

Minutes of the General and Senate Meeting – APPROVED

Jan. 27, 2022 (virtual, held using Zoom, business conducted)

Convener: Tim Tryjankowski

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

Senators Present: Kim Behun, Rachel Blane, Ed Brodka, Jennifer Chazen, Jessica Byerly Coram, Lynn Emminger, Rita Ferri, Andrew Fogelsonger, Janiece Jankowski, Meredith Forrest Kulwicki, Bradley Hendricks, Hugh Jarvis, Chris (CJ) Keough, Kimberly Krzemien, Jenna Lenz, Doug Levere, Tim Matthews, Sherene Milizia, RJ Multari, Marlo Roetzer, Pam Rose, Melinda Saran, Daniel Schweitzer, Janet Schrum, Eileen Sirianni, Thomas Slomka, Ryan Spearer, Virginia Stever, Fred Stoss, Krystal Testa, Tony Waleszczak, Christopher Wilson Michael Yates

Senators Absent: Charlie Baxter, Brianna Bennett, Ray Danneoffer, Carl Lam, Dom Licata, Lisa Patterson,

Guests: Mark Alnutt, Director of Athletics

Parliamentarian: Rachel Poole

Staff: Jessica Naish

Recorder: Catherine Donnelly

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

Quorum reached: 33 senators and 3 officers present.

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PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to adopt [Agenda](#):** Tony Waleszczak (Daniel Schweitzer) Passed.

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to approve [Minutes from Dec. 2, 2021](#):** Rita Ferri (Hugh Jarvis) Passed.

Mark Alnutt was available at the start of the meeting, so he spoke first. He is happy to see students and staff returning to events on campus. He was pleased with how Coach Moe (Maurice Linguist) was able to put a solid program together in 100 days. We are starting to sign players and work with the transfer process to support our students. The NCAA has changed the transfer process, so players have immediate eligibility if they move. Last Monday, there were over 12,000 students in the transfer portal, that is one out of every 10 student-athletes. Football will have a spring exhibition game and are starting their workouts now. From the fall, the women had a great soccer season and the fourth highest GPA (3.15) for all sports combined.

Also, Monica Simkova from women's volleyball is out of the hospital after a rare complication of mono caused amputation of her legs. She has accessible housing on campus and will graduate in May.

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In winter sports, we have basketball. The women's team got to go to an invitational in the Bahamas. Both teams are having some success. Wrestling is doing really well with a five-game win streak. Swimming and diving is doing well too. Track has also started and Brandon Burke is a potential All-American in the high-jump. Softball will start playing soon too, hard to believe with the snow, but they will travel south for a bit to get going.

Financially COVID had an impact on revenues. We spent a lot on testing etc. But we've come through that and happy to have fans with us again.

On a side note, I am honored to co-chair the President's Advisory Council on Race and am proud of efforts regarding equity, diversity and inclusion. I am also a member of the Division I Football Oversight Committee and we are focused on targeting, feigning injuries and how to determine team eligibility for bowl games. APR (academic performance rate) will play a role in that process, which is how Rutgers got to go to the Gator Bowl. Also, the issue of image and likeness is causing some issues, we are expecting oversight to minimize schools buying players.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- Campus governance leaders are asking for [N95 masks to follow CDC guidelines \(see resolution\)](#).
- Executive Committee met with Mark Coldren. He said that there were 812 applications to telecommute, 778 of those were approved, 34 denials, 30 applications that were sort of never completed. Denied staff are encouraged to apply again since the agreement was extended til the summer. [See Jan. 13 EC Minutes for more details](#).
- Administrative Services Policy ([30 day comment period](#).) Also email and photo ID use policies are available to review.
- Our Inclusion and Diversity Committee drafted a [land acknowledgment statement](#) that will be going to the Executive Committee.
- **Motion to receive the chair's report. Lynn Emminger (Hugh Jarvis) Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Don Erb

- Awards Committee has new chair, Krista Greenberg, and is starting to review nominees. See website for details about how to nominate for PSS Awards due March 9.
- The Budget Advisory Committee will be discussed later.
- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee completed a review of potential changes to be discussed in a future meeting.
- The Inclusion and Diversity Committee was mentioned in the president's report. Also participating in the upcoming HR mini mental break focused on Black history on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.
- Marketing and Communications sent no report.
- Recreation and Wellness named Mark (RP) Sorel as their new chair.
- Retirees Committee planning a future meeting.
- Staff Development and Engagement Committee had 38 participants in the ergonomics office workshop Jan. 11.
- Sustainable Living Committee planning a clean up of Lake LaSalle.
- Welcome Committee is reworking spring plans due to COVID.
- **Motion to receive: Ed Brodka (Kimberly Krzemien). Passed.**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT – Catherine Donnelly

- (none)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Budget Advisory Committee changes approved by EC.
 - Reduce the reserve to \$1,000.
 - Create three approval tiers of budget requests: \$200 can be approved by BAC Chair, between \$201 and \$1,000 the entire BAC votes and anything over \$1,000 requires EC approval.
 - Each expenditure is a one-time approval only, cannot break larger amounts into multiple small one.
 - **Motion to accept changes to BAC. Lynn Emminger (R. J. Multari) Passed by full senate and general membership.**

NEW BUSINESS

- [Resolution to rename the John James Audobon portion of the UB Campus.](#)
 - **Motion to accept resolution and move forward. Hugh Jarvis (Daniel Schweitzer) Passed by senators in attendance.**
- 120th SUNY-wide plenary report from R.J. Multari.
 - Blackboard is going away.
 - SUNY has an overall enrollment decline of about 370,000 students. Will be using marketing campaign to seek new students and promote online options. Will promote microcredentials and enhance SEO.
 - UB named a flagship along with StonyBrook.
 - Continued discussion about general education requirements. Will add diversity equity inclusion and social justice. World Civ is still on the table.
 - Hiring issues across the board. Also, will do a global search for the next SUNY Chancellor.
- COVID, if you get sick, notify HR and your manager. Take photos of any positive at home tests to document along with the date. You should be able to work with HR to keep or get back sick time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: 4:32 p.m.

Attendance and meeting audio recording available through the PSS office.