

**Governance Council**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**  
**2:45 PM**  
**UNH 306**

Karin Reinhold, Chair

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** King, Chad; Hermann, Susan; Moore, Chris; Nowell, Greg; Petry, Greta; Reinhold, Karin; Yan, Zheng.

**GUESTS:** Malloch, Carolyn; Mower, Jim; Yonkers, Virginia

The meeting convened at 2:50 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

GOV did not reach quorum, and so the minutes of March 29 were approved by an online vote on May 15, with minor changes and the following results: Approved 10, Opposed 0, Abstained 1

**CHAIR'S REPORT – Karin Reinhold**

Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, Chair Reinhold attended the Forum in Immigration in the age of Trump as the representative from the Senate. Panelist included: UPD Chief of Police, Frank J. Wiley, Barbara Smith (Office of Albany Mayor), Melanie Trimble (NYCLU), Barbara Brenner (US Immigration and Nationality Law Attorney), Mary Armistead, Esq. (Albany Law Immigration Clinic), Vice Chair of the UA Senate Karin Reinhold, UA Student Rep, Tara Evans, International Student & Scholar Services. The forum was very informative and well attended. A follow up by New York Civil Liberties Union will be held on Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 LC 24.

Apr 18<sup>th</sup>, Chair Reinhold participated in two Identity fora, one in the downtown campus, and the other one in the uptown campus. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> one on the Health Science campus on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Apr 19<sup>th</sup>, CNN met to review and approve roster of Council and Standing Committees membership.

Apr 20<sup>th</sup>, Reinhold attended the Spring faculty meeting.

Apr 21<sup>st</sup>, Senate leadership, Collins, Fox, Reinhold, met with Chief of Staff Bruce Szelest and Interim Provost Darrel Wheeler. Conversations on path to permanency for non-tenured track faculty and teaching evaluations of contingent faculty. Assessment is crucial for contingent faculty, and we need a systematic, periodic evaluation of teaching.

Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>, we received a complaint that part-time faculty had not received the notification of election results. We updated our procedures immediately to avoid this mistake in the future. Senate announcements must be sent to the full constituency.

Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, Reinhold attended a forum on Immigration, "Know your rights", sponsored by GSA.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Reinhold attended a forum on strategic planning organized by Wirkkula and Wheeler, as a follow up to the 3 strategic imperatives announced at the spring faculty meeting (Imperative 1: Foster Our Culture of Excellence,

Imperative 2: Innovate Our Programs, Imperative 3: Strengthen Our Research) [http://www.albany.edu/strategicplan/files/UAlbany\\_Strategic\\_Plan.05-01-2017\\_DRAFT.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/strategicplan/files/UAlbany_Strategic_Plan.05-01-2017_DRAFT.pdf)

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Reinhold attended a forum on “State of Research” on the downtown campus.

*Chair Reinhold added the following to her written report:*

*Chair Reinhold had met with the Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff to continue the discussion on website changes. Senate Handbook – discussion of edits to updated draft; inclusion of procedures for soliciting student representation per last year’s resolution.*

Due to lack of quorum, updates to the Senate Handbook were approved in an online vote on May 15 as follows: Approved 11, Opposed 0, Abstained 0

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Liaison and Elections Committee (LEC) – Christian Poehlmann, Chair**

Nothing to Report

### **Assessment of Governance and Consultation Committee (AGCC) – Greta Petry, Chair**

Nothing to Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Representation of Contingent Faculty and Related Legislation**

GOV members again discussed the Bylaws amendments related to contingent faculty representation and strategies to encourage voting participation, since the amendments had not passed due to a lack of quorum. Charter amendments would be put forward to the Senate paralleling the language of the Bylaws amendments.

### **Council Chair Elections**

Members agreed to recommend that each council consider electing a Vice Chair to assist and perhaps serve as Chair in a subsequent year.

### **Other Legislation**

GOV would consider drafting a Charter amendment regarding “housekeeping” that would allow non-substantive changes, such as stylistic revisions or updates to titles and names, to be made without requiring amendments. GOV would be required to report Charter updates to the Senate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Elisa Lopez, Recorder