

Faculty Senate
Minute, February 4, 2014

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Baek, So Ra
Sternberg, Ernest

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Aldstadt Jared (Absent)
Anas Alex (Excused)
Baumer William
Blair Sampson (Absent)
Churchill Melvyn (Excused)
Dauber Kenneth (Absent)
Duvanova Dinissa (Absent)
Dyson Stephen (Excused)
Lindqvist Charlotte
Liu Zhiqiang (Excused)
Lyon Arabella
Mardorossian Carine (Absent)
Metcalf Sara
Morgan Peter (Absent)
Neofotistos Vasiliki
Palmer Harvey
Sikora Adam
Stapleton Kristin
Thomas Jean-Jacques (Absent)
Weinstein Bernard (Absent)

Werner Marion
Zarembka Paul

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Davis Elaine
Hall Richard (Absent)
Tabbaa Sawsun
Tezal Mine

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Hayden Emily (Absent)
Lee Gloria (Absent)
Peterson, Lorna
Wang X. Christine
Yang Lynne (Excused)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Alexandridis Paschalis
Fam Adly
Filiatrault Andre
Janovic, Igor (Absent)
Jenson, James
Mollendorf Joseph Alternate--Desjardin Paul
Sadek Adel (Absent)
Thevanayagam, Sabanayagam (Absent)
Wetherhold Robert

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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

SCHOOL OF LAW

Mather Lynn (Excused)

McCluskey Martha

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Fotak Veljko

Sanders Larry

Talukdar Debu

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean Grace

Fabry Donna (Absent)

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Ceacareanu Alice

SUNY SENATORS

Fam Adly

Grinde Donald

Kielar Kathleen (Excused)

Nickerson Peter

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Adelman Elizabeth

Johnson-Cooper Gendora

Morey Ophelia

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Keefe Robert

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Bakhai Yogesh (Absent)

Badgaiyan Rajendra (Absent)

Barth Matthew

Bass Kathryn (Absent)

Bradford Peter (Absent)

Campbell Lorne (Absent)

Chaskes Michael

Fine Edward

Fitzpatrick Lorna (Absent)

Hassett James

Hughes David (Absent)

Iyer Vijay (Absent)

Lehman Heather (Absent)

Page Brian (Absent)

Popescu Gabriela

Sadler Laurie (Absent)

Sawyer Robert (Excused)

Shucard David (Excused)

Silvestri Nicholas (Excused)

Stachowiak Michal (Absent)

Stewart Scott (Absent)

Swartz Daniel (Absent)

Udin Susan (Absent)

Wiles Charles

GUESTS

Saunders, Kara, University Registrar

Tripathi, Satish, President

Zukoski, Charles (Chip), Provost

1. Memoriams:

- Marion Faller, Photographer
- Charles Bishop, Medical School
- Adrian Vladutiu, Medical School
- Russell Nisengard, Dental School
- Madeline Stern, Libraries
- Robert Mols, Music
- Howard Strauss, Mechanical engineering

2. Chair's Report

- Statewide leaders of the University Faculty Senate and UUP expect to cooperate for the benefit of all 67 campuses. They are looking at Buffalo shared governance as a model.
- StartUp NY: StartUP NY companies must be aligned with the mission of the campuses on which they operate. Zubrow and Marnie LaVigne, UB Associate Vice President for Economic Development, are discussing how the Faculty Senate will be involved in selecting companies to operate at UB. Application forms have a box where the University indicates if the Faculty Senate was involved. Zubrow said the Chancellor will consider applications where the Faculty Senate provided input much more seriously than other proposals. Ownership of intellectual property as it pertains to StartUP NY activities is still under discussion.
- Zubrow expects a seamless transfer system to be in place by the end of the semester.
- Zubrow noted the situation affecting Long Island College Hospital. SUNY will receive a big hit if all campuses are required to help pay for the Hospital.
- Zubrow forwarded the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate on December 4, 2013 to President Tripathi. (Appendix 1)

3. President's Report

- The initial winter session was a success. Seventy-five percent of respondents to a survey said they would take winter session courses again.
- The President is confident the Governor, the Board of Trustees, and New York City will reach an agreement about Long Island College Hospital.
- Six students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Lab earned Student Entrepreneur Fellowships worth \$5,000-\$8,000.
- UB's 2014/2015 budget is flat, but in reality, it is a decrease because, for the first time, it does not fund collective bargaining raises. The \$61.5 million allocated for critical maintenance is insufficient.
- The Oishei Foundation provided a \$5 million grant to support construction of the new School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences building.
- Phillip Tucciarone is the first UB student to win the Marshall Scholarship since 1988. He will study at Oxford University.
- SUNY awarded 5 UB faculty the Distinguished Professor rank.
- *US News and World Report* noted that UB graduates have the third least student debt among public universities in the nation.
- The State's new Genome Center will depend upon UB's large computing power.

4. Provost's Report

- Realizing UB2020
 - Zukoski said his office expects to align resources and priorities in an integrated way.
 - Reports submitted by task forces that studied implementation are on the Web at <http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/realizing-ub-2020/task-forces.html>.
 - "Communities of Excellence" will revolve around themes that integrate multiple schools. One example is the Research and Education in eNergy Environment and Water (RENEW) Institute. It will study international and local environmental issues through an interdisciplinary approach that includes six

schools. (Architecture and Planning, Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Law, Management, and Public Health and Health Professions)

- Zukoski expects scholars to apply their expertise to assist the community.
- Curriculum: The Provost wants UB's curriculum to become unique to attract the decreasing number college bound students. The University hopes to involve professional schools in the Core Curriculum that will be in place by the Fall 2016. Thirty-five hundred students each semester will have experiential learning experiences, but, at this point, its definition is still unclear. Scott Weber will address the Faculty Senate about experiential learning at a future meeting.
- Scott Weber and Dennis Black are developing a way of noting "above and beyond coursework" on student transcripts.
- A Senator asked Zukoski how UB brings the community to the University. He was unaware of formal programs, but noted that the Medical School, Dental School, and the Summer Lecture Series do so effectively.

5. Academic Policy and Grading Committee:

- W. Baumer, the Committee Chair, presented the first reading of the Committee report. [Click here](#) for the Report. The Committee suggests changing unrecorded grades from J to blanks, and amending the time grades can be changed from a year to a semester.
- M. McCluskey asked about the status of the new committee structure. Zubrow said that the Grading Committee is now combined with that of Academic Policy. FSEC approved the new structure and appointed chairs at its January 29, 2014 meeting. Relevant documentation is in those minutes. E. Herman said he will add the same to these minutes for convenience. (Appendix 2)

6. Elections Committee

- Henry J Durand, Senior Associate Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, is UB's new representative to the SUNY Faculty Senate.
- P. Zarembka questioned why there was not an election. W. Baumer explained that the rules require candidates to declare their candidacy and issue platform statements. When only one candidate does so, he/she is elected by the Secretary who casts a vote. Holding an election for an individual running unopposed is superfluous. Zarembka asked Baumer to read the precise wording of this rule at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

7. Second Reading of the MOOCS Resolution: The resolution will be considered at the next Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting, since there was not a quorum.

"The Faculty Senate directs the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to charge an ad-hoc or appropriate subcommittee under Teaching and Learning to consider the use in and consequences for UB's academic programs of Massive Open Online Courses [MOOC's]. The Committee is to report with recommendations for MOOC's conducted by non-UB entities and MOOC's conducted by UB and UB faculty."

The Senate agreed at the first reading that deadlines will be added to the resolution.

8. Report of the SUNY Senate Meeting: The report was postponed.

9. Old Business/New Business

- A Senator noted that turnout improved since the Faculty Senate began enforcing its attendance rule.
- Replying to E. Fine's comment about the possibility holding Faculty Senate votes via email, Zubrow said that he would look at appropriate Senate rules and procedures and report back.

- M. McCluskey questioned the appointment of Faculty Senate committee chairs. Zubrow noted that the FSEC has the authority to do so. Emails will be sent to the voting faculty asking them to volunteer for committees.

[Appendix 1](#)

[Appendix 2](#)