

19. [UB Faculty Senate Minutes](#) (Dec. 3, 2013).



Faculty Senate
Minute, December 3, 2013

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Sternberg, Ernest (Absent)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Davis, Elaine
Hall, Richard (Excused)
Tabbaa, Sawsun
Tezal, Mine (Excused)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Alexandridis, Paschalis
Filiatrault, Andre
Human, Christine
Jankovic, Igor
Jensen, James
Mollendorf, Joseph
Sadek, Adel
Thevanayagam, Sabanayagam
Wetherhold, Robert

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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

SCHOOL OF LAW

Milles, James (Alternate) attended in place of Mather, Lynne (Excused)
McCluskey, Martha

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Fotak, Veljko
Sanders, Larry
Talukdar, Debu (Absent)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean, Grace
Fabry, Donna

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Ceacareanu Alice

SUNY SENATORS

Fam, Adly (Excused)
Grinde, Donald
Kielar, Kathleen
Nickerson, Peter

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Adelman, Elizabeth
 Johnson-Cooper, Gendora
 Morey, Ophelia

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Keefe, Robert (Excused)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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

GUESTS

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Beth Del Genio	Office of the President
Ann Marie Landel	CIT-PSS

Parliamentarian, W. Baumer, conducted the meeting in E. Zubrow's absence.

1. Minutes of November 5, 2013. The minutes were approved with the following added to the end of part 6, "Motion Concerning the University at Buffalo Foundation."

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.

2. Chair's Report: In the absence of E. Zubrow, W. Baumer reported that during the past month FSEC spent a good deal of time restructuring Senate committees. See below for the proposed structure.

3. Provost's Report

- Bryce Bible, the new CIO, and Nancy Paton, the new Vice-President for Communications have assumed their positions.
- UB2020 task forces are completing their work. Recommendations are due December 20 and priorities should be set for implementation in early February. The task forces deal with:
 - Globalization of education
 - Experiential education
 - Core curriculum and general education
 - Scholarship and Research
 - Infrastructure
 - Advocacy
 - Student experiences
 - Alumni development
- SUNY trustees hope to develop performance metrics to evaluate schools and their programs.

4. Grading Committee: Bauman discussed "Academic Standards Policy — Proposed Revisions," developed by the Faculty Senate Grading Committee and adopted by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Locate it at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/faculty/governance/fac-sen/documents/AcadStandards-2010-14.pdf>.

5. University at Buffalo Foundation:

- The Senate considered the second reading of K. Dauber's 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."

- Arguments favoring the motion:
 - Dauber said that the UF books ought to be open similarly to rules affecting UB's books. He believes that knowledge of the moneys, public and private, will lead to improved understanding of UB's academic mission and priorities.
 - M. McCluskey claimed that faculty have an obligation to oversee academic functions and the money accompanying them. That is basic to faculty governance.
 - D. Grinde noted that the accounts of other foundations in the SUNY are open. According to Grinde, Timothy Killeen, Director of the SUNY Research Foundation, believes strongly that UBF ought to be in line with Freedom of Information Law provisions followed by foundations at other campuses.
 - Speaking to issues affecting donor confidentiality (a very important concern), E. Herman claimed that the motion would not violate confidentiality. It requests that

aggregated figures showing the amount of money taken in and how it was spent be disclosed, not names. J. Milles added that FOIL has safeguards protecting privacy.

- Arguments against the motion
 - M. Chaskens asked what the Senate expects to see when reviewing the books. He thought the motion was unclear and that respecting donor confidentiality is important.
 - Professor Wetherhold thought that the Senate is asking for a massive amount of information some of which might be inappropriate for public consumption.
 - J. Mollendorf asked why current conditions are problematic and what the Senate expects to do with the data.

- Two documents supporting the motion were distributed.
 - In Support of UB Foundation Transparency Motion submitted by Martha McCluskey (Appendix A)
 - Student Statement in Support of UBF Transparency submitted by Martha McCluskey on behalf of Makoroba Sow and Lee Swaydis (Appendix B)

Written statements against the motion were not received.

- The motion passed 38 - 17 with no abstentions. [The following letter was since forwarded to President Tripathi:

February 5, 2014

President Satish K. Tripathi
University at Buffalo
501 Capen Hall
North Campus

Dear President Tripathi:

On December 3, 2013, the Faculty Senate, meeting in plenum, passed the following resolution by a vote of 38-17:

1st reading 11/5/13

2nd reading 12/3/13

"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."

I, as Chair of the Faculty Senate, respectfully transmit this resolution for your consideration.

Thank you.

Best,

Ezra B.W. Zubrow
Chair, Faculty Senate]

6. MOOC's

The meeting was opened by W. H. Baumer, serving as Chair *pro tempore* in the absence of Chair E. B. W. Zubrow

- The Senate considered the first reading of K. Dauber's motion. Procedures limit this reading to discussion and amendment. It must be reconsidered for a second reading at the next meeting before adaption.

"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."

- Responding to C. Welsh who asked that dates and deadlines for reporting be established, Baumer said that this will be done at the second reading.
- D. Grinde reminded Senators that MOOC's will be included when considering seamless transfer of courses.

7. Proposed New Faculty Senate Committee Structure: FSEC proposed the following revised structure to the Senate:

- Academic Freedom and Responsibility
- Academic Planning and Assessment
- Academic Policies and Grading
- Budget Priorities
- Bylaws
- Elections
- Equity and Diversity
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee/Governance
- Library and Information Technology
- Research and Creative Activities
- Teaching and Learning
- Tenure, Promotion and Privileges

The Senate suggested an additional committee, Student Life.

8. The Senate adjourned at 3:55.

**Prepared by Edward Herman,
Secretary,
Faculty Senate**

[Appendix A](#)

[Appendix B](#)