

## Minutes of the Executive Committee – APPROVED

March 7, 2023 (Zoom, business conducted)

**Meeting was hosted within the Faculty Senate meeting as part of Shared Governance Day. The PSS portion of the meeting took place after opening remarks at 3:05 p.m.**

**Shared Governance Convener: Fred Stoss**

**PSS Meeting Convener:** Tim Tryjankowski

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

**Executive Members Present:** Kimberly Behun, Jaclyn Bodack, AJ Franklin, Lauren Galgovich, Hugh Jarvis, Chris Keough, Carl Lam, Sherene Milizia, RJ Multari, Susan Ott, Melinda Saran, Eileen Sirianni, Fred Stoss, Tony Walezczak

**Absent/Excused:** Rita Ferri, Kathryn Griswold, Tim Matthews, Lisa Zander

**Members/Guests:** none

**Parliamentarian:** Rachel Poole

**Staff:** Jessica Naish

**PSS Recorder:** Catherine Donnelly

**Meeting called to order** by Tim Tryjankowski at 3:05 p.m.

**Quorum reached:** 13 members and 3 officers present.

***Supporting documents in Box.com folder in Professional Staff Senate/ Meetings/ Executive Committee Meetings/***

### PSS OPENING REMARKS – Tim Tryjankowski

***Tim was invited to speak at the start of the Shared Governance event.***

- Welcome to SUNY WIDE Senate President Landa. Acknowledged the ongoing contributions of President Tripathi, Provost Weber, Vice President Hubbard. Ken Kern Chapter President of the UB CENTER UUP, Phil Glick the UUP Health Sciences president, AJ Franklin the student council representative to university shared governance.
- UB is a sum of so many moving parts and as a representative body the PSS, the faculty senate, student leaders and the unions have avenues to communicate ideas, needs and concerns. This open communication is a pillar of shared governance.
- He acknowledged science as another pillar of good leadership citing the pandemic mandates and ongoing efforts to maintain health and safety.

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- Inclusivity is important, as an institution of higher learning for all – we need to hear and learn from those that we agree with – but also from those that we do not agree. In regards to the speaker coming this week, we hope they are escorted safely over the LGBTQA sidewalks near the student union, I hope they pass photos of UB students and staff reacting to the Tops shooting or to UB's response to the December storm etc.
- We are strongest together and the use of shared governing is but an example of that collective strength. Shared governance works – and thankfully it is alive and well at our institution today.

### PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Tim Tryjankowski

- No PSS only agenda, we were part of the full meeting agenda. See documents in the [Shared Governance Meeting folder](#) in UB Box.

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

- Minutes available in [Box folder](#).
- Motion to approve Minutes from previous meeting: **Carl Lam (Kim Behun) Passed.**

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## CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- The PSS has been busy. We heard from Vice President Hubbard on the storm damage and repair work around campus. We shared our concerns about barriers to adequate child and elder care near our campuses.
- Our PSS officer elections will conclude today and upon ratification we will turn our focus to the election cycle of senators, executive committee members and also nominations for SUNY wide senator positions that are afforded to UB – please watch the PSS newsletter and emails from the elections committee on these items.
- We proposed a renewed discussion on the name of the parkway that surrounds our campus (see the Vice-Chair's report for details).
- The PSS supports the UB policy on one's right to articulate opinions without censorship but we do want to unified against hate. I ask the PSS Inclusion & Diversity Committee to continue to offer PSS programming to educate us on ways to support our community.
- We also seek to add programming for CPR classes and awareness.
- Please watch the PSS newsletter and emails for our final two general membership meetings of the semester. In late March we will learn more about the on-going middle states accreditation process and how professionals are vital to the process. In April we will tour the Athletic Department facilities and hear from Athletic Director Mark Alnutt
- **Motion to receive chair's report: Susan Ott (Tony Walesczak) Passed.**

## VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Don Erb

- *Awards Committee:* No update this month.
- *Budget Advisory Committee:* Have \$17,500 available funding for events and committee initiatives.
- *Constitution and Bylaws:* Bylaws added Elisabeth Rebmann to the group and are planning for annual review of governing documents.
- *Election Committee:* Officer elections end today.
- *Inclusion and Diversity:* Feb. 23 hosted 130 attendees at a digital accessibility event.
- *Marketing and Communication:* Monthly newsletter achieving 28-30% open rate (better than industry standard of 21%).



- *Recreation and Wellness Committee*: Joe Raab from Environmental Health and Safety will provide videos for the PSS website about how to do CPR and use an automatic external defibrillator. Watch for future classes later this year.
- *Retirees Committee*: No update this month.
- *Staff Development / Welcome Committee*: No update this month.
- *Sustainable Living Committee*: Will host a paint recycling event on May 24.
- *Welcome Committee*: No update this month.
- **Motion to receive: Chris Keough (Lauren Galgovich). Passed.**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Cathy Donnelly

- PSS Elections Update
  - Officer elections are for a two-year term and results should be certified this week.
  - The current slate of PSS Senators and Executive Committee Members is final for this semester. Any changes to these groups now will open seats for the next election.
- New election process will shift our [five campus areas into 25 electoral groups](#).
  - All senators with a term that expires in 2024 have been mapped into the new groups and senators with a term that expires this semester may run for any open seats in their group.
  - There are openings in the majority of these groups and we look forward to expanding the PSS to be a true representative body for the campus.
- **Motion to accept this slate of changes: Lauren Galgovich (Melinda Saran) Passed**

## NEW BUSINESS

- Don presented new information from the Portland Audubon Society about why they will drop Audubon from their association name. The slides show details about his academic fraud, plagiarism and promotion of slavery. The PSS hopes to have administration reconsider the naming of the road around the campus proper.
  - Discussion included AJ promoting a broad renaming of all buildings as opposed to a piecemeal approach.

## ADJOURNMENT

**PSS meeting ended at 3:37 p.m.**