



Attendance: see Appendix 1

Call to Order

Chair called meeting to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Approved

- A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. All approved.

Actionable Items

- [Minutes of 4/9/24](#) were unanimously approved.
- [Chair's report](#) accepted.
- [Resolution to close Department of Nuclear Medicine](#) forwarded to the Faculty Senate for readings and vote.
- Teaching and Learning Committee report accepted.
- [Research and Creative Activities Committee report](#) accepted.
- [5 SUNY Plenary Resolutions](#) approved to forward to the Faculty Senate for endorsement or acknowledgement.
- [Faculty Senate Agenda for 4/30/24](#) (special meeting) approved.

Other Items

- Provost Q&A
 - CAS staffing issues and implications for PhDs, teaching loads, and degree programs. Requested Provost to give a statement to the Faculty Senate.
 - Provost stated CAS issues were not Senate issues.
 - Dean has over hired and increased faculty across CAS. The budget is overextended thus searches needed to cease.
 - Expenditures and revenue for CAS need to match. Provost is working with the Dean to navigate this issue.
 - Does Provost approve Dean faculty searches? No
 - The Dean of CAS gave a presentation to their Policy Committee and the Provost feels this is the right approach.
 - Disciplinary excellence will be jeopardized. Provost pointed out that the number of tenure track faculty has increased. UB has done historic hiring and will take steps to better align resources. It will be better to not bring faculty here that, fiscally, we are currently unable to support.
 - UB has invested significantly in CAS over the last few years and hired some diverse and senior faculty. We've expanded departments and created new programs.
 - A final request for better/more communication with the CAS faculty was made.
 - State budget was just approved any feedback on SUNY/UB budget?
 - No, could take 1-2 months
 - We are getting \$275million for Empire AI (hardware and building)

- Provost asked to comment on Spectrum report that student government candidates are not allowed to say what they'd advocate for if elected?
 - First the Provost has heard of this.
- The chair was asked for a list University-wide, administrative committees that have faculty representation. The chair had asked the Provost for such a list and he is working on it.
- Tenure, Promotions, and Privileges committee chair reported on Faculty/Staff Handbook amendments. VP for Faculty affairs met with committee and gave extensive revisions. Committee believes most suggestions are acceptable. However, some were not and they are still working with Dr. Granfield on a way to move forward.
 - Will this go back to the Faculty Senate? Parliamentarian said due to it being a substantial rewriting from what the Faculty Senate voted to approve it would have to come back to the EC in the revised version and be approved for a reading to the Faculty Senate. The Bylaws do give the Chair the right to waive the 2 reading rule.
- SUNY Senator Stapleton encouraged members to let faculty know SUNY Senate needs committee members. <https://www.sunyufs.us/committee-reports.html>. The standing committees are 1) Communications; 2) Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity; 3) Ethics; 4) Governance; 5) Graduate and Research; 6) Operations; 7) Programs and Awards; 8) Student Life; and 9) Undergraduate Programs and Policies.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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Appendix 1: Attendance

CHAIR:

Suzanne Laychock - Present

SECRETARY:

Cynthia Tysick - Present

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Pat Long - Present

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Kerry Traynor – Present

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Swathi Karmacheti – Present

Sampson Lee Blair - Present

Sara Metcalf - Present

Liana Vardi - Present

DENTAL MEDICINE:

Michelle Visser - Present

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:

Marsha Christiano - Present

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:

Sreyasee Das Battacheerjee - Absent

Weifeng Su - Present

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

Lilliam Malave Lopez - Present

LAW:

Jorge Fabra-Zamora - Absent

MANAGEMENT:

Prasad Balkundi- Absent

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:

Margaret DeAngelis - Present

Thomas Melendy - Present

David Shucard - Present

Phil Glick - Present

NURSING:

Meg Doerzbacher - Present

PHARMACY:

Erin Slazak – Present (Raymond Cha: alt)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

Katia Noyes - Present

SOCIAL WORK:

Lisa Butler - Excused

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

John Beatty - Present

SUNY SENATORS:

Amit Kandel - Absent

Kristin Stapleton - Present

Patrick Long - Present

R.J. Multari - Present

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi -

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

A. Scott Weber - Present

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:
Robert Granfield - Present
Graham Hammill -

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Jessica Naish - Present
Turquessa Francis - Present
Fred Stoss - Present
Sarah Augustynek – Present
Diane Christian - Present
Mark Parker - Present
Jennifer Livingston - Present