



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

Zoom

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. [December Minutes](#)/C. Tysick
2. Provost's Report/A.S. Weber
3. [Chair's Report](#)/S. Laychock
4. Faculty Senate IT Committee updates/J. Kruger & B. Pitman
5. Curriculum Management System update/G. Hammill & K Hanypsiak
6. 2nd Reading & Vote: [Resolution to amend FS Standing Orders to Revise Elections Timeline for FS and FSEC members](#)/C. Tysick & J. Beatty
7. FS endorsement of SUNY FS resolutions from 10/23/C. Tysick
8. 1st reading: [Resolution to UFS re: 5-year Term Appointment](#)/S. Laychock
9. [SUNY FS resolutions from 1/24](#)/K. Stapleton, RJ MUltari, P. Long, & A. Kandel

Action Items

- December minutes **approved**
- Chair's report accepted
- 2nd reading of Resolution to amend the FS Standing Orders Timeline **approved** 51y On 1a
- All 3 SUNY FS resolutions from the fall plenary were **approved**.
- 1st reading of the resolution to SUNY FS re; 5-year Term Appointments
 - Question was raised regarding the titles mentioned in the resolution and if they were inclusive of all full-time, eligible faculty. Chair will verify before 2nd reading.
- SUNY Resolutions from winter plenary tabled until March meeting.

Other Items

- Provost's report
 - Empire AI-\$400 million consortium with center at UB
 - Middle States self-study is with the Middle States review team. They will be here in March.
 - [BITS collaboration with UB](#)
 - 2+2 dual undergraduate program in engineering and related fields.
 - 2+3 cooperative Bachelor of Science/master of science (BS/MS).
 - Nursing program is #1 in US News and World Report for online bachelor's program.
 - Engineering Management is ranked 19th out of 109 programs.

- Melissa White (Music) received her second Grammy of her career for “Passion for Bach and Coltrane”.
- The [UB Faculty Leadership program](#) was highlighted for tenured full professors interested in campus-wide leadership.
- Q&A
 - CAS has suspended searches. Some searches had gotten to the offer stage. Concern was raised regarding candidates of color.
 - Dean Schulze responded:
 - CAS enrollment is down.
 - This is a pause.
 - Offers made will not be pulled.
 - The Dean has a fiduciary responsibility.
 - The credit hours dollars are not coming in.
 - Short term is to pull back. The FS Academic Planning & Assessment committee was presented with the Dean’s report.
 - The school works under a 2 year projection of student demand.
 - Comment made by meeting attendee that salary increases are a challenge to faculty growth because UB is not reimbursed by SUNY for those increases.
 - Motion was made by Dr. Melendy and approved to accept the report Dean Schulze forwarded to the Academic Planning & Assessment meeting at the next FS meeting.
- IT Committee updates
 - Encouraged faculty to start using the MS Bookings feature. The feature allows faculty to create a page that anyone can see their availability and book appointments. Outlook calendar must be updated.
 - Campus is in negotiations to obtain a full subscription for all students to Top Hat.
 - Q&A
 - Faculty not told about Quarantine-must have better communication from UB IT.
 - Grade scope request
- Curriculum Management System
 - Approval process for new courses.
 - One approved backend process to integrate it into wide array of UB systems
 - Enterprise system with catalog (public record) and workflow system (private)
 - Benefits
 - Pull programs, school, college, and university level reports
 - Create Graduate catalog

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:33p

Faculty Senate Meeting
February 20, 2024
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR:

Suzanne Laychock – Present

SECRETARY:

Cindi Tysick – Present

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Patrick Long - Present

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING:

Dean: Julia Czerniak – Present

*Kerry Traynor – Present

Georg Rafailidis – Present

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Dean: Robin Schulze – Present

*Sampson Blair – Present

Julie Bowker – Present

Cari Casteel – Present

Kenneth Dauber – Absent

Bohua Hu – Present

Lara Hutson – Present

David Johnson – Absent

*Swathi Karamcheti – Present

Jieun Lee – Absent

Abigail Matthews – Present

*Sara Metcalf – Present
Harvey Palmer – Present
Aisling Winston – Present
Victoria Wolcott – Present
*Liana Vardi – Present
Gina Pope - Present
DENTAL MEDICINE:
Dean: Stefan Ruhl –
*Michelle Visser – Absent
Ding Xu – Present

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER:
*Marsha Christiano – Present

ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES:
Dean: Kemper Lewis – Present
Barbara Alevriadou – Present
Amy Baird – Present
Jun Hwan Choi (Vasili Perebeinos – Alternate) – Present
David Courtemanche – Present
*Sreyasee Das Bhattacharjee – Present
Lauren Kuryloski – Present
Russ Miller – Absent
Kamran Nemati – Present
Ravi Ranade – Present
Debanjan Sarkar – Present
Jongmin Shim – Present
*Weifeng Su – Present
Sabanayagam Thevanayagam – Present
Wenyao Xu – Absent

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:
Dean: Suzanne Rosenblith – Present
Jasmine Alvarado – Present
Janina Brutt-Griffler – Absent

Lilliam Malave-Lopez – Present
*Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo – Present

LAW:
Dean: S. Todd Brown (Interim) –
Mekonnen Ayano – Absent
Kim Connelly – Absent
*Jorge Fabra-Zamora – Absent
Stuart Lazar – Absent

MANAGEMENT:
Dean: Paul Tesluk –
*Prasad Balkundi – Absent
Winston Lin – Present
Weihong Xu – Present

MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES:
Dean: Allison Brashear –
Stephanie Anzam-Frasca – Present
Praveen Chandrasekharan – Absent
Thomas Covey – Present
Jason Davies – Present
D. Fernando Estrada – Present
Howard Faden – Present
Michael Ferrick – Absent
Csaba Gajdos – Absent
*Phil Glick – Present
Weidun Alan Guo – Absent
Stuart Inglis – Absent
Vijay Iyer – Absent
*Margaret DeAngelis – Present
*Thomas Melendy – Present

Awayda Mouhamed – Present
Nader Nader – Absent
John Ortolani – Present
Yungki Park – Present
Vaqar Shah – Absent
Roh-Yu Shen – Present
*David Shucard – Present
Sandra Sieminski – Absent
Pooja Sofat – Present
Scott Stewart – Present
Ahmad Zaaroura – Present

NURSING:
Dean: Annette Wysocki – Present
* Meg Doerzbacher – Present
Darryl Somayaji – Present

PHARMACY:
Dean: Gary Pollack – Present
Raymond Cha – Present
Donald Mager – Present
*Erin Slazak – Present

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:
Dean: Jean Wactawski-Wende – Present
Deanna Hostler – Present
Christine Linkie – Present
*Katia Noyes – Present
Christopher Stavisky (Melanie Memil – Alternate) – Present
Shauna Zorich – Present

SOCIAL WORK:

Dean: Keith Alford – Present

Lisa Butler – Present

*Peter Sobota – Present

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

*John Beatty – Present

Natalia Estrada – Present

SUNY SENATORS:

Amit Kandel – Present

Patrick Long – Present

R.J. Multari – Absent

Kristin Stapleton – Present

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Satish Tripathi –

PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO:

Scott Weber – Present

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP:

Craig Abbey –

Amy Bisantz – Present

Beth Del Genio –

Bob Granfield – Present

Graham Hammill – Present

William McDonnell –

Eileen Sherman – Present

Bruce Pittman- Present

Guests:

Jessica Naish – Present

Fred Stoss (past Chair) – Present

Jessica Kruger - Present

Mike Lynch (Social Work) - Present

Turquessa Francis (incoming Secretary) - Present

Colin Moore (Medicine & Biomed Sciences) - Present

Sarah Handley-Cousins (History) – Present

Svetlana Eckert (Medicine & Biomed Sciences) - Present

Krista Hanypsiak Krause - Present