



University at Buffalo Council

Meeting minutes

March 4, 2019, 8:00 a.m.

Buffalo Room, 10 Capen Hall

Members present:

Jeremy M. Jacobs, Chairman

Mike Brown

Michael Cropp

Scott Friedman

June W. Hoeflich

Jonathan Dandes

Other participants:

Satish K. Tripathi, President

Suzanne Rosenblith, Dean of the Graduate School of Education

Charles F. Zukoski, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Attendees:

Mark Alnutt, Director of Athletics

Mike Andrei, Public Affairs and Internal Communications Specialist

Brendan Ash, Student Geology

Jessica Baker, SUNY Counsel

Ann Bisantz, Dean of Undergraduate Education

Benjamin Blanchet, UB Spectrum

Barbara Bono, Associate Professor, English

Michael Cain, Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biological Sciences

Beth Del Genio, Chief of Staff to the President

John DellaContrada, Interim Vice President for University Communications

Mairead Farinacci, Student, Comparative Literature

Liesl Folks, Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Robert Granfield, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Graham Hammill, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Dean of the Graduate School and Dean of Undergraduate Education

Laura Hubbard, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Jocelyn Jakubus, Director of Presidential Events and Initiatives

Dan LaDelfa, Assistant Director for Presidential Communications

Domenic Licata, Chair, Professional Staff Senate

Jonathan Makeley, Student, History

Willis McCumber, Student, English

Macy McDonald, Student, English

Kate McKenna, Director of Issues Management and Stakeholder Communications

Jessi Miller, Clinical Assistant Professor, Management

Ariana Nash, Student, English

Barb Ricotta, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Life
Amber Rivera, Student, Social Work
Eileen Sherman, Deputy to the Provost
David Shurtleff, Instructional Support Specialist, UBIT
Hannah Stokes, Student, Geography
Davila Tarakinikini, UB Spectrum
Jacklyn Walters, UB Spectrum
Maria Wallace, Director, Student Unions
Scott Weber, Vice President for Student Life
Sue Wuetcher, Editor, UBNOW
Thomas Zafonte, UB Spectrum

Before the meeting was called to order, Ms. Jessica Baker, Associate Counsel with the SUNY Office of General Counsel, welcomed all the guests in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Baker reminded the audience that the Council meeting is an open meeting and under the open meetings law, the public has the right to observe the work of public officials in, and attend and listen to, public meetings. It does not provide the public with right to speak or otherwise participate in meetings. There is no time reserved in this meeting's agenda for public comments.

Opening business

Call to order

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Jacobs called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Friedman, seconded by Ms. Hoeflich, and the minutes were approved without correction.

Topics for discussion or action

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Jacobs stated in previous UB Council meetings, there have been reports on graduate student stipends. The Council appreciates these reports and notes that according to the provost, UB invested \$39.5 million in PhD stipends and tuition scholarships in the 2017-18 academic year and UB's investment has grown by \$8.4 million since 2012-2013. The Council acknowledges that much has been done to raise stipend levels, and that many students are not satisfied with the progress. However, stipends are the purview of deans and department chairs, not the Council.

Consideration of naming resolutions

Chairman Jacobs stated there were two naming resolutions to be considered by the UB Council. Mr. Jacobs asked Mr. Rod Grabowski, Vice President for University Advancement, to provide the Council with further information about the first resolution.

Mr. Grabowski stated the first resolution is a naming of the Buhite-Dimino Center for Implant Dentistry within the UB School of Dental Medicine. Chairman Jacobs called for a motion of approval. The motion was made by Ms. Hoeflich, seconded by Mr. Friedman, and was approved unanimously.

The second resolution called for the Council's approval to honor Mr. Robert Brady for his service to the Council. Chairman Jacobs called for a motion of approval. The motion was made by Mr. Dandes, seconded by Mr. Cropp, and was approved unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, a member of the audience interrupted the business of the Council as he began speaking. Ms. Baker advised this person that this was a public meeting and not a dialogue with the public. The audience member interrupted Ms. Baker and continued to speak.

Adjournment

Pursuant to New York State Public Officers' Law, Subsection 105, Chairman Jacobs called for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual. A motion was made by Ms. Hoeflich and seconded by Mr. Dandes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Minutes approved at the June 3, 2019 meeting of the UB Council.