



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2023  
Center for Tomorrow

Attendance: see Appendix 1

### Call to Order

The chair, Suzanne Laychock, called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda: The agenda for the day was approved unanimously.

1. Minutes from [May 2023](#) /C. Tysick
2. President's Report/S. Tripathi
3. Chair's Report/S. Laychock
4. Presentation by Dr. Graham Hammill, VP for Academic Affairs
5. New Senator orientation/S. Laychock
6. Naming of FSA Codirector/S. Laychock
7. Open forum/senators

### Action Items

- Approved [5/16/23 minutes](#) unanimously with 2 attendance corrections.
- President's report accepted
  - Review of diverse incoming student body
  - 150 new faculty members aligns with Top 25 ambition: 95 tenure track
  - Capital activities including Crosby Hall, Foster Hall (future GSE home), Center for AI in Lockwood, new study areas throughout the campus. Future engineering building in the design phase
  - AI chat series, started with the Chancellor's visit. Over 200 faculty are working on AI in some capacity.
  - Grant highlights: \$3.4 million for cybersecurity, \$3 million for tumor research, \$3 million for hydrogen fuel, \$2 million for high school STEM programs. 2022-23 saw \$232 million in grant funding.
  - Leadership: new deans of Student Services (Thomas Aguirre) and Architecture and Planning (Julia Czerniak)
  - UB ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for sustainability.
  - Middle States is happening with a self-study completed and site visits coming this October and October 2024.
- Chair's report accepted
  - Committees need populating.
  - Future faculty satisfaction survey presentation
  - COACHE survey and satisfaction survey will be reviewed in the Executive Committee this fall.

- Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure committee will be presenting DEI suggestions this fall.
- October meeting will be held in Wende Hall on south campus.
- Chair encouraged senators to suggest issues and presenters for future meetings.
- Presentation by Dr. Graham Hammill [VPAA Priorities 2023-24](#) accepted
- [New senator orientation](#) by Dr. Suzanne Laychock accepted

## Other Items

Discussions around shared governance, volunteering for FS committees, and supporting students were brought up during the open forum.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**  
**3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**CHAIR:**

Suzanne Laychock - *PRESENT*

**SECRETARY:**

Cindi Tysick - *PRESENT*

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

Patrick Long - *EXCUSED*

**ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:**

Dean: Julia Czerniak -

\*Executive Committee Member -

Georg Rafailidis - *EXCUSED*

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:**

Dean: Robin Schulze -

\*Sampson Blair -

Julie Bowker -

Cari Casteel - *CC*

Kenneth Dauber -

Bohua Hu - *Bohua Hu*

Lara Hutson -

David Johnson -

\*Swathi Karamcheti - *Swathi K*

Jieun Lee -

Abigail Matthews - *Abigail Matthews*

\*Sara Metcalf - *Sara Metcalf*

Harvey Palmer -

Kristin Stapleton - *Kristin Stapleton*

Aisling Winston - *Aisling Winston*

Victoria Wolcott - *Victoria Wolcott*

\*Liana Vardi - *Liana Vardi*


<b>DENTAL MEDICINE:</b>
Dean: Stefan Ruhl -
Executive Committee Senator -
Senator - <i>BENITA D. SOBIERAJ</i>

<b>EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:</b>
*Marsha Christiano - <i>Marsha Christiano</i>

<b>ENGINEERING &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES:</b>
Dean: Kemper Lewis -
Barbara Alevriadou -
Amy Baird - <i>Amy Baird</i>
Jun Hwan Choi -
David Courtemanche - <i>David Courtemanche</i>
Sreyasee Das Bhattacharjee - <i>Sreyasee Das Bhattacharjee</i>
Lauren Kuryloski - <i>Lauren Kuryloski</i>
Russ Miller -
Kamran Nemati - <i>Kamran Nemati</i>
Ravi Ranade -
Debanjan Sarkar - <i>Debanjan Sarkar</i>
Jongmin Shim - <i>XIAO LIANG</i>
Weifeng Su - <i>Weifeng Su</i>
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam - <i>S.O.</i>
Wenyao Xu -

<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:</b>
Dean: Suzanne Rosenblith -
Jasmine Alvarado - <i>Jasmine Alvarado</i>
Janina Brutt-Griffler -
Lilliam Malave-Lopez -

\*Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo -

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**LAW:**

Dean: S. Todd Brown (Interim) -

Mekonnen Ayano -

Kim Connelly -

\*Jorge Fabra-Zamora -

Stuart Lazar -

**MANAGEMENT:**

Dean: Paul Tesluk -

\*Prasad Balkundi -

Winston Lin - *Winston Lin*

Weihong Xu - *Xu*

**MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:**

Dean: Allison Brashear -

Stephanie Anzam-Frasca - **EXUSED**

Praveen Chandrasekharan -

Thomas Covey - *TCovey*

Jason Davies - *JDavies*

D. Fernando Estrada -

Howard Faden -

Michael Ferrick - *M Ferrick*

Csaba Gajdos -

\*Phil Glick - *PGlick*

Weidun Alan Guo -

Stuart Inglis - *SInglis*

Vijay Iyer -

\*Margaret DeAngelis - *MDeAngelis*

\*Thomas Melendy - **EXUSED**

Awayda Mouhamed -

Nader Nader –	<i>Nader D. Nader</i>
John Ortolani –	
Yungki Park –	<i>Yungki Park</i>
Vaqar Shah –	
Roh-Yu Shen –	<i>Roh-Yu Shen</i>
*David Shucard –	<i>David Shucard</i>
Sandra Sieminski –	
Pooja Sofat –	<i>Pooja Sofat</i>
Scott Stewart –	<i>Scott Stewart</i>
Ahmad Zaaroua –	

**NURSING:**

Dean: Annette Wysocki -	
* Meg Doerzbacher–	
Darryl Somayaji –	<i>Darryl Somayaji</i>

**PHARMACY:**

Dean: Gary Pollack	
Raymond Cha –	
Donald Mager –	<i>Donald E. Mager</i>
*Erin Slazak –	<i>Erin Slazak</i>

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

Dean: Jean Wactawski-Wende -	
Deanna Hostler –	<i>Deanna Hostler</i>
Christine Linkie –	
*Ekaterina Noyes –	<i>Ekaterina Noyes</i>
Christopher Stavisky –	<i>Christopher Stavisky</i>
Shauna Zorich –	<i>Shauna Zorich</i>

**SOCIAL WORK:**

Dean: Keith Alford -	
Lisa Buter	

\*Peter Sobota - Present

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:**

\*John Beatty -

Natalia Estrada -

**SUNY SENATORS:**

Amit Kandel -

Patrick Long -

R.J. Multari -

Kristin Stapleton -

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Satish Tripathi -

**PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:**

Scott Weber -

**INVITED GUESTS:**

Erin O'Brien

**UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:**

Craig Abbey -

Amy Bisantz -

Beth Del Genio -

Robert Granfield -

Graham Hammill -

William McDonnell -

Eileen Sherman -

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ann Bisantz

Acknowledgments

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