

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

SENATE MEETING – April 16, 2007

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) -- William Lanford, Chair

COR (Council on Research) – Lawrence Schell, Chair

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) -- David Shub, Chair

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) -- Sally Friedman, Chair

GOV (Governance Council) -- Reed Hoyt, Chair. The Governance Council met on 19 March, primarily to discuss the procedures and format of the upcoming elections.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Daniel White, Chair

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – John Monfasani, Chair

ULC (University Life Council) – Joan Savitt, Chair

ULC met **March 19** with V.P. Lee McElroy to discuss ways to increase recreational opportunities for UA students, faculty, and staff. Improvements in this area will lead to increased student satisfaction. A resolution on this subject is likely to be forthcoming. ULC met **March 29, 2007** and continued its discussion of the need for the University at Albany to include recreational space into the master plan. A resolution related to this issue is being drafted now. ULC heard a presentation from Maria Chau, President of the GSO, about concerns for the housing needs, including legal advice, of students who live off campus. She also presented data showing what services are available at the other university centers. Margaret Reich, Director of International Student Services, also mentioned needs of international students for assistance in finding safe and available housing in the short time period they can arrive prior to the start of classes and for temporary housing immediately upon their arrival. Tom Gebhardt, Director of Personal Safety and Off-Campus Affairs, provided historical information about the services that have been available and those that still are, along with copies of informational brochures on safety matters and other topics. ULC also discussed the question of housing as it related to the recruitment of students and their on-going satisfaction with UA. Knowing as we do that some sophomores will be living off campus starting next year, and that many juniors, seniors, and graduate students already live off campus, it was the opinion of ULC that UA should strengthen its services to students who live off campus. A first step in this direction would be to create a clearer source of information on-line on the housing pages. ULC expects to continue to study this issue and then make additional recommendations for action. ULC met **April 12, 2007** and passed a resolution that enhancement of recreational facilities and the financing thereof be made a high and immediate priority for the university, and that suitable locations for facilities be incorporated into the campus' master plan. ULC continued its discussion of off-campus housing needs. Specifically, in the near future, we hope to see the university find a way to provide transitional housing for students arriving from afar who must live off campus, and for the university to reestablish an office charged with providing information and assistance to students living off campus.

UPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Steven Messner, Chair

CAFFECOR(Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) Lawrence Snyder,Chair

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) -- Elga Wulfert, Chair