



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023
310 Silverman Library

Attendance: see Appendix 1

Call to Order

The chair, Suzanne Laychock, called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

1. Secretary's Report/C. Tysick
2. Provost's Report/S. Weber
3. Chair's Report/S. Laychock
4. CAPT Report/T. Melendy
5. Charge Teaching and Learning Committee on Student Evaluations/S. Laychock
6. Charge Elections Committee with revising FS elections timeline/S. Laychock
7. Set Agenda for Faculty Senate meeting for 10-17-23

Action Items

- Approved [9-26-23 minutes](#)
- Provost's Report:
 - Middle States Accreditation
 - Self-study committee work complete
 - Head of MSA team was on campus for visit
 - Full MSA team will arrive October 10-13, 2024
 - No research standards in MS accreditation
 - New VP for Inclusive Excellence announced, Seval Yildirim, effective 11-20-23
- Chair's Report:
 - COACHE & FS Satisfaction Surveys will continue to be discussed at FSEC meetings.
 - One school may have process to extend appointments for non-tenure track faculty beyond the 3-year renewal. Potential for an autorenewal process after an initial 3-year appointment, more details to come.
 - Committee charges are ongoing. Chair seeks suggestions from EC members.
 - Q&A
 - Suggestion made to move contingent faculty to tenure track lines.
 - Teaching faculty need clearer guidelines on promotion/reappointment.
 - Some units use Evergreen process after the second review.
- Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure proposed changes to the [Faculty/Staff Handbook](#).

- Changes needed to address EDI issues related to inequalities in teaching evaluations, career disruptions, distribution of workload, and outside evaluations among other things. The attached document tracks changes.
- Next steps are unclear. The original Faculty/Staff Handbook Committee was charged by the previous Provost and included PSS and FS chairs along with various faculty and staff. The question is: Does the FSEC need to accept the changes and forward them to the FS for vote and approval? Bylaws committee chair suggested reviewing the past document for provenance.
- Teaching and Learning Committee Charge **tabled** until next FSEC meeting.
- [Elections Committee Charge](#) approved with amendment to include cycle of reapportionment.
- FS Satisfaction & COACHE Surveys' discussion **tabled** for a future FSEC meeting.
- FS Committees' nominations **tabled** until next FSEC meeting.
- Agenda for [FS 10-17-23 meeting](#) approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm



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Appendix 1: Attendance

CHAIR:
Suzanne Laychock - here

SECRETARY:
Cynthia Tysick - here

PARLIAMENTARIAN:
Pat Long - excused

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Swathi Karmacheti – here
Sampson Lee Blair - excused
Sara Metcalf - here
Liana Vardi - here

DENTAL MEDICINE:

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
Marsha Christiano - here

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Sreyasee Das Battacheerjee - absent
Weifeng Su - here

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo - here

LAW:

Jorge Fabra-Zamora - excused

MANAGEMENT:

Prasad Balkundi- here

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Margaret DeAngelis - excused

Thomas Melendy - here

David Shucard - here

Phil Glick - here

NURSING:

Meg Doerzbacher - here

PHARMACY:

Erin Slazak – excused

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Ekaterina Noyes - here

SOCIAL WORK:

Peter Sobota - here

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty - here

SUNY SENATORS:

Amit Kandel - absent

Kristin Stapleton - here

Patrick Long - excused

R.J. Multari - here

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi - excused

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber - here

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Robert Granfield - here

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Naish - here