

Minutes of the General and Senate Meeting – APPROVED

May 26, 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, Rita Ferri, Andrew Fogelsonger, Meredith Forrest Kulwicki, Hugh Jarvis, Chris (CJ) Keough, Kimberly Krzemien, Carl Lam, Jenna Lenz, Dom Licata, Tim Matthews, Sherene Milizia, RJ Multari, Lisa Patterson, Marlo Roetzer, Pam Rose, Melinda Saran, Daniel Schweitzer, Eileen Sirianni, Ryan Spearer, Virginia Stever, Fred Stoss, Krystal Testa, Tony Waleszczak, and Christopher Wilson.

Senators Absent: Brianna Bennett, Charlie Baxter, Jennifer Chazen, Jessica Byerly Coram (sent Fran Fiscus), Ray Danneffer, Lynn Emminger, Bradley Hendricks, Janiece Jankowski, Doug Levere, Janet Schrum, and Michael Yates.

Guests: Brian Hamluk, VP of Student Life
Congressman Brian Higgins cancelled at the last minute.

Parliamentarian: Rachel Poole

Staff: Jessica Naish

Recorder: Catherine Donnelly

Meeting called to order by Tim Tryjankowski at 3:01 p.m.

Quorum reached: 28 senators and 3 officers present.

Supporting documents in Box.com folder in
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PRESENTATION OF AGENDA – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to adopt Agenda: Tony Waleszczak (Virginia Stever) Passed.**
Note: Congressman Brian Higgins canceled at the last minute, will attempt to reschedule for June meeting.

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTE(S) – Tim Tryjankowski

- **Motion to approve Minutes from April 28: Melinda Saran (Ed Brodka) Passed.**
- [Meeting started with the land grant acknowledgment.](#)

GUEST SPEAKER

Brian shared how he was previously at the University of Pittsburgh but was happy to come home. He is a native of Lockport.

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Student Life is focused on improving the student experience and with enhancements to their facilities. Focused on three pillars (student engagement and success, health and well-being and student support)

Kudos to Barbara Ricotta who is retiring. The department will restructure with this transition, so student engagement will include community service, civic engagement, leadership, mentorship and career development. Health and wellness has become paramount since the pandemic. Student health services will move from Michael Hall on South Campus to Maple Road (next to Anchor Bar) until construction can take place on North Campus for a true Wellness Center. As RFP is being designed for this project now. There will also be a new Welcome Center for res life to be a common space for all student residents to share.

Q&A

- We are leasing the space on Maple Road. UB will provide transportation to the location for students who need access to it.
- There were 78 applications for the eSports manager position, we are down to 8 interviews to go.
- Could a path be built to the Maple Road location?

CHAIR'S REPORT – Tim Tryjankowski

- Thinking about the victims of the recent shooting at Tops. NYSUT will be coordinating a scholarship fund for the families of those affected, please watch for details to come.
- Stay safe with COVID spiking in the region. We are reconsidering when to do our tabling event until this improves again.
- Child and elder care materials are being drafted by Fred Stoss to share with the President's office.
- UB ranked second in the US and 8th globally for the UN University Sustainability rankings.
- PACOR announcements to come from the President's office.
- The James Joyce collection received a \$100,000 grant to improve public access to the collection.
- Waiting for feedback on the renaming of the Audoban Parkway.
- NFTA seeking input on expanding the Rapid Transit to North Campus.
- **Motion to receive the chair's report. Daniel Schweitzer (Ed Brodka) Passed.**

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT – Don Erb

- Awards Committee: No updates.
- The Budget Advisory Committee: No updates.
- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee had no separate update but members are here to discuss the reorganization process.
- Elections Committee is currently managing the senate elections that close 5/27.
- Inclusion and Diversity Committee: No updates.
- Marketing and Communications: No updates.



- Recreation and Wellness: Kayaks can get out with a combined air-water temp of 120 degrees. May coordinate a golf outing this summer.
- Retirees Committee: No updates.
- Staff Development and Engagement Committee confirmed President Tripathi for a June 8 event. Working on a summer career development event and fall discussion about how to avoid burnout.
- Sustainable Living Committee: No updates.
- **Motion to receive: Carl Lam (Jenna Lenz). Passed.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Catherine Donnelly

- No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Reorganization discussion. A special sub-committee was formed, several years ago, to consider how best to address the needs of a changing institution. Their recommendations (see folder in UB Box) were supported by The Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Elections Committee and sent to the Executive Committee in March. The EC approved the resolution and we bring it to the PSS today.
- Tony Waleszczak spoke in favor of the resolution recalling how three years ago roughly 1/3 of UB staff could not identify their PSS senator. He also noted the number of open seats and the confusion with nominating people to be elected to those seats.
- The proposal follows how HR manages staff and will simplify data use and list serv updates.
- **Motion to take this matter to a full vote of the PSS General Membership to see if these changes shall be approved and made permanent to our bylaws – beginning January 1, 2023: Tony Waleszczak (Hugh Jarvis) Passed (25 Senators-Yea, 1 Senator-Nay (Kim Behun), 0 Abstentions)**
- Having received a positive vote on the motion, the secretary will request the Elections Committee to send a ballot to all members of the general assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business, thank you to all PSS members for their ongoing commitment to UB.
- One more meeting for this academic year on June 23. President Tripathi is our planned guest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: 4:08 p.m.

Attendance and meeting audio recording available through the PSS office.