

# 2015-2016 University Senate

**Monday, May 9, 2016  
2:45 pm, Assembly Hall**

Cynthia Fox, Chair

## MINUTES

**Present:** Adams, Marcus; Brandon, Peter; Burke, Jerry; Charles, Tiffany; Caticha, Ariel (sub for Earle, Keith); Collins, James; Craig, Allison; Cruz, Jose; Curtis, Henry; Fabris, Daniele; Fessler, Susanna; Fox, Cynthia; Gulatee, Yenisel; Jahanbani, Nakissa; Jerison, Michael; Kearney, Ann; Kiorpes, Karen; LaFond, Deborah; Lawrence, Zina; Little, Walter; Londono, Johana; Malavasic, Jolene; Mamorella, David; Manjak, Martin; McDowall, David; Mckenna, Holly; Mitchell, Rachel; Moore, Chris; Moslehi, Roxana; Mower, James; Ng, Vivien; Pageau, Hanna; Pastore, Christopher; Petry, Greta; Prelow, Hazel; Roberts, Nancy; Scheck, Helene; Schmidt, John; Slade, Leonard; Slye, Katherine; Smith, Christy; Stefl-Mabry, Joette; Toseland, Ronald; Vergari, Sandra; Vuille, Mathias; Yuan, Xiaojun

**Ex Officio Administrators & Parliamentarian:** Stellar, James; Williams, Kevin; Wulfert, Edelgard; Vero, Ron

**Guests:** Jewell, Carol; Janiszewski, Caitlin; Ritzert, Tim; Bartow, Jon; Winchester, Kathie; Shea, Peter; Murray, Ann Marie

The meeting convened at 2:49 p.m.

An electronic count determined that quorum was not met, and so the meeting started with reports.

## **UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – Cynthia Fox, Chair**

### **I. Informational**

1. CAA Chair James Mower has informed Chair Fox that CAA voted to approve *Procedures for Submission and Review of Program Review Extension Requests*, thereby adopting it as a CAA policy document, under the University Senate Charter X.6.3. This policy establishes procedures for departments that wish to apply for an extension to an upcoming program review deadline.

1. President Jones has approved Senate Bill 1516-04: CEHC PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF ARTS AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOMELAND SECURITY AND CYBERSECURITY

2. The SEC had its final meeting on Wednesday, April 27. Provost Stellar reported that Michael Eisenberg, Dean Emeritus & Professor from the University of Washington Information School has been engaged as a consultant as part of the ongoing conversation about programs currently housed in CEAS and that a search committee for the new Dean of CEHC is being formed. The timeline and planning for the strategic plan were also briefly discussed.

### **II. Actions Taken**

1. It was agreed that the proposals to amend graduate full-time policy and to establish an online graduate certificate program in computing education, and the Charter amendment to clarify the responsibilities of CAA should be placed on the agenda of the May 9 Senate meeting.

2. Since the Chair of CAFFCoR was not in attendance, the discussion of the RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY THE RESOLUTION ON ATTACKS ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM was postponed; they will be placed on the agenda of the first meeting of the 2016-17 academic year.

3. A request to place the Proposal for a Certificate in International Education Management on the agenda of the May 7 Senate meeting pending its approval by the GAC at its April 29 meeting was considered. Following some discussion, it was decided that to place program proposals on the Senate agenda pending approval at some earlier level of review disrupts the approval process and sets a bad precedent. Concern was also expressed that, in granting such a request, the SEC could be seen as placing pressure on councils to hurry their own review process. The vote was unanimous not to grant this exception to program approval procedures.

4. Discussion of the Extension Policy drafted by CAA was postponed and will be placed on the agenda of the first Senate meeting of 2016-17.

### **III. Recommendations for actions**

1. The question of whether the Extension Policy drafted by CAA needs to go to the Senate floor needs to be resolved, as does the related question of where procedures adopted by Councils should be located so that there is continuity in practice from year to year also needs to be addressed.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) – J. Philippe Abraham, Walter Little & John Schmidt, SUNY Senators**

Nothing to report

*The budget is down \$4.7 million, with a few million more for EOP. Like last year, it includes the \$18 million investment fund, the spending of which is to be decided by the SUNY BOT. Resident tuition cannot increase, but non-resident tuition can. Any negotiated UUP increases for the next 5 years would mean that same percent less faculty positions if SUNY does not back funding. The Chancellor is still trying to get SUNY 2020 extended and is working with the governor on remedial education and the Teach NY initiative. UUP is still advocating for maintenance of efforts. Other topics included the SUNY endowment and teacher education reform. Resolutions were passed involving ethical principles, Chancellor Awards and gender inclusiveness. More details would be included in the next report.*

An electronic count determined that quorum had been met. Senate Chair Fox proposed to rearrange the agenda items order in order to get to the business that needed voting.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

Senate Secretary Yenisel Gulatee reviewed some proposed changes to the 2016-17 academic year roster which had been circulated and approved at the last Senate meeting.

A motion was made to approve the latest roster membership, with the following voting results:  
Approved 40; Opposed 0; Abstained 1

Chair Fox and the Senate thanked Senate Secretary Gulatee for her 4 years of outstanding service.

## **ELECTION OF SENATE SECRETARY FOR 2016-2018**

Chair Fox reminded that there was one nominee for the position of Senate Secretary – Chris Poehlmann of University Libraries. There were no additional nominees from the floor. Candidate Poehlmann was asked to provide a brief introduction. The Senate Chair then offered that a unanimous

ballot be cast for the nominee, which was approved by acclamation. The Senate congratulated and thanked the newly elected 2016-17 Senate Secretary Chris Poehlmann.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 25, 2016 were approved with a minor change and the following voting results: Approved 31; Opposed 4; Abstained 3

Chair Fox and the Senate thanked Parliamentarian Ron Vero for his volunteer service.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SENATE BILL 1516-05: PROPOSAL TO AMEND GRADUATE FULL-TIME POLICY**

Dean Kevin Williams provided a background, explaining that there is an issue especially for international students. The proposal gives the option to lower the requirement from 12 to 9 credits and does not affect tuition. GSA was notably very much in support of the proposal.

A motion was made to approve the proposal, with the following voting results: Approved 41; Opposed 0; Abstained 2

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CHARTER AMENDMENT 1516-03A: CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAA**

The Amendment was presented and would be voted upon in the fall so that the new 2016-17 Senate membership would have the chance for discussion and review.

### **NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

#### **SENATE BILL 1516-06: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN COMPUTING EDUCATION**

Dr. Peter Shea provided an overview and answered questions concerning the proposal. Dr. Shea stated that is anticipated to be in high demand as it would be the first such program in NY State, with strong government support.

A motion was made to approve the proposal, with the following voting results: Approved 38; Opposed 2; Abstained 2

### **PROVOST'S REPORT – Jim Stellar**

Provost Stellar stated it had been a pleasure working with the Senate in his first year at the University at Albany. The Provost also thanked the Senate for passing the College of Emergency Preparedness

proposal, which had since been sent to SUNY and then to State Ed. As of the May 9th meeting, we were still awaiting approval from State Ed on the Engineering Education major. The President had asked for a conversation about the role of Arts and Humanities, a topic for the strategic plan in the fall. Provost Stellar addressed questions, clarifying that Fountain Day is not coming back given the unique history for our institution. He thanked Undergraduate Assistant Dean Kathie Winchester for adding that the Human Development major would be accepting students in the fall. The Provost once again welcomed feedback.

## **OTHER REPORTS (cont.)**

### **GSA (Graduate Student Association) – Katherine Slye, GSA President**

#### **Advocacy**

At our last meeting of the year, the GSA Assembly will consider two resolutions. One will be opposing the removal of high circulation books from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the University Library to make room for office space and supporting the Libraries alternative suggestions offered to Facilities. We will also consider a resolution calling for the inclusion of Sustainability in the Curriculum, which will be forwarded to the Senate for consideration in the Fall.

Our Wages and Benefits Committee is sending a representative to the BOT public hearings next week to speak on GTA wages and contingent faculty work conditions. Additionally, they are continuing to gather information on the childcare issue and preparing a preliminary report to be considered by next year's committee.

We also have graduate representatives attending the BOT public hearings to speak about SUNY banning the box on admission applications.

#### **Recognition**

The GSA is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recognition Banquet on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. This event is an opportunity for the Organization to recognize all the work our students do all year for the organization and on behalf of graduate students. We give awards for Assembly Representative of the Year (as voted by the Assembly members), Committee MVPs for our various Committees, Senate Team Member of the Year, RGSO of the Year, as well as President Awards given by the GSA President.

The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) is recognizing the GSA for all of its advocacy work by making us the feature school in their May newsletter. We will be highlighting our major advocacy events and initiatives from this year including the State LAD, Diversity Conference, work on Ban the Box, monthly Advocacy, and President's Forum.

#### **Programming**

The first annual Diversity Conference was a great success. Our two speakers - Dr. Aurora Chang and Janelle Bechdol - gave great workshops, covering topics such as hyper documentation and education and black women's empowerment (respectively). The student attendees ranged from senior undergraduates to PhD students. After the conference students and speakers engaged in fruitful conversations regarding race and ethnicity, social media, and family history. We would like to thank the Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Graduate Student Association, the Graduate Student Association and Assembly, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Office of Communications and Marketing for pulling together to make this event a success.

#### **Transition**

Our officers are currently working with the newly elected and appointed officers to ensure a smooth transition into the next year.

### **SA (Student Association) – Jarius Jemmott, Student Association President**

No response

## **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:**

*Senate Chair Fox thanked the Chairs and members for their service and reminded that meetings were to be scheduled within the week to elect new Chairs for the 2016-17 academic year.*

**CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – James Mower, Chair**

CAA's last meeting of the year will be on May 3. We will vote on the assessments for the Philosophy and Psychology programs at that time.

*CAA met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and approved the assessment reports both for Philosophy and Psychology.*

**CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) –Carol Jewell, Chair**

**I. Informational**

CAFFECOR wrote two resolutions to go to the SEC and thence to the Senate, but, due to illness, these were not submitted in time and will now be on hold until fall 2016.

**II. Reports of Actions**

N/A

**III. Recommendations for Actions**

N/A

**CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Michael Jerison, Chair**

Nothing to report

**COR (Council on Research) – Daniele Fabris, Chair**

Nothing to report

**CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Lynn Warner, Chair**

Nothing to report

**GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Ronald Toseland, Chair**

The GAC met on 4/29/16. Curricular changes were approved in four graduate programs: Social-Personality Psychology PhD, Urban & Regional Planning MRP, Studio Art MA and TESOL MS. The Council also formally approved a recommendation for Senate approval of a graduate certificate program proposal in International Education Management. The council also engaged in a fruitful consultation/discussion regarding proposals to add distance education delivery extension to existing registered CAS and PhD programs in Literacy.

**GOV (Governance Council) – James Collins, Chair**

**Old/continuing business**

The Council's two main committees:

\* *Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation:* Has begun analyses of the biennial report in order to prepare a report for the University Senate next fall.

\* *Committee on Liaison & Election:* Remains immersed tasks pursuant to the annual elections, such as organizing meetings of 2016-2017 Senate Councils to elect chairs. Furthermore, the creation of the part-time listserv and emeritus faculty listserv has been finalized. Also, the introduction to the Senate Website has been completed.

The Council has its last meeting on May 12. Among other business, it will continue discussing a resolution and charter amendment concerning Graduate Student representation on shared governance bodies.

**Actions taken/new business:**

The Council approved a Charter Amendment from CAA, which is being submitted to the Senate on May 9, for discussion and vote at the first Senate Meeting in the fall.

The Council is nominating members of incoming CPCA and CAA to serve on the Professional Environment and Pathways to Permanence Working Groups implementing the recommendations made in the Report of the Provost's Blue Ribbon Panel on Contingent Concerns.

**LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – David Mamorella, Chair**

LISC is meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*LISC met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will provide a report at the fall meeting.*

**UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) –Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs**

The UAC met on April 28th, 2016. This was the last meeting scheduled for academic year 2015/2016. Work will continue through the summer via email, as required.

UAC reviewed a program revision for the CEHC minor. Courses were removed and others added to eliminate those that are not part of the major. A CEHC designation will also eliminate the need to submit a CAF each time a new elective course is offered. There was one discrepancy in the submission. Kathie Winchester will work with CEHC on a revision followed with an email vote of the UAC.

UAC approved a proposal from Political Science that all classes must have POS prefix to be counted in the POS electives. Any PAD or other course prefix must be cross-listed with RPOS.

A proposal to establish an Honors Program in the Environmental Science BS was reviewed. There were concerns raised about the number of credits required as it can impact a student's ability to pay and graduate on time. There were similar concerns in our review of a revision to the Honors Program in Atmospheric Science BS. Winchester will relay UAC's decision not to vote on the submissions feeling we need more information on their efficacy.

*Per Senate Chair Fox's request, Kathie Winchester explained the proposal regarding POS prefixes for electives.*

**ULC (University Life Council) – Michael Jaromin, Chair**

We met on 4/26/16 and had a brief report from Vice President Michael Christakis regarding the 14 Focus Areas of the Division of Student Affairs. We also discussed resolutions on a Diversity forum and the Tobacco Free Campus initiative. We agreed to table discussions until we could allow members more time to review the proposals. We agreed to schedule one more meeting before the end of the semester to review the resolutions.

**UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Joette Stefl-Mabry, Chair**

**I. Informational**

- UPPC held a special meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, to discuss three new proposals:
  - o Certificate of Graduate Study in Computing Education (CCE Online), presented by Dr. Peter Shea, Educational Theory and Practice
  - o Certificate in International Education Management, presented by Dr. Mitch Leventhal and Dr. Alan Wagner, Educational Administration & Policy Studies (EAPS).
  - o Letter of Intent describing a Graduate Degree Program: M.A. International Education Management, presented by Dr. Mitch Leventhal and Dr. Alan Wagner, Educational Administration & Policy Studies (EAPS).

## II. Reports of Actions

- UPPC voted to conditionally approve the proposal for the Certificate of Graduate Study in Computing Education (CCE Online) pending revisions to the original proposal as suggested by the Council.
  - o UPPC approved the revised proposal on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- UPPC voted to conditionally approve the proposal for the Certificate in International Education Management pending revisions to the original proposal as suggested by the Council.
  - o UPPC approved the revised proposal on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.  
UPPC voted to accept the Letter of Intent describing the Graduate Degree Program: M.A. International Education Management.

## III. Recommended Actions

N/A

*UPPC met on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Registrar Karen Chico Hurst presented the out-year's academic calendars for review. UPPC unanimously approved the 2017 fall semester and approved that the Provost would make the final decision about the 2018 Spring semester due to a question about the Spring break schedule. Bruce Szelest, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Resource Planning, provided an update regarding student Analytics. UPPC recommended that someone from UPPC serve on the ad hoc advising group for this and that the group provide updates to the Senate on a regular basis via the UPPC reports.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Elisa Lopez, Recorder