, retention, and lifelong tie to UB.
 - Name, Image, and Likeness allows athlete to now monetize their name, image, and likeness while they are students.
- Q&A
 - Is there a website about NILs? <https://www.nilnetwork.com/>
 - There is a transfer portal where our athletes are sought? Yes but it works both ways, we are able to scout talent and provide a better college experience.
 - What about sports being made into clubs? This was before Mr. Alnutt's tenure.
 - Title IX complaint made by women athletes regarding inadequate and unequitable facilities. Looking into it.

New Faculty Orientation by Fred Stoss, Chair

<https://buffalo.box.com/s/gceaip6ayemhjzcynpamli42hr9ova3s>

Academic Policy & Grading Committee Report: Guiding Principles Surrounding Academic Calendar Change by Dr. Joanne Song McLaughlin on behalf of committee

<https://buffalo.box.com/s/ytr1f6y7zryohdsb5n00aaxl238chdms>

Motion approved to extend meeting by 10 minutes at 4:30pm

Motion approved to accept dates for remainder of 2022-23 Faculty Senate meetings

FACULTY SENATE 2022 – 2023 PROPOSED MEETINGS

2022 - 2023	FSEC			FS	<p>OF NOTE:</p> <p>Fall Recess: 11/23/22 - 11/26/22</p> <p>Winter Recess: 12/20/22 – 1/29/23</p> <p>Spring Recess: 3/20/2023- 3/25/2023</p> <p>Shared Governance Day: 3/7/2023</p>
September	6	13	27	20	
October	4	11	25	18	
November	1	8		15	
December	6	13		15	
January					
February	7	14	28	21	
March	7	14	28		
April	4	11	25	18	
May	2	9		16	

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm



University at Buffalo
Faculty Senate
University Shared Governance

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:
Fred Stoss – ✓

SECRETARY:
Cindi Tysick – ✓

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:
Kerry Traynor - Excused
Georg Rafailidis - ✓

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Barbara Prinari –
Kenneth Dauber – ✓
Sampson Lee Blair – ✓
Liana Vardi – (declined)
Wei Sun –
Jason Benedict – Sabbatical
Chad Lavin – ✓
Sara Metcalf – ✓
Kristin Stapleton – ✓
Michael Cowen –
Grady Gambrel – ✓
Harvey Palmer – ✓
Julie Bowker – ✓

Justin Read –
Christopher Dennison –
Eero Laine – Excused – Research Meeting
David Johnson –
Cari Casteel – ✓
Victoria Wolcott – ✓
Lara Hutson – ✓

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michelle Visser Kay – ✓
Benita Sobieraj – ✓

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:

Marsha Christiano – ✓

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Paschalis Alexandridis – ✓
Marina Tsianou –
Julia Latorre – ✓
Cecilia Hilde Martinez-Leon – ✓
Kallol Sett – ✓
Farah Percy Vandrevala – ✓
Jose Walteros – ✓
Junsong Yuan – ✓
Amy Baird – ✓
Sreyasee Das Bhattacharjee – ✓
Russ Miller – ✓
Debanjan Sarkar – ✓
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam – ✓

Wenyao Xu – ✓

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lilliam Malave Lopez – ✓

Blythe Anderson – ✓

Stephanie Fredrick – ✓

Janina Brutt-Griffler –

LAW:

Matthew Steilen – ✓

Mekonnen Ayano – ✓

Stephen Paskey – ✓

Kim Diana Connolly –

MANAGEMENT:

Laura Amo – ✓

Winston Lin – ✓

Weihong Xu –

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Michael Morales –

Thomas Melendy – ✓

David Shucard – ✓

Yongho Bae – ✓

Marilou Ching –

Michael Duffey –

Michael Farkas – ✓

Seth Glassman –

Michael Guppenberger – ✓

Liise Kayler –
Yaron Perry – ✓
Spyridon Stavrou – ✓
Supriya Mahajan – ✓
Elizabeth Wohlfert – ✓
Stephanie Anzam-Frasca – ✓
Praveen Chandrasekharan – ✓
Richard Chou –
D. Fernando Estrada –
Michael Ferrick – ✓
Stuart Inglis – ✓
Vijay Iyer – ✓
Yungki Park – ✓
Vaqr Shah – ✓
Sandra Sieminski – ✓
Pooja Sofat – ✓

NURSING:

Jennifer Livingston – ✓
Darryl Somayaji – ✓

PHARMACY:

Erin Slazak – ✓
Raymond Cha –
Donald Mager –

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Albert Vexler – ✓
Vijaya Prakash K. Muthaiah –

Ekaterina Noyes – ✓
Deanna Hostler – ✓
Christopher Stavisky – ✓

SOCIAL WORK:

Peter Sobota –
Annahita Ball – ✓

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell –
Natalia Estrada – ✓
John Beatty (alt) – ✓

SUNY SENATORS:

Kristin Stapleton –
Amit Kandel – ✓
Patrick Long –
R.J. Multari – ✓
Ken Seldeen (alternate) –

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi – ✓

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Scott Weber – ✓

PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE:

Tim Tryjankowski – ✓

COUNCIL OF ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP (COAL):

A.J. Franklin – ✓

INVITED GUESTS:

Joanne Song McLaughlin – ✓

Mark Alnutt – ✓

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield – ✓

Graham Hammill –

William McDonnell –

Eileen Sherman – ✓

Kemper Lewis – ✓

Robin Schulze – ✓

Paul Teluk –

Carig Abbey –

Dan Kelly –

Marsha Lewis –

Jean Wactawski-Wende – ✓

Keith Alford – ✓

Allison Brashear – ✓

Robert Shibley – ✓

Suzanne Rosenblith – ✓

Ann Bisantz – ✓

Aviva Abramovsky – ✓

Gary Pollack – ✓

Beth Del Genio – ✓

Kara Saunders – ✓

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish – ✓

Phil Glick – ✓

Bob Miletich –

Jordan Fox Besek – ✓

Amy Maslin – ✓

Appendix 2

Faculty Senate Meeting
September 20, 2022
Virtual Online

Greetings and Welcome! This is our first Faculty Senate Meeting of the 2022-2023 Academic Year. I wanted this to be our first in-person meeting, but there were some issues with booking the Center for Tomorrow. I hope that next month we meet in on October 18.

I hope you all had a productive and enjoyable summer, and a flawless opening of the Fall 2022 Semester. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met twice this month with both meetings in person—the first in-person gathering since March of 2020. It was nice to see us gathered in person.

Both President Tripathi and Provost Weber were on hand for the first welcome and provided us a warm and encouraging well back to the Fall Semester and both had reports about major goings on since we last met in May of this year. Joanne McLaughlin, chair of the Academic Policy and Grading Committee gave a detailed account of a major issue with which you will hear more this semester: Guiding Principles Surrounding Academic Calendar Change. This Committee is revamping the entire Academic Calendar, and by the end of this semester. I hope that we vote on a resolution of the Committee's findings. Please watch your emails for announcements and opportunities to participate in this important endeavor.

You are the Senate! Your serving on the Senate is a clear indication that you are taking an active role in participating in the governance of the University at Buffalo. You answered the call that as stated in the Preamble of our By-laws " ...affirms its commitment to collegiality as the most effective basis upon which to manage the affairs of and maintain excellence in this University." Thank you for your efforts and dedication. Please take the "Spirit of the Senate" back to your respective departments and constituents. Share with them what is going on and encourage them to come to the table and join a Committee and take an active role in directing the University's Future. If there are issues, concerns, and ideas you have, please contact me, and we can discuss them and how we can navigate them through the Senate's Committee Structure.

I received several inquiries about holding on winter-month meetings on line for safety and convenience. I bring it to your attention, as look at Faculty Senate Meeting in December and February (we do not meeting in January) online. The Executive Committee Meetings are online during these months.

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