

Senate Chair's report for Senate meeting of 9/14/2022
Sydney Faught, Chair

Actions taken:

- A few meetings with new Senate leaders over the Summer/first weeks of the term, discuss transitioning roles
 - new Secretary does not have the same Zoom settings access, a ticket is being submitted to ITS to ensure that Secretary Yuan can adjust the appropriate settings for future Zoom meetings
- Worked with the rest of the Senate leadership team to conduct outreach/identify membership for CERS (has not been constituted for several years)
- Department/School/College outreach has been ongoing since the end of the Spring term to identify new Senators replacing outgoing Senators/filling vacant seats
- Outreach to Senators regarding preferred council assignments, additional outreach to volunteers who responded to the call that went out to all faculty at the end of the Spring 2022 term
 - proposed council rosters, many members need to be confirmed
- Outreach to student leaders to identify student Senators and additional representatives for Senate councils, as needed
- Meeting with web services to update membership & a few related pages on Senate website
- Attended initial meeting of the Honorary Degree/Commencement Speaker nomination committee
 - Committee was asked to also put forward nominations for recipients of the Medallion of the University
 - Committee to explore option of awarding Medallion of the University at events other than Spring Commencement
- First SEC meeting
 - Discussion of proper procedures per RONR regarding co-chairing councils; it was acknowledged and agreed that where “co-chairs” are elected by a council’s membership, only one chair should be designated as the “primary” chair/voting at SEC (second person should be considered “Vice Chair” or “Alternate Chair” when the primary is not available)
 - After the meeting, spent some time with new Council Chairs going over duties/responsibilities per the Senate handbook
- Submitted a ticket for creation of a Senate listserv (UNIV-SENATE)

Information:

- Ownership of one of the Senate email addresses, senate@albany.edu was transferred over to me in August; this is what was used on recent Senate listserv ticket and should make managing communications easier across Senate leadership change-over in the future
- Access to University Senate-Notices email address (UniversitySenate-Notices@albany.edu) still not available

Recommendations for actions:

- Need to conduct an election ASAP for alternate UFS Senator
- Need to conduct a run-off election for 2nd Part-Time At-Large Senator