



Faculty Senate Meeting
March 16, 2021
Online by Zoom

Attendance:

Proceedings of the meeting are uploaded onto UB Box.

The Chair, Dr. Robert Miletich called the Meeting to order at 3.00pm.

Agenda: Agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

Secretary's report: The Secretary reminded the Senate of the ongoing SUNY Senator elections.

Minutes from February 16, 2021 meeting was passed unanimously.

President's report:

COVID19: 100% of faculty, staff and students regularly on campus were being tested for COVID19. Testing sites are available on all three campuses. Weekly surveillance testing is also in place. State Department of Health has expanded the vaccination to all persons on campus.

Students: There are 29,000 students registered for spring with increased enrollment for Fall. As expected, domestic enrollment remains strong, while there is a dip in international enrollment.

Dr Granger's gift: Thanks to the entrepreneurial success of the late Carl V. Granger, founder of Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSmr), a venture he created in partnership with UB and the UB Foundation, the university has received a \$10 million gift to its Boldly Buffalo campaign. In a reaffirmation of the UB scholarly community's mission and values of equity, diversity and inclusion, President Satish K. Tripathi has announced that the gift will be used to help realize UB's mission and values of equity, diversity and inclusion through the recruitment, retention and support of faculty and student scholars.

The President's Advisory Council on Race will hold a Community Dialogue with UB faculty, staff and students on March 22 to discuss its recommendations to strengthen a culture at UB that thrives on the ideals of equity, diversity, inclusion and social justice.

UB researchers are part of an \$8.2 million effort to improve transportation options for vulnerable people in the city of Buffalo. The project, called "Complete Trip Deployment," is led by Virginia-based ICF International and funded by an \$8.2 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant.

Search has been launched for Vice President for Student Life and Dean for School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical sciences.

Provost's report: None.

Chairs report:

Report is on UB Box.

Parliamentarian report: None.

Presentation: None.

Old Business/New business: The resolutions are uploaded on UB Box.

UB FS resolutions:

1. Resolution on Department of Indigenous Studies (second reading): Dean Schultze gave a concise description of the resolution, its association with the surrounding community, acknowledged Teresa McCarthy's initiative, and the appointment of faculty already for this department. The motion was brought to the table, seconded, and voted upon. The motion passed with a simple majority.
2. Resolution on Faculty satisfaction survey (second reading): Cemal Basaran presented a concise introduction for the resolution. The motion

was brought to the table, seconded, and voted on. The motion passed with a simple majority.

3. Resolution on Changes to Fx grade: Change to F grade taking into consideration student participation was presented by Michael Cowen. The motion was brought to the table, seconded, discussions ensued and was finally voted on. The motion passed with a simple majority

SUNY Plenary resolutions:

1. Resolution (second reading) presented by RJ Multari: Resolution regarding the importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis, passed at 186th Plenary, October 15-17, 2020 by a vote 59:0:2. The resolution passed with a simple majority 62:0:4.

2. Resolution (second reading) presented by Fred Stoss: Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum passed at the 186th Plenary of SUNY, October 15-17, 2020 by a vote of 58:1:2. The resolution passed with a simple majority 56:3:0.

3. Resolution (second reading) to formally recognize Black Lives matter and to endorse the tenets of the Black lives movement and to recognize and stop systematic racism. The resolution was presented by Fred Stoss. The resolution passed with a simple majority 53:4:0.

UB FS resolutions:

1. Resolution on divestments of fossil fuel and deforestation assets (first reading): The resolution was presented by Fred Stoss. The University requests the TIAA that holds most of the University retirement plans to divest from fossil fuels and deforestation assets especially due to its relation to climate change. The motion was brought to the table and

seconded. Discussion ensued regarding nuclear energy, oil exploration etc.

2. Resolution to establish a standing Health and Safety Committee: The resolution was presented by Bob Miletich. This resolution is a continuation of a resolution that was passed by the FS including the various arms of the shared governance units and a union component to establish a health and safety committee that was not promulgated. This resolution will serve as a mechanism to give voice to Faculty health concerns in a changing environment having witnessed COVID19 and experiencing global warming. This committee will be vigilant that compromise health and to mitigate and resolve those threats. Discussions ensued as to potential duplication of existing committees that exist for disaster preparedness.

Executive session: None

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 4.18 pm. -

Submitted by Jessy Alexander, Secretary of the Faculty Senate, April, 2021.