

Faculty Senate

Minute, November 5, 2013

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Sternberg, Ernest (Absent)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Aldstadt Jared (**Absent**)

Anas Alex

Baumer William

Blair Sampson (Absent)

Churchill Melvyn

Dauber Kenneth

Duvanova Dinissa (Absent)

Dyson Stephen (Absent)

Lindqvist Charlotte

Liu Zhiqiang (Absent)

Lyon Arabella

Mardorossian Carine (Absent)

Metcalf Sara

Morgan Peter (Absent)

Neofotistos Vasiliki

Palmer Harvey (Absent)

Sikora Adam

Stapleton Kristin

Thomas Jean-Jacques

Weinstein Bernard (Absent)

Werner Marion

Zarembka Paul

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Davis Elaine

Hall Richard (Absent)

Tabbaa Sawsun

Tezal Mine (Absent)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Hayden Emily

Lee Gloria (Absent)

Wang X. Christine

Yang Lynne (Absent)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Aref Amjad (Absent)
Alexandridis Paschalis (Absent)
Fam Adly
Filiatrault Andre (Absent)
Mohan Satish (Absent)
Mollendorf Joseph
Sadek Adel (Absent)
Su Weifeng (Absent)
Wetherhold Robert (Absent)

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Burkard, Robert (Absent)
Hostler, Deann (Absent)
Markatou, Marianthi (Absent)
Tomita, Machiko (Absent)

SCHOOL OF LAW

Mather Lynn
McCluskey Martha

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Fotak Veljko
Sanders Larry
Talukdar Debu

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean Grace
Fabry Donna

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Ceacareanu Alice (Absent)

SUNY SENATORS

Fam Adly
Grinde Donald (Absent)
Kielar Kathleen
Nickerson Peter

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Adelman Elizabeth (Absent)
Johnson-Cooper Gendora
Morey Ophelia

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Keefe, Robert (Excused)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

(The Faculty Senate is unaware who the representatives are.)

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Bakhai Yogesh (Absent)
Badgaiyan Rajendra (Absent)
Barth Matthew (Absent)
Bass Kathryn
Bradford Peter
Campbell Lorne (Absent)
Chaskes Michael
Fine Edward (Excused)
Fitzpatrick Lorna (Absent)
Hassett James
Hughes David (Absent)
Iyer Vijay (Absent)
Lehman Heather (Absent)
Page Brian (Absent)
Popescu Gabriela
Sadler Laurie
Sawyer Robert (Absent)
Shucard David
Silvestri Nicholas
Stachowiak Michal (Absent)
Stewart Scott (Absent)
Swartz Daniel
Udin Susan (Absent)
Wiles Charles

GUESTS (4 names were illegible)

Alexander, Michael—Student
Ann Marie Landel—PSS
Ashun, Vanessa—Student
Black, Dennis-- Vice President For University Life And Services
Chamnichanh, Jerry—Student
Del Genio, Beth—Office of the President
Harrison, Kiler—Community
Lopez, J.—Student
Meranto, Alexandria--Student
Richter, Kaitlyn—Global Gender Studies

Rivotta, Barbara—Student Affairs
Swaydis, Lee—Student
Thornton, Qualon—Student
Winn, Portia—Student

1. Minutes of October 1, 2013. Minutes were approved with the following correction:

Original minutes: M. McCluskey asked how the Faculty Senate agenda is set and how volunteers for committees are considered. She prefers that FSEC set the agenda.

Corrected minutes: M. McCluskey asked how that Faculty Senate agenda is set and how volunteers for committees are considered. She pointed out that Article VI, section F.2. of the Faculty Senate *Charter* states “The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for the Senate.” The corrected minutes also show that M. McCluskey is a Senator, not an alternate.

2. Report of the Chair

- The FSEC is reviewing Faculty Senate committees in an attempt to streamline them and create a more effective Senate. The Executive Committee identified 22 critical issues to consider and is now determining how these concerns relate to the committees.
- Zubrow met with the Chancellor to organize a session between her and the Faculty Senate chairs of Stony Brook, Binghamton, and himself to discuss seamless transfers.
- Zubrow discussed the academic mission of the University and related Faculty Senate interests with State and UB officials as it pertains to the Startup SUNY program. The expectation is that student participation in Startup SUNY companies will impact education and curricular issues.

3. President’s Report

- Nancy Paton, the new Vice-President for Communications, will begin November 11, and Brice Bible, the new Chief Information Officer, will begin, November 11.
- The Middle States Review panel will conduct its visit in late March/early April 2014.
- The 2013-2014 Times Higher Education World University Rankings recognizes UB as 176. This is the first time Buffalo was within the top 200 universities.
- The November 8th Scholarship Gala will raise funds for both undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

4. University Life and Services (Dennis Black, Vice President For University Life And Services)

- Black described the services and roles his unit provides. They include that following offices:

Accessibility Resources

Campus Dining & Shops
 Campus Living
 Career Services
 Judicial Affairs & Student Advocacy
 New Student Programs
 Off-Campus Student Services
 Parent Programs
 Parking & Transportation Services
 Special Events

Student Life

Center for Student Leadership & Community Engagement
 Fraternity & Sorority Life
 Intercultural & Diversity Center
 Marching Band
 Student Activities

Student Wellness Team

Counseling Services
 Student Health Services
 Wellness Education Services

University Police

- University Life and Services receives most funding through student fees. State funds provide only 6-7% of its budget.
- Future activities include studying spaces for additional residence areas, creating a North Campus Health Center, installing heat in bus shelters, assessing different parts of the University, and improving recycling efforts.
- Black noted that private concerns control off campus housing.
- [Click here](#) to view Black's presentation.
- Black distributed *leading the Experience: 2012-2013 Year in Review*. A copy could not be located on the Web for linking.

5. SUNY Plenary Session, October 24-26, 2013 (K. Kieler)

- Kieler summarized 5 issues considered at the meeting:
 - Startup SUNY
 - SUNY shared services
 - Open SUNY online education program
 - Seamless transfer
 - SUNY teacher education program admissions requirements that the Board of Trustees approved without Faculty Senate input.
- [Click here](#) for the detailed report.

6. Motion concerning the University at Buffalo Foundation

- K. Dauber introduced the first reading of the following motion:

"Among the Faculty Senate's responsibilities, according to its by-laws, is oversight of the budget and recommendation of funding priorities. A significant portion of the funds spent by the university, however, though spent by direction of the UB administration, are held by the University of Buffalo Foundation, which because it has been constituted as a "private" corporation, is not subject to the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and about which, accordingly, we are blind. The Faculty Senate, therefore, in a spirit of collegiality, to promote the transparency the citizens of New York expect of its public universities, and in order to fulfill our mandated responsibility request that the President and administration of the University at Buffalo make available the budget of UBF and its associated foundations as if it were subject to FOIL."

Rules require that the motion be voted upon following its second reading at the next Senate meeting, assuming there is a quorum.

- K. Stapleton requested that the Chair summarize the history of the Budget Priorities Committee and its activities. She also requested that those present discuss the pros and cons of the motion. No one spoke towards the motion's negative effects, but several Senators voiced positive comments.
 - An oversight committee that requests UBF release relevant information could work effectively.
 - UBF maintains that information must be withheld because some donors wish to maintain anonymity. However, disclosing aggregate revenues would not affect confidentiality.
 - The real issue is how money is spent and procedures for determining spending decisions.
 - More transparency will contribute towards avoiding conflict of interest problems.
 - When J. Mollendorf asked what we expect to do with the data, M. McCluskey responded that best practices suggest greater transparency will contribute towards fulfilling academic priorities more effectively.
- K. Dauber suggested that the President ask UBF to open its books for consideration by the Budget Priorities Committee. E. Herman noted that this would not create effective transparency because that Committee meets in executive session.
- The Senate passed K. Kieler's motion (seconded by J. Mollendorf) that Professor Dauber's motion should be distributed to all Senators prior to the next meeting.

Prepared by
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