FACULTY SENATE

November 3, 2015

CHAIR:
Phil Glick

SECRETARY:
Cynthia Tysick

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:
Shannon Bassett

ARTS & SCIENCES:
Alex Anas (absent)
Ana Mariella Bacigalupo (Franquea-alt present)
Michael Cowen
Sergey Dolgopolski
Stephen Dyson
Walter Hakala
David Johnson (absent)
Jacob Kathman (absent)
Nicholas Lustig
Sara Metcalf
Peter Morgan
Alyssa Mt. Pleasant (absent)
Harvey Palmer
Katja Praznik
David Schmid
Adam Sikora
Jean-Jacques Thomas
Camillo Trumper (absent)
Paul Zarembka (alternate present)
Ewa Ziarek

DENTAL MEDICINE:
Ilaf Almawadi

Michael Hatton
Ray Miller
Benita Sobieraj

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Maureen Boyd
Kayte Conroy (absent)
Lilliam Malave
Sarah Robert
Margaret Sallee

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Paschalis Alexandridis (absent)
Christine Human
Igor Jankovic
James Jensen
Joseph Mollendorf
Adel Sadek (absent)
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam (absent)
Robert Wetherhold (absent)

LAW:
Martha McCluskey (absent)
Matt Steilen
Mateo Taussig-Rubbo (absent)

MANAGEMENT:
Jun Ru
Larry Sanders (spring) (absent)
Sudhir Suchak (fall)

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:
Omar Al-Ibrahim (absent)

Nikolaos Almyroudis (absent)
Daniel Amsterdam
Daniel Antonius
Jeffrey Anker
Peter Bradford (absent)
Michael Chaskes
George Chen (absent)
Clarice Cooper
Peter Elkin
Julia Faller
Edward Fine
Richard Gronostajski
James Hassett
Hoon Jung (left UB)
Supriya Mahajan
Dennis Nadler (absent)
Chukwumere Nwogu
Sangita Patel
Garbriela Popescu
Rajeev Sharma
George Simpson
Satpal Singh
Susan Udin
Taechin Yu

NURSING:
Grace Dean
Donna Fabry

PHARMACY:
Alice Ceacareanu
Fred Doloresco

PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROFESSIONS:
Peter Horvath (absent)
Heather Kearns (absent)
Jim Lenker (absent)

SOCIAL WORK:
Robert Keefe (absent)
Kathleen Kost (absent)

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:
Glendora Johnson-Cooper
Liz Stellrecht
Margaret Wells

SUNY SENATORS:
Ezra Zubrow (excused)
Phil Glick
Jamal Basaran
TBD

PARLIAMENTARIAN:
Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:
Satish Tripathi, President
Chip Zukoski, Provost
Dominic Licata, PSS Chair
Jay Tokasz, Buffalo News

Meeting began at 3:00pm

- Minutes from 10/06/15 approved
- Chair's report
    - SUNY-wide Senate update
        - Diversity-it is about inclusion and not just numbers. It's about creating a safe and welcoming campus for all. Every campus should have a diversity officer (UB does already-Dr. Terri Miller) and SUNY will conduct a student survey to determine how students' describe themselves.
        - IT/Patents-UUP has persuaded SUNY to take IP and copyright off the table. There will be no 'threat' to intellectual property rights and copyright for faculty.
        - Maintenance of Effort legislation has been approved by Albany, but is waiting for the Governor who will most likely veto it. Faculty are urged to contact the Governor's office to make your feelings known. The legislation requires the SUNY budget include funds for salary increases and campus facilities maintenance.
        - Five Medical Campuses-UB is doing OK and taking a different path from the rest. Stony Brook is 'flourishing'. Upstate and Downstate are in trouble and the NYC School of Ophthalmology is doing well.
        - Resolutions-two major ones approved (Paid Family Medical Leave Act & Academic Freedom)
- Provost's Report
    - UB Curriculum has seen an amazing response recently 900 courses have been approved. They are creative and exciting. We should be proud of ourselves.
    - Creative Arts Initiative-a collaboration between UB and Buffalo area arts will be looking for proposals soon. They will host a residency for emerging artists and offer one undergraduate course. The CAI will enhance our engagement with the community.
    - Dean Pittman (CAS) has resigned as Dean. He has done a remarkable job in the last five years, leading cAS through dramatic change and we are very grateful to Bruce for all he has done.
    - GRoW, the Architecture and Planning entry in the Solar Decathlon has placed 2nd in its first time at the "Big Dance". The house is on its way back to Buffalo and will reside next to Hayes Hall on South Campus.
    - SUNY Excels-
        - Proposals to go after Performance Improvement Plan funds have been submitted by UB. We will hear back soon if any were funded.

- Performance Improvement Plan includes 17 metrics SUNY wants each campus to pursue. Access, research, completion success, and engagement are the main areas. Our ambitions are reflected in the document we presented. Some of the highlights are: grow by 2000 students before 2020, accept students will a mean SAT of 1200 (currently 1179), respond to students' needs to get in and get out with minimal debt through Finish in Four.
  - Q & A
    - Will there be additional facilities for the additional students?
      - Not likely that the state will give us more funds so a facilities survey will be going out shortly. Preliminary data says that we use our space wisely. The President has talked of creating a mixed use space on South Campus that could address some of these needs.
    - We should avoid steering students to specific disciplines like Engineering or Health Professions. They need to be free to explore what they might be interested in as a career/profession.
      - Agreed but we need to attract students to disciplines through our program offerings.
    - There is an imbalance of recruiting students on this campus. Some of the Arts do not have their materials handed out when parents visit the campus or inquire about UB programs. Much of the material handed out talk about the sciences and health professions. There are jobs for students with degrees in the Arts and Humanities.
      - We are not unique, there is a shift in what programs students are migrating to but we can do better to assure our recruitment tools are up-to-date.
    - The diversity in the humanities is frustrating. This campus is getting whiter and whiter.
      - The departments are ultimately responsible for recruiting candidates and eventually hiring so it is up to them to improve their diversity candidate pool.
      - A disagreement ensued about this issue but was referred back to the Faculty Senate Tenure, Promotion and Privileges committee to address in the future.
- Michael Hatton gave a welcome orientation presentation to new Senators.
- Shared Governance Resolution by Dr. James Hassett
  - Approved
- Timelimits for Faculty Senate Debates by Dr. Gabriela Popescu
  - Approved

- Electronic Voting for Faculty Senate Officers and Voting Faculty motions by Cindi Tysick
    - Approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:45p

Submitted by Cynthia Tysick, Secretary of the Faculty Senate

11/30/15

Resolution to add "Shared Governance" to the UB Senate Offices Name

Whereas, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers have declared "Shared governance is the foundation of higher education in the United States" and

Whereas, civic service by academic and professional staff to the university at the campus level or at the State-wide level are critical to the collective thought, collective effort and common cause of democratic participation, and

Whereas, the Middle States Accreditation, Standard 4 Leadership and Governance, reads "The Commission on Higher Education expects a climate of shared collegial governance in which all constituencies (such as faculty, administration, staff, students, and governing board members) involved in carrying out the institutional mission and goals participate in the governance function in a manner appropriate to that institution; and

Whereas, collaboration between faculty, staff, students, administration and governing boards is essential in carrying out the vision of shared governance,

Therefore be it resolved:
The Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate, in the spirit of shared governance, will inculcate the values of trust, collegiality, dialogue, sharing perspectives, listening, shared sense of purpose, recognizing differences while remaining open to finding common ground, transparency of information, and

Therefore be it also resolved, The Offices of University Governance, aka the Offices of the Professional Staff Senate and the Faulty Senate will be known as the "Offices of University Shared Governance: Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Senate".

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Resolution for a 3 (three) minute limit on debate and questions at the Faculty Senate meetings to the Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate.
Preamble
Life is short (71 year equals approximately 37.3 million minutes). We are all very busy. Time spent attending University at Buffalo Faculty Senate Meetings should be meaningful! Each agenda item has a specific time allotment. Each Senator, representing their constituents, has

opinions. Everyone who wants to speak should be able to speak. No one should dominate a discussion.

Whereas, The faculty Senate meetings have a limited time period in which to perform the work required;

Whereas, The time of each members of Faculty Senate is valuable and should be used to maximum efficiency; and

Whereas, time limits on questions and debate are frequently imposed in legislative bodies and Robert's Rules lists a 10 (ten) minute limit on debate unless extended by a majority vote; and

Therefore be it resolved, no one shall speak a second time until all Senators who want to speak get a turn; and

Therefore be it resolved, that a time limit of 3 (three) minutes be imposed on each Faculty Senate member on all questions and debate related to topics under discussion, excluding presentation of the Chair, Provost, President, and committee reports; and

That this time limit will be kept by the Chair or the Chair-designee; and

Therefore be it resolved, That members may yield their time to other members who desire it, after recognition by the Chair, with the understanding that they then lose this time on this topic.

That any response to direct questions by other members regarding positions taken by a member or for general clarification will not be counted against the 3 (three) minute limit.

Resolution to amend the Standing Orders of the Faculty Senate allowing electronic voting for elections, resolutions and referenda

Preamble: There is the need for efficient and inclusive participation of the Voting Faculty in the University at Buffalo Governance;

Therefore be it resolved, That the following electronic voting amendment be inserted as Article 1.H into the faculty Senate Standing Orders;

H. Electronic Voting. Referenda, resolutions and elections of the Voting Faculty may be conducted by electronic voting.

i. Electronic voting by Voting faculty may be conducted only after resolutions have been presented and discussed at two Faculty Senate meetings (cf. Standing Orders, 5.A.iii), unless judged urgent and requiring haste but the Chair (cf. Standing Orders, 5.B.). The resolution and proposed amendments along with pertinent arguments for or against will be sent electronically to the official e-mail address of the Voting Faculty members together with instructions on the voting process for the resolution and amendments. Votes will be Yes or No for the resolution and each amendment. Votes must be cast within 14 (fourteen) days of the e-mail announcement. All votes will be confirmed by a reply to a message sent to the official University at Buffalo e-mail address of the Faculty member. Upon Confirmation the vote will be officially cast. As with paper ballots, passage of the referendum or resolution will be based on a Yes response by either a simple majority or a 2/3 majority votes cast depending on the rules affected as described (cf. Bylaws, VII.4; Charter, VIII.3.B; Standing Orders, G).

ii. Electronic elections of SUNY Senators and Faculty Senate officers will be performed as described in the preceding paragraph and determined by simple majority of votes cast.

iii. The results of all electronic votes will be transmitted to the Faculty Senate and Voting Faculty electronically and recorded in the minutes of the next Faculty Senate meeting by a report from the Chair.

iv. Voting procedures will ensure confidentiality of the voting process and accuracy of vote counting by oversight by the Chairs of the faculty Senate Elections Committee and Bylaws Committee or their designees, who must be approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

v. No one who is a candidate in any given election will participate in vote counting in that election.

vi. Electronic voting procedures will ensure the confidentiality and accuracy of voting procedures and may include e-mail balloting and casting as recommended by the Elections Committee and proved by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.