

## Minutes of the Executive Committee – APPROVED

May 12, 2022 (Zoom, business conducted)

**Convener:** Tim Tryjankowski

**Officers Present:** Tim Tryjankowski (President), Don Erb (Vice Chair), Catherine Donnelly (Secretary)

**Executive Members Present:** Brianna Bennett, Rachel Blane, Ed Brodka, Jessica Byerly Coram, Chris Keough, Dom Licata, Tim Matthews, RJ Multari, Marlo Roetzer, Melinda Saran, Eileen Sirianni, and Krystal Testa.

**Absent/Excused:** Ray Danneffer, Lynn Emminger, Andrew Fogelsonger, Janiece Jankowski, Hugh Jarvis, Fred Stoss

**Members/Guests:** Melissa Wood

**Parliamentarian:** Rachel Poole

**Staff:** Jessica Naish

**Recorder:** Catherine Donnelly

**Meeting called to order** by Tim Tryjankowski at 3:00 p.m.

**Quorum reached:** 12 members and 3 officers present.

**Supporting documents in Box.com folder in  
Professional Staff Senate/ Meetings/ Executive Committee Meetings/05-12-2022**

### PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Tim Tryjankowski

- Motion to adopt [Agenda](#): **Chris Keough (Krystal Testa)**. Passed.

### REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Tim Tryjankowski

- Minutes available in Box folder.
- Motion to approve [Minutes from April 14, 2022](#): **Marlo Roetzer (Eileen Sirianni)**. Passed.

### CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- Currently recovering from Covid.
- Waiting for info from Faculty Senate about the child and eldercare Joint Committee.
- From a recent Faculty Senate meetings – news of interest to PSS members includes:
  - University sustainability rankings came out in the Times Business Journal. UB was 2nd in the US and 8th globally overall with equally high rankings on expenditures towards research related to sustainability.



- PACOR is complete and delivered to President Tripathi, thanks to all who helped.
- James Joyc Collection received a \$100,000 grant to improve public access to the collection.
- The NFTA has approached UB about funding three stations on the North Campus for the rail extension. UB is considering the ask – UB could not use foundation dollars for this but perhaps state construction funds or other state monies could be used.
- UB Foundation updating our sponsorship program.
- Thank you for responding by email to approve the expenses for the new hire breakfast.
- We will table the “PSS tabling and mug give away till June – July – with the recent covid uptick
- Thank you to all for a wonderfully productive year.
- **Motion to receive: Chris Keough (Jessica Byerly Coram). Passed.**

## VICE-CHAIR’S REPORT – Don Erb

- *Awards Committee:* No update.
- *Budget Advisory Committee:* No update.
- *Constitution and Bylaws:* No update
- *Election Committee:* Election of new senators is underway and concludes May 24.
- *Inclusion and Diversity:* May is Jewish American Heritage Month. Event on anti-semitism had 100+ RSVPs. Also working on QRP/Suicide prevention programming.
- *Marketing and Communication:* No update.
- *Recreation and Wellness Committee:* No update.
- *Retirees Committee:*
- *Staff Development / Welcome Committee:* June 8 is the new date for the Welcome with the President. Working on career development programming and a fall program to avoid burnout.
- *Sustainable Living Committee:* Lake LaSalle cleanup event on April 30 was great.
- **Motion to receive: Marlo Roetzer (Chris Keough). Passed.**

## SECRETARY’S REPORT – Cathy Donnelly

- Carl Lam needs to be moved from Area 3 to Area 5 as a result of his new position with the Research Foundation. His current term expires in June.
- Tony Waleszczak has one more year as a Senator. He has moved from Area 3 to Area 2 as a result of his new position in Engineering.
- Both would like to remain active senators. The EC needs to approve these area changes. There are open seats.
- **Motion to move these senators to their new areas: Chris Keough (Jessica Byerly Coram). Passed.**

## GUEST SPEAKER

Melissa Wood, Assistant Director Community Relations

United Way is disbanding the Day of Caring model, UB would like to continue something similar.

Seeking ideas and feedback to share with the President's Advisory Council.

Current proposal is a week of caring in mid-late September to avoid the start up of the semester. Community Relations could coordinate activities or teams could suggest their own.

Want to keep UB engaged with the Buffalo Community.

Definitely need the President's Office to endorse to allow staff to take time to do this.

Chat brought up these points:

- Maybe a spring week is also an option since fall athletes are not free for Sept. activities.
- Challenge deans to compete to find outreach activities that match their mission.
- Brianna mentioned how Buff State used to provide tees and certificates to students who participated.
- Make sure to document activities and invite the news media.
- Figure out how to engage retirees too.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New hire breakfast planning is underway. Need to adjust the guest list because a few CSEA members were invited by mistake.
- UUP asked to present at the luncheon, conversation was not supportive of this activity since only paid sponsors are allowed to do that and the union does not represent all of the PSS.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Need to approve the agenda for the June PSS general meeting. The May agenda was approved in April for the notification to the general membership about the May vote.

**Motion to accept the June 23 agenda: Melinda Saran (Eileen Sirianni) Passed**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting ended at 3:57 p.m.** Attendance sign in sheet(s) available through the PSS office.  
Meeting audio recording available through the PSS office.