

2013-2014 University Senate

**Monday, February 10, 2014
2:45 pm, Assembly Hall**

Christine Wagner, Chair

MINUTES

Present: J. Philippe Abraham, Bushra Alam, Jeanette Altarriba, Deborah Bernnard, Sridar Chittur, Marc Cohen, Aiguo Dai, Anthony DeBlasi, Evgeny Dikarev, Edward Fitzgerald, Michael Ford, Cynthia Fox, Elizabeth Gaffney, Glyne Griffith, Yenisel Gulatee, Janell Hobson, Caitlin Janiszewski, Michael Jaromin, Michael Jerison, Lani Jones, Robert Jones, Ann Kearney, Kevin Knuth, Igor Kuznetsov, Lahiri Kajal, Andrei Lapenas, Danielle Leonard, Andi Lyons, David Mamorella, Daniel Markisello, Janet Marler, David McCaffrey, David McDowall, Antun Milas, John Monfasani, John Murphy, Saggi Nevo, Gregory Nowell, James Pasquill, Greta Petry, Nancy Poehlmann, Sanjay Putrevu, Helene Scheck, Lawrence Schell, John Schmidt, Kendra Smith-Howard, Kabel Nathan Stanwicks, Joette Stefl-Mabry, Kevin Williams, Oscar Williams, Mark Wolfe, Elga Wulfert, Alan Zemel

Guests: Jon Bartow, Celine Forsyth, Michael Range, Karin Reinhold, Lee Stanton, Kathie Winchester

The meeting convened at 2:49 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 9, 2013.

The question was raised, regarding Seamless Transfer in the Chair's Report, why the identification of a faculty representative to participate in the review for each transfer path applicable to the UAlbany campus did not go through GOV. Chair Wagner explained that dialogues were opened up between SUNY campuses on each pathway. A collaborative effort involving the Senate Chair was made to appoint designees from each pathway (for instance Chairs, Directors or Advisors who were deemed appropriate by their department to be involved in those exchanges) as representatives who will share in these conversations. Chair Wagner stated she can provide a list of those individuals upon request.

The minutes were then approved as written with the following voting results:
Approved: 38; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 6.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ROBERT JONES

President Jones stated he was pleased to see everyone. He shared that the semester was off to a strong start and reported a few updates:

The President announced that the UAlbany START-UP NY Plan submitted in December was approved by SUNY on January 28th and had now been forwarded to Empire State Development for final approval. He stated they had been very clear in their

conversations about START-UP that it must align with our academic priorities. It is anticipated this will provide for more opportunities for faculty research, student workforce and experiential learning and allow for us to build critical partnerships working with private corporations to generate intellectual property. He noted UAlbany's plan will be among the first to receive final approval from Empire State Development. He also extended special thanks to UPPC and SEC for their important input, assistance and feedback provided as the plan was designed. SUNY advised that it was the most comprehensive plan they received, and what they are calling the 'gold standard'. For those interested in viewing the plan online, the link is available on the UAlbany website.

The President said that one outgrowth of START-UP NY was a partnership announced in January with an Israeli company formerly called Fruitura and now known as BioHarvest – a company he visited last fall. The University's partnership with BioHarvest will serve to advance scientific and clinical work in the area of health and intervention strategies. BioHarvest also applied for and received \$1.2 million from ESD to build a 30,000+ square foot bioreactor to create functional foods on the East Campus that is going to create approximately 50 permanent jobs and 40 construction jobs. BioHarvest uses a state-of-the-art tissue culture technology, so that these value-added products can be produced in weeks as compared to the years or the months it would take to produce on a seasonal basis.

President Jones announced that the Governor introduced the Executive Budget on Jan 21st. The Governor is recommending a 4th year of rational tuition (part of the NYSUNY 2020 program), which will increase our undergraduate tuition by \$300 a year from \$5,870 to \$6,170. State aid remains constant at \$61 million. Unfortunately, there was no funding to support the collective bargaining costs for salary increases. The President stressed this is an issue UUP, UAlbany and all SUNY campuses are concerned about given the potential adverse fiscal impact. The Chancellor testified last week regarding the importance of this issue being addressed by the Legislature and the Governor. The President said the Governor is also recommending \$500 million for critical maintenance for SUNY's state-operated campuses of which \$28.6 million would be directed to UAlbany. The Chancellor is recommending doubling this amount to \$1 billion, which would translate into an additional \$30 million for UAlbany. The President reported that the Governor is also recommending \$18 million for a sophisticated system of weather stations called a Statewide Mesonet – an important research network for our atmospheric and environmental scientists and a key component of the campus's NYSUNY 2020 plan. The Governor made this announcement when Vice-President Joe Biden visited the Capitol to unveil Post-Hurricane Sandy funding for priority state initiatives. The President also reported that the Governor is recommending \$2.6 million for other projects involving the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities and School of Public Health.

The President said the Chancellor convened the kick-off meeting of the SUNY Implementation Team regarding CNSE's new structure back in December just prior to the winter recess. This discussion was important to gain clarity on what the relationship between Nano and UAlbany would be under a new academic model. The new academic model is going to build on the relationship that CNSE has with SUNYIT. SUNY has subsequently put into place implementation teams which include an academic and finance workgroup to better understand the critical issues. The President said that it is important to fully understand these issues so that students, faculty and staff, as well as the university as a whole, are protected and positioned for future success. The President said that the Provost held the first Campus Advisory Committee, which was appointed in consultation with the Senate, meeting and that it resulted in a wide range of meaningful ideas and suggestions. The President indicated that he is in conversations with the Chancellor and her staff to get a better understanding of the timeline regarding the new structure for CNSE. The President added that in the Chancellor's testimony to the State Legislature, this is still a work in progress.

The President extended special congratulations to the School of Social Welfare on being awarded \$21.2 million to lead a national child welfare workforce institute. This is a multi-disciplinary effort in which the School will be working with 5 universities to service children and their families in the child welfare system.

The President announced he was asked to serve as a Co-Chair to Mayor Sheehan's transition team. The transition team released a report about issues and challenges facing the City of Albany spanning infrastructure, deficit, IT, and youth employment. He indicated that this report aligns with the University's engagement mission as a public research university to improve the well-being of the City and its neighborhoods. The President asked that the report be made available to the

University Senate to consider how UAlbany might work with the Mayor to solve some of these complex issues. He asked the Senate to review the report and come back with action plans that can be presented to the Mayor.

The President announced that he has asked Leanne Wirkkula, a former colleague from the University of Minnesota, to join his team as his Chief of Staff. The President said that Leanne is someone who has an extraordinary background and experience in public higher education, and someone who will make a positive impact on the University going forward. He added that Leanne has held a number of important positions at the University of Minnesota, where she also earned her Doctorate at Carson School of Management. The President said that one of Leanne's initial responsibilities would be to lead an effort to find someone to head UAlbany's federal and state government relations operation.

President Jones subsequently announced that he has asked Vince Delio to become his Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, something Vince does extremely well having played a major role in developing and advancing NYSUNY 2020 and the Statewide Mesonet initiative recently announced by the Governor. Vince will continue working primarily on strategic initiatives including the Regional Economic Development Council.

The President indicated that the search for a Vice-President for Finance and Administration is on-going. The Search Committee recently had a discussion about identifying additional candidates, and established a timeline to conclude the search within the next 60 days. The President said he would appreciate input and feedback on the candidates as they are brought on campus sometime during this period.

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – CHRISTINE WAGNER, CHAIR

UAlbany's START-UP NY plan has been finalized and submitted to the Chancellor. The Senate Chair received a copy of the plan submission. Both UPPC and the SEC were consulted in the process of drafting the final plan.

The Campus Advisory Committee regarding the new relationship between UAlbany and CNSE received a memo from President Jones informing that Chancellor Zimpher held an initial meeting of the SUNY Implementation Team in December. The committee will meet on 1/31/14.

Senate legislation (Bills 1314-01 and 1314-02), approved in the Senate on 12/9/13, was approved by President Jones.

A proposal from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences regarding a name change of the Departments of Music and Theatre was submitted to the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The SEC forwarded the proposal to UAC and UPPC for review of any curricular or resource implications. These Councils will report back to the SEC.

The Senate Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation of the Governance Council that the three Senate seats designated to CNSE (now vacant) should remain Senate seats keeping the Senate at 44 Senators as indicated in the Faculty Bylaws (Article II. Section 2.3). These seats will be re-apportioned to academic units in proportion to the numbers of voting faculty members in each school or college according to Faculty Bylaws (Article II. Section 2.3.2).

OTHER REPORTS

UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) – Danielle Leonard, J. Philippe Abraham & John Schmidt, SUNY Senators
166th Plenary Winter Meeting (Hosted by UAlbany) on January 23-25, 2014

Attended by UAlbany's Philippe Abraham, Danielle Leonard, and John Schmidt

Outlined below are a few of the issues that were discussed at the Plenary that most impact UAlbany.

Teacher Educator Preparation Programs:

Neither the process nor the content of the Board of Trustees resolution on admissions standards for teacher education programs are acceptable to the Faculty Senate. A data-driven examination of the relationship between grades and teacher effectiveness will be on the agenda of a Provost's Advisory Committee on Teacher Education. The implications of the edTPA initiative (the new exam for graduating education majors before they can be certified to teach) on students and our curriculum are also among the UFS' concerns. There are two issues. This year's graduating class must take the edTPA even though the curriculum has not yet been adjusted to cover the things tested. Only two states (Wash and NY) have adopted edTPA and NY has set a much higher score to pass, such that 40% failed in the fall. Second, the criteria were set without input from SUNY Schools of Education. UUP is engaging this issue and UUP's VP for Academics, Jamie Dangler, presented UUP's seven-point action plan to press for changes in the edTPA at the Plenary.

Start Up New York:

Campuses have now submitted their campus plans for Start UP New York. As important as the review of the initial plans is, the review of specific business proposals is perhaps more important. The role of campus governance in determining if companies sufficiently meet the academic mission requirement is not clear and is of great concern to the UFS. The following guidelines were sent to campuses from System:

Selection Process and Qualification of Businesses:

Accepting Businesses Applications

Solicit and accept business applications with assistance of local REDC, municipality, county or other clearly defined stakeholders.

START -UP NY Campus Advisory Committee

Establish a START-UP NY Advisory Committee, with membership including appropriate senior administrative officers, faculty, and student representatives. Consider inclusion of external members as well. Describe how members of committee will be chosen. The committee should provide a broad campus perspective, and include representatives who can ensure the business proposal aligns with the campus's academic mission.

Criteria

Define specific criteria for how business will be chosen. The criteria may include some or all of the following:

Academic and Research Alignment

- Is the business in an industry aligned with current and/or developing University research, scholarly, and creative activity?
- Does the business provide experiential learning and workforce opportunities (e.g., internships, fellowships, full-time jobs) for students and graduates?
- Does the business provide areas for partnership and advancement for faculty and students?
- Will the business provide access to research instrumentation, tools, and/or equipment necessary to advance the academic and research mission?
- Will the business fund scholarships, campus facilities or other academic services or amenities?
- Will the business and/or its employees contribute to instruction or provide student mentoring?
- Does the business offer the use of company resources, intellectual property or expertise to support the academic mission?

Open SUNY:

The Chancellor "officially" launched the Open SUNY initiative at the State of the University address on January 14. She identified 8 programs from 6 campuses as "Open SUNY +" degrees that will pilot centralized 24/7 student (and instructor) support, tutoring, and advising. She announced two virtual groups that will be of particular importance to faculty: Center for Online Teaching Excellence (<http://commons.suny.edu/facultycenter/>) and Open SUNY Scale-Up

Lab. The former has already attracted more than 500 faculty interested in sharing expertise in online education. The position of the UFS is that Open SUNY offers opportunity for faculty and students to leverage online education in better ways, but we'll need to be vigilant to maintain control over quality and curriculum for our campuses. Visit <http://open.suny.edu/> for further information.

Seamless Transfer/ Student Mobility:

At the end of our last meeting, the UFS passed a Sense of the Senate resolution asking the Executive Committee to produce a resolution that, in essence, endorsed the basic position of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges regarding SUNY Central setting de facto curricula via the seamless transfer paths. The Executive Committee deliberated for some time on the wording of a resolution, and meanwhile a series of discussions among FCCC President Tina Good, Interim Provost Beth Bringsjord, and UFS President Kneupfer resulted in development of a process to move forward. Accordingly, the Executive Committee crafted a resolution endorsing that process. This was endorsed by the full Senate our Plenary.

The University Faculty Senate Executive Committee request that the Interim Provost work with Campus Chief Academic Officers in consultation with their campus faculty governance leaders to identify an appropriate faculty representative within each discipline on campus to advise on transfer paths related to the one for which the campus has a registered program already established.

It was further resolved that the deadline for full implementation of minor and major revisions in the Memorandum to Presidents on Seamless Transfer Requirements be extended to be effective for students entering in the Fall semester, 2015, in order to ensure that the revisions to programs incorporate all changes made to the transfer paths. In order to accommodate the process, the deadlines for submitting the first Program Status Inventory and waiver requests will be extended to March 31, 2014.

LICH and SUNY Downstate:

The issue, which is of major concern to the UFS and all campuses, is the potential financial impact of the divestment of LICH on the SUNY System as a whole. At present, even if SUNY were to exit the operation of the Long Island College Hospital within 60 days, the potential liabilities exceed \$500 million. Somewhat less than half of this can be offset by a sale of the LICH properties, but SUNY would still be left with potential liabilities of at least \$300 million. Some of this debt could "go away", but some percentage of it will have to be covered by SUNY, decreasing the funding available to campuses.

Other Resolutions:

The "**Resolution on the Status of the New York State College of Ceramics**" expresses concern to the Chancellor and BoT over the identity of Ceramics within the Alfred University community and asks for a study of that relationship.

The "**Resolution requesting participation of Alfred University and Cornell University in the process of recognizing SUNY faculty for distinguished achievement**" asks that the Chancellor invite the Alfred and Cornell Presidents to participate in making SUNY faculty members at their respective institutions eligible for the honorific distinction of distinguished faculty under the existing SUNY review and recommendation processes.

Announcements:

Undergraduate Research in New York State's Public Higher Education System: April 1, 2014, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY

SUNY's First Conference on Shared Governance: April 23-24, 2014 at the Albany Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. Proposals will be accepted through January 15, 2014.

Senator Leonard reiterated that the Chancellor gave her State of the University address just prior to the Winter Plenary, and explained an initiative that falls under the SUNY Works umbrella calls for more cooperative educational opportunities and internships.

GSA (Graduate Student Association) – Caitlin Janiszewski, GSA President

The GSA Vice President Nic DePaula resigned from his position at the end of the fall semester. Finding himself over-committed and unable to follow through with his responsibilities, he decided to step down. The President has appointed an acting Vice President, Kat Slye, who with Assembly approval may finish out the year. More recently, the GSA Programming Chair has informed us that she must resign starting February 7th. We are in search of a new chair to help us finish out this year's programming agenda. These resignations are no doubt a reflection of the fact that our organizational structure is dysfunctional. The executive board intends to address this problem with the Assembly and offer proposals on how to re-structure so that we can operate without such a high turnover rate.

The GSA has also hired a Communications Director to redevelop the GSA's communications and PR strategies. These responsibilities until now, by default fell on the shoulders of the GSA President as the organizations chief advocate. This new person is working for the GSA to fulfill her required internship for the Communications Department. The GSA hopes to offer this internship for graduate students in the Comm. Dept. every semester to maintain our new initiatives.

Among our many structural transitions this year, the latest proposed change will be to increase the committee requirement for Recognized Graduate Student Organizations who receive funding from the GSA. There are currently 28 RGSOs which are required to sit on committees (in exchange for their funds) but the GSA receives requests for nearly 40 students to sit on committees throughout the year. Not only do we anticipate the new Vice President holding RGSOs more accountable to their committee requirements but we hope to change our governing documents so that they meet the advocating needs of the GSA.

Finally, our grants program and our financial systems have moved entirely online. We are currently working out the kinks of these systems but anticipate that they will make our grants program and accounting procedures more efficient.

SA (Student Association) – Marc Cohen, Student Association Representative

Report:

Chair Cohen reported that the past weekend was the SUNY SA conference, where many SUNY-wide issues were discussed. SA is in talks with GSA and the President's Office regarding the next Presidential Forum.

J. Cole will be their headliner for Parkfest, and all are welcome to attend. Packets for SA are due February 19th. A new fee has been proposed for more student programming, for which they are awaiting administrative approval.

Director of Dippikill Outreach - Alexis Klein

This weekend I am tabling with Heidi and a few interns at the ferocious feast from 4-7 before the basketball game in order to promote Dippikill to the alumni.

I have an intern working on getting a mural set up in the campus center to promote Dippikill and beautify the school.

I have another intern working on getting a photo of the day up on the university website as soon as possible.

Director of Marketing - Steven Valentine

Pins

Food Drive

Parkfest T-shirts and Flyer (Only when Programming picks an artist to perform can this be completed).

Shirts for Staff

Student Advocate - Michaela Torres

Nothing to report

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Director of Academic Affairs - Derek Ellis

Co-sponsoring the Jobs/Internships fair

Director of Programming - Ajon Crump

Working on Parkfest

Director of Student Group Affairs - Katie Thomas

Nothing to report

Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns - Emma Suarez

Nothing to report

Director of Multicultural Affairs - N/A

Working on appointing a new director

Director of Legislative Affairs - Justyn Turner

Voter registration drive

Working out an alternative UAlbany day

Director of Community Engagement and Outreach - Rose Avellino

Working on Student to Student Initiative

Working with local high schools

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – Deborah Bernard, Chair

The Council met on February 7th and approved reports on the Humanities General Education Assessment and the University in the High School Humanities General Education Assessment. The Council also approved a report on the Chemistry program's assessment.

CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Susanna Fessler, Chair

Nothing to report.

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Susanna Fessler, Chair

Nothing to report.

Senate Chair Wagner noted again that Carolyn MacDonald stepped down as CERS Chair but continues to serve as a member.

COR (Council on Research) – John Monfasani, Chair

COR voted in its January 27th meeting to move the FRAP A deadlines up one month so as to give the FRAP A committee time to decide on the applications. So starting next fall, the application deadline will be mid-September rather than mid-October.

Chair Monfasani noted the Council has upcoming awards including Excellence in Research. He encourages Chairs and everyone to get in nominations so that they can push forward.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Sanjay Putrevu, Chair

The CPCA will meet next on Feb. 5th.

Chair Putrevu noted that last year the Council handled 60+ cases. They have 51 cases in the fall that are all done. They are expecting 30 cases in the spring. Right now they have 8 cases. They can only complete the cases as they come forward, so he urged Deans and Department chairs to send cases to them.

They lost 3 people on CPCA (1 lost to CNSE, 1 on sabbatical, and 1 with work issues), and they are working hard to replace the Council members.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Ronald Toseland, Chair

The GAC approved a new degree program for a Master of International Affairs.

GOV (Governance Council) – Joette Steff-Mabry, Chair

GOV met on 12/02/2013:

1. GOV drafted and unanimously approved the following resolution regarding the three vacant Senate seats that resulted in the resignation of the CNSE senators:

In accordance with Article II, Section 2.3.2 of the Bylaws and SUNY Board of Trustees policies: Whereas the Board of Trustees has voted to separate CNSE from the University at Albany and all CNSE senators have resigned from the University Senate, therefore be it resolved that the CNSE Senate seats remain vacant through spring 2014 and return to the pool of senators for reapportionment as per the Bylaws.

2. The Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation discussed the creation of a survey to evaluate shared governance as per the charge of the Committee (X.1.3) GOV discussed the composition of the Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation, which according to the Charter, “shall consist of no more than 8 members, including at least 3 members of the council, at least 5 Teaching Faculty, and no more than 2 voting members selected from Faculty or Staff who are not students or Voting Faculty” (p. 9).

GOV met on 12/ 16/2013:

1. Re: Charter Amendment Re Composition of CPCA: GOV is awaiting word from Senate Chair Christine Wagner that University Counsel has responded with any changes the Counsel may require.
2. The Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation discussed the scope of the survey on the evaluation of shared governance. GOV agreed that the committee would consult with the IRB re: implementation of the survey.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Implications of the CNSE Transition continues to work on identifying issues related to the transition.
4. The subcommittee working on CAFFECOR reported to GOV that it has been working on formulating a new charge, or set of charges, as yet not complete.

GOV met on 01/27/2014:

1. Re: Charter Amendment Re Composition of CPCA: GOV received a letter from Raymond Haines clarifying the language in the UUP contract. Senate Chair Christine Wager shared Haines’ letter with President Brett Benjamin, Albany Chapter UUP. GOV is now awaiting word from President Bret Benjamin regarding UUP’s perspective of Haines’ letter.

2. The Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation consulted with the IRB who determined that an IRB was not needed for the survey on the evaluation of shared governance. The committee is finalizing the survey and will share it with GOV at its next meeting on February 11th.
3. GOV discussed the work of the subcommittee working on the CAFFECOR amendment. The subcommittee has almost finalized the work of removing those portions of the charge that are untenable and clarifying the remaining portions of the charge with the goal of bringing them in line with successful past practices.
4. GOV discussed the importance for input from the Senate regarding several initiatives that are quickly advancing and require careful ongoing deliberation at the campus level:
 - a. Seamless Transfer
 - b. Teacher Education Programs and edTPA
 - c. Start Up New York
 - d. Open SUNY

GOV recognizes that some of these initiatives do have faculty and professional staff serving on campus-wide committees (for example Open SUNY and Seamless Transfer), but others may not. GOV feels that it is the Senate's role to promote mechanisms to facilitate dialogue and analysis, especially in the face of new challenges emerging in the shifting landscape of academia. GOV therefore recommended that CAFFECOR be tasked to look into these as campus governance issues.

GOV Chair Stefl-Mabry reported she had just spoken with Bruce Szelest, and, thanks to the President who has granted his support, the survey on shared governance should be taken in March. She and Senator Janiszewski urged that the survey be shared with constituents and that participation be encouraged. She also noted that senate elections are coming up and solicited participation and requested candidate names be forwarded. An amendment regarding the composition of CPCA should be resolved soon and then presented before the Senate.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair

LISC has its first meeting of the semester scheduled for Monday, February 3rd. Eliot Rich has been selected as chair of the IT committee of LISC.

Chair Gaffney shared there were a couple of topics the Council has been looking at – 1) The effort being made by ITS to improve the wireless activity on campus; 2) an institutional repository being developed by the library staff, and how that will allow us to share research and academic output within and external to the University. This is, in part, a response to an unfunded mandate from some granting institutions to disseminate the results of research projects. The council hopes to have a graduate student representative after this meeting, as one has been nominated, but needs to be approved by the Senate at this meeting.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – Anthony DeBlasi, Chair

UAC met on January 29. It addressed two agenda items. First, it discussed whether there were any curricular implications in the proposed merger of the Departments of Music and Theatre. It found none. Second, pursuant to Senate legislation restructuring the General Education program, UAC then settled on a methodology for reviewing the General Education Competency Plans for each undergraduate major. Following subgroup consideration of assigned plans, the full Council will discuss a small number of plans at each meeting until all majors are considered.

Chair DeBlasi communicated that the usual undergraduate program proposals are coming through so the Council is working on that. Also, they are going through all the department undergraduate Gen Ed plans.

ULC (University Life Council) –Michael Jaromin, Chair

The next meeting of the ULC is today (2/4) at 3:00 pm.

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) –Andi Lyons, Chair

Nothing to report.

Chair Lyons stated the Council met on Monday and reviewed several items including a proposal for a Masters in International Affairs Degree and a proposal for a Graduate Certification Program in International Health and Human Rights.

NEW BUSINESS

Changes to council and committee memberships:

Senate Secretary Yenisel Gulatee first made some announcements. She stated that there are two new Council/Committee Chairs: Anthony DeBlasi for UAC and Susanna Fessler for CERS. Also Kendra Smith-Howard is replacing Richard Fogarty as a Senator from History. She proceeded with council membership changes: Kendra Smith-Howard is replacing Richard Fogarty on UAC and Gary Rainstrom, a graduate student is a new member of LISC.

A motion to approve these Council member changes was made. The changes were approved with the following voting results: Approved: 48; Opposed: 2; Abstain: 0.

Nominations for Senators and Council Members

Chair Wagner reminded that calls will soon go out for next year's new Senators and Council and Committee Members. She shared the list of Senators from the academic units whose term ends in the spring of 2014 and asked that any discrepancies be brought to her attention. She noted that academic departments could nominate Senators to serve again, but that those candidates cannot serve more than three consecutive terms. Calls for nominations for Senators-At-Large for the Spring of 2014 will also go out soon. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Chair Wagner reminded that the next Senate meeting will be held on March 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Elisa Lopez, Recorder