

**Senate Secretary Christian Poehlmann
Reports Submitted for May 8, 2017 Senate:**

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT - Jim Collins

I. Informational

1. On April 26, the SEC met and discussed ways to store, maintain, and transmit Council and Committee procedures to incoming Chairs of Councils and Committees. Chair Collins will work with the Karin Reinhold, Chair of Governance, and Christian Poehlmann, Chair of the Liaison Subcommittee, in planning the archives in relation to the Senate Handbook.
2. On April 28, Chair Collins received information from UAC that the Council had approved a proposal for a Minor in Educational Leadership.

II. Actions taken

- a. Sent to President Stellar Senate Bill 1617-03: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH B.A. / M.I.A. PROGRAMS
- b. Referred the following legislation from SEC to the Senate for May 8:
 - i. Senate Bill 1617-XX: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN M.S. IN DATA SCIENCE
 - ii. Senate Bill 1617-XX: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

III. Recommendations for actions

- a. That the Senate ask for a report in the Fall of the status of the Senate study, endorsed by the GAC and SEC, of the size and contributions of international faculty, staff and students at the University of Albany, following upon the requests for such information from the University Administration. Given recent travel bans on international visitors, and the reported decline in international student enrollments in the US, it is important that the University have and disseminate information on the significance of international students, faculty, and staff at the University.

OTHER REPORTS

UFS (University Faculty Senate) - Diane Hamilton, Walter Little & Latonia Spencer, SUNY Senators

- Nothing to report

GSA (Graduate Student Association) - Saben Durio, GSA President

- Nothing reported

SA (Student Association) - Felix Abreu, Student Association President

- Nothing reported

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) - Alifair Skebe, Chair

- Nothing reported

CAFFeCoR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) -Carol Jewell, Chair

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing reported

COR (Council on Research) - Daniele Fabris, Chair

Review of minutes from March meeting

- Old Business
 1. Follow up on the 2016 FRAP-A review process: Associate Vice President for Research, Satyen Kumar
- New Business
 1. Presentation by Dr. Theresa Pardo: proposal for the reclassification of the Center for Technology in Government
 2. CoR Subcommittee Reports
 - Benevolent Association Graduate Fellowship Research Award: Yu-Hui Chen
 - Conference and Journal Support Awards: Justin Minder
 3. Review amendments to award guidelines
 4. Summary of the March Research Retreat and

recommendations

5. Electing the 2017-18 CoR Chair

Due to time constraints, we covered the Old Business and item 1 of New Business. We decided to cover items 2-3 by email and postpone item 4-5 to the next meeting, which will be held on May 17.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) - Louise-Anne McNutt, Chair

- Nothing to report

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) - James Fossett, Chair

- Nothing reported

GOV (Governance Council) - Karin Reinhold, Chair

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

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

UAC convened a special meeting on April 19 to continue discussion on the Department of Leadership and Policy's (EPL) proposal for a new minor in Leadership. There was general support for the proposal but members had additional concerns about the administration and oversight of the program.

UAC met again on April 27, 2017. Jason Lane, EPL Chair, School of Education, met with the Council to provide further background on the proposal. Listed support courses are vetted by the Curriculum Committee made up of EPL faculty in consultation with hosting departments as needed; their expertise in the field determines what is approved, as leadership varies when contextualized in the major. EPL expects 25-40 students to start and hope to grow the program over time. Advisement will be housed in EPL. Students would not be able to double-count between the minors; the CAF needs to be updated to reflect this. UAC approved the proposal.

CEHC submitted a program proposal, Semester in Washington Internship, one that piggybacks on a very successful Rockefeller

College program that has been in place for over twenty years. One Council member expressed concern that CEHC was relatively new and may have difficulty managing this type of program, but it will also expand opportunities for their students beyond State to Federal positions. UAC approved the course with one opposed.

Karen Chico Hurst, representing the Registrar's Office and Kathie Winchester, representing Undergraduate Education, have drafted a proposal to expand the language for the undergraduate grading policy in order to: comply with SUNY's 2013 guidelines for grade changes and procedures; incorporate current business practices into the policies; set a time limit on when grades can be changed. The proposal is also in response to a campus internal audit on the grade change process. The deadline will be for grade changes and not grade grievances as those can take more time to resolve. UAC asked that language be added to clarify that the deadlines reflect when the student initiates a grade change request as there are elements that could affect actual time to change (such as faculty on leave etc.). The proposal strengthens the University's sense of ethics and supports faculty under difficult circumstances, i.e., when under pressure to change grades for inappropriate reasons. Members of the Committee on Admission and Academic Standing (CAAS) that were present at the meeting, strongly supported this draft. Kathie will continue to work with members of CAAS/CAS, the Registrar's and UAC to finalize the policy and proceed with the appropriate approval procedures.

ULC (University Life Council) - Ekow King, Chair

- The next University Life Council Meeting is scheduled for 11am on Wednesday, May 3rd in UNH 200. We will send a written report from the May 3rd meeting to be shared at the SEC meeting on May 8th.

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) - Cynthia Fox, Chair

- UPPC will hold its final meeting on Thursday, May 11.