

Minutes of the General and Senate Meeting / Executive Committee – UNAPPROVED

September 14th, 2023 (in-person, Silverman Library, Room 310, business conducted)

Convener: Don Erb

Officers Present: Don Erb (Chair), Virginia Stever (Vice Chair)

Executive Members / Senators Present: listed alphabetically

Kyle Beverlin; Ashley Canon-Zelasko; Don Erb (chair); Lauren Galgovich; Carl Lam; Sherene Milizia; RJ Multari; Rachel Poole (Parliamentarian); Erik Silis; Virginia Stever (vice chair); Ryan Taughrin

Executive Members / Senators Absent: listed alphabetically (*sent alternate)

Brian Bratta; Rosemary Lombardo (excused); Neil Savoy; Tony Waleszczak (secretary; excused)

Members/Guests: Jessica Naish

Parliamentarian: Rachel Poole

Staff: Jessica Naish

Recorder: Recording posted in UB Box

Meeting called to order by Don Erb at 3:00 p.m.

Quorum reached: 8 members/senators and 2 officers present (one officer excused).

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PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Don Erb

- Presentation of the day's agenda
- No discussion ensued
- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Lam (Milizia). Passed.**

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Don Erb

- Review of the May 2023 minutes
- No discussion ensued

- **Motion to approve Minutes from May 11, 2023: Galgovich (Milizia). Passed.**

CHAIR'S REPORT – Don Erb

- New officers are settling in
- September 6th AI summit, Erb invited by UB President Tripathi to attend
 - President Tripathi reported an increase in UB's operating budget to \$232 million
 - SUNY Chancellor King talked about investment across SUNY, and how AI is a tool
- September 11th, Erb attended UB Council Meeting, President Tripathi offered updates and his focus areas for UB to get into the Top 25
 - James Jarvis updated about Affirmative Action
 - Craig Abbey updated about Middle States previsit to UB on 10/2 and 10/3/2023
- No discussion ensued
- **Motion to receive: Taughrin (Lam). Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Virginia Stever

- Committee members survey produced good information and feedback
- Stever will continue to meet with all committee chairs
- Stever outlined the current committee chairs as well as the new chairs, needing approval from the Executive Committee
 - Erb called for a motion to accept the new committee chairs as one slate, no objections nor discussion ensued
 - **Motion to accept the new chairs slate Lam (Taughrin). Passed.**
- **Motion to receive: Multari (Galgovich). Passed.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Tony Waleszczak

- Secretary was excused due to a COVID close contact, Erb delivered report
- Report was an update, reminding Executive Senators of the attendance policy and urged Executive Senators to send alternates in the event they are not able to attend a meeting. Executive Senators should also notify Waleszczak that they will not be in attendance.
- No discussion ensued
- **Motion to receive: Canon-Zelasko (Milizia). Passed.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Meet and Greet New Executive Committee – Don Erb

- Each Executive Committee member and PSS officer introduced themselves to the group.

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- Who they are, and to which executive grouping they represent.

No motion/resolution needed

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Approval – Virginia Stever

- Christina Greenburg is seeking \$1850 for a Chancellor’s Award reception for staff who were awarded the SUNY Chancellor’s Award. The request exceeds \$1000 threshold and needs to be approved by the Executive Committee
- No discussion ensued.

Motion to approve: Multari(Canon-Zelasko). Passed with one abstention.

Guest Speakers – Don Erb

- President Tripathi’s talk to the PSS should be in-person, but room difficulties
 - Erb suggested moving the General Membership meeting from its normal start time of 3:00pm to 2:00pm to accommodate booking Student Union 330 on 11/2/23.
 - The normal third Thursday meeting would be interrupted by this to accommodate the President.
- Erb also talked about the date of the November/December General Membership meeting taking place on 12/7/23, in lieu of the late November (after Thanksgiving) date, when it is usually held.
 - No discussion, nor objection ensued
- Worksheet distributed to Executive Senators present to focus discussion on speakers and topics for the PSS 2023-24 year

No motion/resolution needed

Approval of PSS General Membership Agenda (9/28/23) – Don Erb

- No discussion

Motion to approve: Taughrin(Multari). Passed.

Good of the Order – Don Erb

- Announcing of upcoming events
- Discussion about how to approach the history and future of UB at meetings throughout this year
- Professional development and community-building event in conjunction with the School of Pharmacy.
 - The PSS may wish to partner with the School of Pharmacy on this endeavor

No motion/resolution needed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Lam (Multari). Passed at 3:52 pm.

Attendance sign in sheet(s) available through the PSS office.