

## **Report from Gov – (for May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

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 down town campus, and the other one in the uptown campus. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> one on the east 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>th</sup>, Reinhold attended a forum on strategic planning organized by Wirkkula and Wheeler, as a follow up of 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 down town campus.

Since our last meeting, much of my time was occupied with senate elections and council memberships. This week and the next councils are electing their chairs for next year.

Tasks that need to be addressed now or early next year:

- Strategy for having a much larger response rate for amending the bylaws.
- Second attempt for: Faculty Bylaws Amendment BA 1617:01 and BA 1617:02, voting rights to part time faculty to elect their own representative + clarification of voting senators.
- Enfranchising part time faculty and review of bylaw's rule on amendments.
- How and what to report on the website. How do we want to represent ourselves? The elections and liaison committee is charged with the website. This committee should work with the corresponding committee from LISC.
- By now, all councils and standing committees have written procedures for their respective councils or committees. The SEC is discussing where to host such guidelines. The governance council and its elections and liaison committee should also contribute to this discussion.
- Discussion on establishing a procedure of electing a vice chair of councils that do not have a pre-assigned chair by the bylaws, so that they become chairs the following year. Possible bylaw or charter amendment.
- Addition to list of bylaws amendments: ability to make the non-substantive changes to the bylaws and charter without going through amendment process.

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