

Minutes of the Senate – APPROVED

September 26, 2019

Convener: Tim Tryjankowski

Officers Present: Tim Tryjankowski (Chair), Don Erb (Vice Chair), Hugh Jarvis (Secretary)

Senators Present: Ashley Allen, J.D. Augustine, Jason Bachert, Susan Bagdasarian, Cheryl Bailey, Kim Behun, Rachel Blane, Chris Cheung, Jessica Coram, Kelly Cruttenden, Diane Dempsey (alt. for Gerri Kremer), Kalpesh Desai, Catherine Donnelly, Mary Clare Fahey, Rita Ferri, Jonathan Freifeld, Jim Gordon, Janiece Jankowski, Dan Kelly, Theresa Kruse, Carl Lam, Jenna Lenz, Doug Levere, Rose Mammen, Lauren McGowan, Sherene Milizia, RJ Multari, Ben Poremski, Jill Rexinger-Kuhn, Kathy Roach, Pam Rose, Dan Ryan, Melinda Saran, Mary Jo Sicurella, Eileen Sirianni, Pam Stephens-Jackson, Carlos Tejada, Cassandra Walker-Whiteside

Senators Absent: Kurt Baumgaertner, Charlie Baxter, Harrison Cheung, Matt Deck, David Emhof, Lynn Emminger, Anne-Marie Hantman, CJ Keough, Gerri Kremer (sent alt.), Jessica Labella, Bob Miletich (FS Chair), Phil Ryan, Terry-Ann Smith, Glenn Taplin, Kevin Westling, plus COAL representative

Members/Guests: Kelli Hennessy, Kelly Hayes-McAlonie, Tonga Pham, Suzy Shallowhorn, Tony Waleszczak, Chris Wilson

Parliamentarian: Rachel Poole

Staff: Lindsay Allen

Recorder: Hugh Jarvis

Meeting called to order by Tim Tryjankowski at 3:03 p.m.

Quorum reached: 38 senators and 3 officers present.

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PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Mary-Clare Fahey (Jessica Coram). Passed.**

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(s) – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to approve Minutes from April 25, 2019: Carl Lam (Ben Poremski). Passed.**

CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

Welcome to new senate. Highlights include:

- Athletics representatives and mascot attended this meeting.
 - University Police deputy chief search - 3 professional staff will serve
 - Campus-wide recreation and wellness survey, all encouraged to respond
 - PSS Chair reached out to Laura Hubbard & Scot Weber regarding cost to rent campus facilities, requested waiver for PSS and increased budget
 - Upcoming meeting - still booking locations, looking for new locations to sit 70-80 people, especially with tables for collaboration, especially low-priced or free
 - HR and UUP will be represented at table in back of future senate meetings
 - Retirees – keen to engage them more actively in the senate, as individuals and as a committee
 - Campus climate survey – seeking input respectful workplace policies.
 - PSS promotional video will be integrated by HR in their orientations & incorporate details about our committees into their website.
 - Provost Search – Jacqui Hollins will serve on the committee, also officers were invited to serve on a stakeholder focus group, shared feedback solicited from senators.
 - Award for outgoing provost – FS and PSS gave gift to Chip Zukoski (Buffalo snow globe) funded out of central University Shared Governance funds.
 - Search for dean of engineering school – provost solicited names for one member of committee.
 - Sarah Piraino memorial – details to follow, plans to buy something additional for her family.
 - Tree inventory survey moving forward with additional support from Facilities' Tonga Pham.
 - UB Council meeting – graduate student stipend increase.
 - CAS freeze on new graduate students being watched by Faculty Senate.
 - UB 2020 – desire to celebrate accomplishments, might include UB staff appreciation day – will be considered by Professional Development Committee.
 - SUNY chancellor's office evaluation of Pres. Tripathi – PSS invited to contribute.
 - Campus Climate Survey - Mark Coldren and Despina Stratigakos are invited to next general meeting to present details and explore outcomes.
 - School of pharmacy evaluation of dean - PSS invited to contribute.
 - Native American History program - PSS invited to participate.
 - Acknowledgement of new senators, new EC members, new members of committees.
- **Motion to receive: J.D. Augustine (Theresa Kruse). Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Don Erb

Committee highlights include:

- Marketing & Communications – Michelle Bowen has an intern; newsletter stats; working on recruitment; new PSS Instagram account
- Staff Development & Engagement – checked out Marriot as a conference location

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- Sustainable Living - Climate Action activities; Sustainable Living Fair (1,000 plus participants); exploring ways to celebrate 50th anniversary of Earth Day
- Website - submissions standards are in UB Box
- Recognized committee members present.
- **Motion to receive: Mary Clare Fahey (Jim Gordon). Passed.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Hugh Jarvis

- Reminder to senators of attendance bylaws. Will ask Bylaws & Governance Cmt to consider ways to make more lenient.
- Reminder of requirement for all senators to designate an alternate
- **Motion to receive: Jim Gordon (Kelly Cruttenden). Passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(none)

NEW BUSINESS

Special Committee on Redistricting – Tim Tryjankowski

New task group under Rachel Poole and Tony Waleszczak is looking into alternative ways to sub divide our membership that may be more representative and engaging for senators. Information gathering will occur this fall with findings presented to EC by end of the year.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Capital Projects at UB – Tonga Pham, Assoc VP for Facilities and Kelly Hayes McAlonie, Director of Campus Planning

Comprehensive Facilities Management Plan - 'Building UB' (UB 2020)

- CREATE Downtown Campus
 - move JSMBS there (2017)
 - “double down” on Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus
- REVITALIZE South Campus as a professional education campus
 - move Social Work and Graduate School of Education to South Campus
 - demolish vacant, temporary and outdated buildings
 - Diefendorf Annex closed, soon to be demolished
 - Hayes Annexes to come (once Crosby is done)
 - Acheson Annex (once Allen is done)
 - three old dormitory buildings demolished
 - Crosby Hall for School of Architecture
 - Foster Hall upgrades (GSE)
 - Allen Hall renovation (community outreach and Buffalo Prep)

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- Townsend Hall (HR relocation)
- Parker Hall (Social Work)
- Abbott, Diefendorf, Harriman (“Heart of Campus”)
- Squire Hall renovations (Dental School) and BRB (Oral Biology)
- remaining medical school buildings will become an integrated health sciences complex for remaining health sciences schools and clinical aspects of Arts and Sciences
- REIMAGINE North Campus as an undergraduate research center
 - more engineering space for STEM growth
 - reinforce Spine
 - more classrooms
 - connect Spine to Ellicott Complex
 - develop Lee Rd precinct
 - Lake LaSalle
 - floor by floor renovations as money is available
 - Heart of the Campus (3rd stage in progress)
 - Wellness Center
 - Murchee Field House now open
- IMPROVE campus life experience on all three campuses especially study space and recreation (e.g. more interesting landscapes, library spaces, memorial garden on S Campus)
 - focus is on student experience
 - Abbott Hall will be renovated next (first floor is next big project)
 - Athletics – Field House, tennis courts
 - 120 Clemens was not intended to be offline
 - they realize landscapes have been underserved
 - exceptions like Grace Plaza (looking for other schools to adopt similar areas)
 - 3rd floor of Silverman, Lockwood, Law Library
 - looking for small pots of money to do small projects
 - tennis courts (funded by gifts)
 - Murchee Field House (funded by gifts)
- REDUCE costs, be strategic with spending
 - deferred maintenance (e.g. Putnam and Flint Rd) removal of sidewalks and other concrete
 - tree renewal program: 193 new trees for Putnam Loop
 - reduced sidewalks 16,000 SF, removed 40,000 SF concrete
 - removal of sidewalk along Flint and planting trees
 - hired landscape architect
 - develop composite soil type
 - choose suitable trees (e.g. English oaks, flowering trees)
 - shifting of trees away from roads (easier to group, farther from salt)

Master Plans

- Innovation District Master Plan (for all three campuses)
 - initially Innovation Center in Lockwood along Founders Plaza (windows and entrance)
- Libraries Master Plan
 - O’Brien - open up the space, new front door/atrium, civic square, windows, grand reading room (more cohesive with law school)
 - Lockwood – turn courtyard into front door/atrium

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- Abbott Hall – open up original entrance, glassed addition on east side, more welcoming
 - more welcoming to Community
- Student Housing Master Plan
 - more housing options, renovate Ellicott Complex, add to inventory
- Wellness and Recreation Master Plan
 - student oriented rec center
 - incorporate student clinical wellness services
 - Student Union (review, reorganize and upgrade)
- Heart of the Campus Master Plan
 - new service and educational paradigm including flexible workspaces, one-stop shopping, more green space in Founders Plaza...
- Must meet these strategic questions:
 - Does it enhance the student experience?
 - What are opportunities for efficiencies?
 - What is visibility on campus?
 - Does it reinforce three campuses + one approach?
 - Does it enhance the institution?

Question: Will Clark Hall be modernized?

A/ Yes, will be addressed during wellness and recreation updates.

Capital Plan Funding

- money comes from state for deferred and critical maintenance of existing facilities
- compete with all SUNY campuses for funding, always seek \$55.4 M but usually get much less
- currently need \$526M for maintenance and restoration, but only received \$19.5M plus \$20M for specific projects
- South Campus
 - Allen Hall restoration nearing completion (ADA, placement of Buffalo Prep, deferred maintenance)
 - MacDonald, Pritchard and Schoelkopf demolished, restoring to green space
 - Townsend Hall interior renovation, vacant since 1983 (HR, late summer of 2020)
 - Cary-Farber-Sherman Annex roof replacement
 - Abbott Hall fire alarms replaced
 - Design
 - BEB, BRB, Cary-Farber-Sherman Annex backfill (SPHHP, CAS)
 - Crosby Hall renovation and rehab (SAP)
 - Foster Hall renovation (GSE)
 - Planning
 - Parker Hall (SSW)
 - Clark Hall renovation
 - Sherman demolish and restore ring road
 - BEB modernize elevators, ADA and replace fire alarms and emergency generators
 - Diefendorf Annex demolish and develop a grand entrance from Bailey Ave
 - Townsend Hall renovation (HR)
- North Campus
 - Construction

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- Cook and Hochstetter – rehab and more lab space, electrical upgrades
- Clemens – fire alarms
- MFC – fire alarms
- Beane Center, Statler - roofs
- CFA – exterior shell restoration
- O'Brien, Student Union, UB Stadium - boilers
- Crofts Hall – HVAC, sound proofing
- Design
 - Heart of the Campus phase 3 - One World Café
 - Electrical Substation - replace transformer (multi-year process)
 - multiple buildings - replace emergency generators
 - multiple buildings - replace fire alarms
- Planning
 - Heart of the Campus Phase 4: Capen and Talbert
 - multiple buildings exterior rehab, renovation, elevators, ADA work and fire alarms, and emergency generators
 - Baker Chilled Water Plant equipment replacement
 - after exterior restoration will follow interior renovations
- Question: Exterior work on Capen is very disruptive. When will it be completed?
 - A/ It is necessary deferred maintenance (brickwork and restoration).
 - Note: One World Café will be far more disruptive!
- Question: Is the Grow House still moving to North Campus?
 - A/ Yes, was delayed. Went out to bid but no takers! Will repost in fall.
- Question: Harriman Hall dining is swamped! We need more food options on South Campus.
 - A/ That's up to Campus Dining... but there is a plan in works to improve Harriman.
- Question: Why is traffic circle near Greiner Hall down to one lane?
 - A/ State DoT project. Bridges are near end of life but they could only afford one at a time, so reduced to one lane, using older bridge for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Question: Will Kimball be vacated as SPHP moves?
 - A/ Some. Offices will move out but not classrooms
- Question: What happens to the name when a named building is demolished?
 - A/ Developing policies. Trying to coordinate better with Advancement. Aren't always aware of honorifics especially for named spaces inside buildings. Always do presentation at University Business day (end of March).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: 4:33 p.m.

Attendance sign in sheet(s) housed in the PSS office.

Meeting audio recording available in the PSS office.