

## 2011-2012 University Senate

Monday, November 21, 2011  
2:45 pm, Campus Center Assembly Hall

Susanna Fessler, Chair

### Minutes

**Present:** J. Philippe Abraham, Greg Albert, David Andersen, Giray Askoy, Hassaram Bakhru, Robert Bangert-Drowns, Bryant Barksdale, Joseph Bassell, Steve Beditz, Christine Bouchard, Pedro Caban, Raysa Capellan, Thomas Devlin, James A. Dias, Bruce Diffenbach, Peter Duchessi, Carmen Duncan, Sue Faerman, Susanna Fessler, Cynthia Fox, Jennifer Greiman, Glyne Griffith, Timothy Groves, Yenisel Gulatee, Jean Guyon, Daniel Keyser, Vincent LaBella, Kajal Lahiri, William Lanford, Danielle Leonard, Eric Lifshin, Mike LiPetri, Andi Lyons, JoAnne Malatesta, Adrian Masters, Candace Merbler, Carla Meskill, Joe Messmer, Robert Miller, Bruce Miroff, John Murphy, Nancy Newman, Heidi Nicholls, Patrick Nold, Gregory Nowell, George Philip, Susan Phillips, Arthur Rushforth, Bruce Saddler, Leonard Slade, Jr., Lorre Smith, Joette Stefl-Mabry, Christine Wagner, Daniel White, Kevin Williams, Alissa Worden

**Guests:** Jon Bartow, Steve Beditz, Annis Golden, Bill Hedberg, John Pipkin, Joan Savitt, Bruce Szelest, Peter Vellis, Kathie Winchester

The meeting convened at 2:48 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of October 24 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved by a vote with 45 approving and 2 abstentions.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT—GEORGE PHILIP

President Philip referred to an email sent to the University community last week announcing his retirement. He reassured those present that he would remain President until a successful search for his successor was complete. The President said he believed that UAlbany is turning the corner in terms of the fiscal challenges of the last several years and expressed optimism that the FY 2012-13 budget will not result in further reductions to the University. The President indicated that we are entering a time in which to rebuild the University – an environment which will be far more positive for a new president. President Philip said it has been a privilege and honor to serve as the University's 18<sup>th</sup> president and extended his thanks to everyone for their support. Members of the Senate responded by giving him a standing ovation.

President Philip provided an update on the NYSUNY 2020 initiative. He believes we have a good proposal in place and requests for modifications have been made with the proposal being resubmitted. While we will be asked to present the proposal to the Governor, the President said he was optimistic about the campus's NYSUNY 2020 initiative.

The President reported on the progress of the University's fundraising efforts. The University received a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor along with a number of individual gifts of six figures. The endowment has grown by \$10 million in recent years.

The President detailed a number of noteworthy universitywide events:

- The University hosted a breakfast gathering last Friday with guest speaker William Dudley, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The event was covered by the national media.
- The Citizen Laureate was held on November 16. The honorees were Dr. John Balint, Wallace Altes and Robert M. Curley. Over 380 people attended and the University Foundation raised considerable funding for scholarships.
- The Capital Region Economic Development Council (CREDC) completed its work and submitted a strategic plan on behalf of its eight counties. The CREDC is one of 10 regional councils throughout the State competing for \$40 million.
- The UAlbany Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities co-hosted the Conference on Health Disparities in Sexual Minorities on November 7-8.
- The RNA Institute held a 2-day international RNA symposium on November 3-4.
- Winter Commencement will be held on December 4. Elizabeth Kolbert will receive an honorary degree. President Philip said he has been pleased with faculty turnout at Commencement over the years and the show of respect for our students.
- Vice President and Director of Athletics, Lee McElroy, will be inducted into the John McLendon Minority Athletics Administrators Hall of Fame.

Senator Slade asked the President if he would continue to support the University after his retirement. President Philip said he would definitely continue to support and advocate on behalf the University.

Chair Fessler thanked President Philip for being a strong advocate for the University. She said he has been a great leader to help us weather the chaos of the past few years.

### **PROVOST'S REPORT -- SUSAN PHILLIPS**

Provost Phillips announced that Robert Andrea would assume the leadership role left by Wayne Locust's departure in Enrollment Management. Two related promotions were Maritza Martinez (Director of the Educational Opportunity Program) and Christopher Fernando (Director of Access and Enhancement Programs).

The Provost provided a progress report from the CLUE groups which were a product of the Going Forward Plan (GFP). The four groups focused on the well-being of faculty and staff, focusing on "Quality of Life," "Faculty and Staff Retention," and "Promotion and Tenure." The groups focused on staff retention and quality of life have completed their work and reported out this summer; their findings are being incorporated into the strategic plan implementation. The report can be found on the Academic Affairs web page ([http://www.albany.edu/academics/provost\\_reports.shtml](http://www.albany.edu/academics/provost_reports.shtml)). The groups focused on promotion and tenure, and faculty retention have recently completed their work and their reports should be available in about two weeks. Those findings will be incorporated into the strategic plan implementation as well.

Provost Phillips reported that the strategic planning implementation subcommittees have met, and on the progress of those working groups. Additional information on the implementation progress will be forthcoming.

A pilot program has been undertaken on how to create a proposal for hiring faculty in anticipation of the SUNY 2020 funding coming to fruition. A faculty panel has been assisting with the effort.

## **SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – SUSANNA FESSLER**

- Notifications about the COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) project have gone out from the Provost's office. I have also sent an e-mail to the full Senate about the importance of filling out the survey. This survey is being financed by SUNY Central Administration. It will survey a random sample of tenured and tenure-track teaching faculty. Please encourage those colleagues who are part of the survey to participate.
- The Course Assessment Advisory Committee is wrapping up its work and will be incorporating feedback sent to them. Thanks to all the Senators and Council members who provided consultation on the process.
- Winter Commencement will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the SEFCU Arena. The deadline for RSVPing as marching faculty is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Send e-mails to [commencement@albany.edu](mailto:commencement@albany.edu). Please consider participating in this important capstone event for our students!

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **UFS (UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATOR'S REPORT) –DANIEL D. WHITE, J. PHILIPPE ABRAHAM & SHADI SHAHEDIPOUR-SANDVIK, SUNY SENATORS**

The minutes from the SUNY Senate Plenary meeting appear at the end of these minutes.

### **GSO (GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION) – HEIDI NICHOLLS, GSO REPRESENTATIVE**

The first Graduate Student Speaker Series of this year was held November 8th. The turn-out was low, but the quality of the speakers was superb, and the small group allowed for those who attended to fully engage with the guests of honor. We are currently working with Dean Williams to schedule the next graduate student to showcase. At the last Assembly Meeting, we elected an assembly speaker although there continues to be discrepancies among the assembly regarding both the wording of the constitution and need for a speaker. Raysa Cappallen was confirmed by our assembly to serve as the fourth and final senator as was our programming chair Tracy Chen. There was a mix up at the Xerox warehouse with an order we placed, forcing us to shut down the office for a couple of days, but we are up and working full force. The next big item on our agenda is the Thanksgiving Dinner with ISSS.

*Christine Pebble has stepped down to conduct her dissertation field work. GSO is working with Thomas Devlin and discussing tuition increases.*

### **SA (STUDENT ASSOCIATION) – BRYANT BARKSDALE, STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DESIGNEE**

*Mr. Barksdale reported that the Fall Fest concert attracted about 3,300 students. A collage is being developed that will portray the history of the Student Association and will be displayed near the SA office. Joseph Wholly, Legislative Affairs Director is working with the President's Office to develop a cohesive legislative agenda for next semester. SA will ramp up efforts to encourage student participation in UAlbany Day in February. The SA passed a resolution to change the stance on the rational tuition policy and sent it to the State Legislature. Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, responded with an explanation of the benefits of rational tuition.*

## **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – Adrian Masters, Chair**

The CAA has passed a summary of its discussion on the draft report of the Course Assessment Advisory Committee to one of the co-chairs of that committee.

The General Education Assessment Committee held a preliminary meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November to consider work assignments to the nonex-officio members of the committee.

The Program Review Committee is scheduled to meet on 18<sup>th</sup> of November to discuss the Women's Studies program review. *CAA met today and approved the first report on the program review of Women's Studies.*

## **CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Aran Mull, Chair**

CAFFECOR met on October 17<sup>th</sup> and will be forwarding a bill to remove the Principles for a Just Community language from remaining University documentation following a final determination regarding what publications still include that language. The committee is moving forward with the development of a policy and guidelines for managing complaints brought before the committee and has asked University Counsel to determine whether they may advise the committee regarding policy development.

## **CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Carolyn MacDonald, Chair**

The policy approved by the senate 3/14 has not yet been signed. There are no ongoing cases. CERS is meeting Monday. Planning is proceeding for training for CERS members and for outreach to researchers.

## **COR (Council on Research) – James Castracane, Chair**

The Council on Research met on October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a variety of topics including details of the agenda for NSF Day which took place on October 19<sup>th</sup> and was attended by several hundred people. Also discussed was the upcoming RNA Symposium on November 3-4 hosted by the UAlbany RNA Institute. A full slate of RNA scientists will participate in four technical sessions spread over the two days.

In addition, an invitation was extended to Theresa Walker, the Assistant VP for Research, to give a presentation at the next COR meeting on the guidelines for faculty with regard to starting companies, consulting for companies and potential conflicts of interest.

Two graduate students were added to the council to fill open slots. COR still needs one undergraduate student and this slot is going to be filled before the next meeting.

Finally, it was noted that the application deadline for the UAlbany Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award is November 1.

## **CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Christine Wagner, Chair**

CPCA has completed the review of eight cases to date. Review of two additional cases will occur at the meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Tim Groves, Chair**

All three GAC committees now meet Charter membership requirements, and have elected Chairs as follows:

- Curriculum and Instruction: Prof. Sridar Chittur, Chair (four proposals pending, in active discussion)
- Admissions and Academic Standing: Prof. Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, Chair (four cases pending, in active discussion)
- Educational Policy and Procedures: Prof. Suraj Commuri, Chair

GAC will meet November 16. GAC presently has no bills or actions pending Senate approval.”

*Chair Groves reported the GAC met on November 16 and discussed course changes and minor program changes.*

## **GOV (Governance Council) – Andi Lyons, Chair**

Governance Council (GOV) brought a Senate Charter Amendment to the Senate Executive Committee meeting on November 7. This amendment will be introduced, for discussion only, at the full Senate meeting on November 21, in anticipation of a vote by the University Senate at the December 12 meeting. The amendment proposes to bring the language of the current Charter into line with the Bylaws in a matter pertaining to the appointment of a parliamentarian. Also, the Committee on Administrative Evaluations continues to meet to develop recommended methods to guarantee ongoing administrative assessment. The committee expects to make its initial recommendations to the Governance Council before the end of fall term. Finally, GOV will meet on November 22 to apportion the representative Senators, and to approve procedures for election of Senators within the schools and colleges.

## **LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Nancy Newman, Chair**

LISC met on Oct. 24. Dean of Library Mary Casserly noted that this is Open Access Week. This year's events include a lecture by Dr. David Hogg and a tour of CNSE. A video explaining the value of Open Access and highlighting the involvement of several UAlbany faculty (including Tim Stephen) in pioneering online journals is available through the library's homepage. Mary also reported that this year's budget does not necessitate cancelling any journals. However, she would like LISC to begin discussing the campus license for Elsevier (ScienceDirect), which expires at the end of 2013. Plans to renovate the library are stalled as Campus Planning searches for a new architect. Chief Information Officer Christine Haile gave an update on implementation of the first phase of the new email system, which has generally gone smoothly. Exchange users will be the next group to be moved to the new system. Chris will arrange for presentations on Blackboard Version9 and the Elluminate system for web conferencing at future meetings. She also co-chairs the Strategic Plan Working Group on Emerging Technologies, which Bruce Dudek reported on as the LISC liaison. Their first meeting focused on defining goals, considering support needs, and the adoption of Business Intelligence (BI), software that facilitates data reporting for analysis. LISC subcommittees are planning to meet in the next few weeks and our next full meeting is November 21.

### **UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – JoAnne Malatesta, Chair**

UAC approved changes to the University Wide Internship requirements and will draft a bill to bring to the Senate. UAC began discussion about the requirements for cross-counting courses between double majors and minors. Continued discussion is necessary in this area before UAC comes to a conclusion and brings the issue forward for Senate consideration. Finally, in response to the call from UPPC for financial information on all referred proposals, UAC agreed to solicit the appropriate information earlier in the review process.

### **ULC (University Life Council) – Yenisel Gulatee, Chair**

ULC met on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The council continued the conversation about our Campus Smoking Policy. We had a guest speaker, Michael Seserman, Director of Strategic Health Alliances from the American Cancer Association who gave a presentation on Tobacco Free Campus Policies. He discussed US and NYS Campus trends as well as SUNY campus trends. He explained the rationale supporting smoke free policies, basic process and timelines, as well as resources available. The ULC members agreed that in light of many SUNY campuses establishing a smoke free policy, it would be important to continue to research and discuss this issue. As a result, our next step is to make sure all stakeholders are involved in this conversation.

### **UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Eric Lifshin, Chair**

UPPC met Friday October 28. The Documentary Studies Program was discussed. UPPC saw no reason why it could not be passed on to the Senate for a vote. Bruce Szelest and Heide Andrade led a discussion of the Course Assessment Advisory Committee report. It contains suggestions on how to improve the current SIRS evaluation process of both courses and the faculty who teach them. They had specifically asked UPPC to comment on the report, and a variety of questions and concerns were raised. Many had to do with what information would be made more generally available and to whom. Finally, the general question of just what information is needed by UPPC to evaluate bills referred to it by the Senate was discussed. The Provost provided some course action forms from other universities to help in the discussion. It was clear that some of the forms from other institutions request more detailed information than the current form being used by the College of Arts and Sciences (which was used as an internal example). It was felt that some modification to our existing process would help UPPC and the Senate do a better job of providing information on resource needs implications for any legislation under consideration, but at the same time we do not want to create unnecessary work. As a start, UPPC members were asked to email Stacy Stern with some suggested items that we could add to a revised course action form. We will discuss these at our next meeting.

UPPC is not scheduled to meet until Dec 2, but in the interest of speeding up the process we took an email vote on CAS Proposal 11-078: Biology Revision of Lab Courses to indicate whether from a resource point of view it is ready to go to the full Senate once it clears SEC. The vote was favorable.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Changes to Council Memberships:**

Secretary Leonard provided details of changes in council memberships which are the results of the addition of undergraduate student senators being assigned to the councils. She also informed the Senate that the Governance Council has an opening for a professional staff member. Secretary Leonard will attempt to fill that slot by reaching out to people from the list of those who indicated their willingness to serve from last spring.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes, and they were approved with the following voting results: 50 approved; 0 opposed; 2 abstained

### **Charter Amendment 1112-02A re: Appointment of a Parliamentarian (GOV):**

Chair Fessler said that the amendment being introduced was being presented for discussion only and the final vote would take place at the December meeting.

GOV Chair Lyons introduced the amendment which would bring the language of the Bylaws and the Charter in agreement. The current language of the Bylaws indicates the presiding officer assumes the responsibility for appointing a parliamentarian while the Charter indicates it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. This past year, Chair Fessler independently reached out to Albany Law School which provided a student trained in parliamentary procedure in an arrangement that will likely continue in future years. Chair Fessler also sought SEC

approval for this arrangement, in order to comply with the Charter. There was no discussion concerning the amendment and Chair Lyons said it would be voted on next month.

### **Senate Bill 1112-07 Documentary Studies Program (UAC)**

UAC Chair Malatesta introduced the bill which is a change to the basic program and the number of tracks being offered. The program, which currently resides in the history department, has five tracks and the proposal would reduce the program to one track. Many of the courses are cross-listed which has created difficulty due to reductions in faculty and courses. The creation of a single track would reduce the dependency on the other supporting departments. The proposal includes the hiring of additional adjunct faculty to allow regular faculty to teach higher level courses. Both the History Department and UPPC support the proposal. Chair Malatesta was asked in the proposal is for a concentration or a major. She said it would be for major and minor and would allow students in the program to continue as Documentary Studies major or minors. There was no further discussion and the motion was made and seconded to approve the bill with the resulting vote: 45 approved; 1 opposed; 2 abstained.

### **Senate Resolution 1112-01R re: A Hard Waiver on Student Health Insurance (ULC):**

Chair Fessler informed members of the Senate that the legislation being introduced was in the form of a resolution and not a bill because the Senate is not vested with the authority to form this policy and its action is that of an advisory nature. She noted that the power to establish policy of this kind is vested with the President's Office. The resolution comes from ULC and the discussion was led by the Vice President of Student Success, Christine Bouchard and the Director of Student Health Services Dr. Peter Vellis. A motion was made and seconded and the floor was opened to discussion. Dr. Vellis and Ms. Bouchard fielded a number of questions.

Dr. Vellis explained how the waiver process would work. There are three forms of insurance available: voluntary, mandatory and hard waiver. Under the hard waiver system, a student would be required to purchase university health insurance unless he/she could certify that he/she held some other health insurance policy. There is reason to believe that there could be some falsification but this has been done with other schools successfully. The process could be completed electronically which would require minimal administrative work. Dr. Vellis said a voluntary health plan, such as what we have at UA currently, costs around \$1,600 annually per student. A hard waiver system would bring the cost down to about \$1,000. The main argument for the hard waiver policy is that a significant physical illness or injury can create financial hardship and it would be difficult to pay those expenses out of pocket.

Dr. Vellis addressed students' concerns for disadvantaged students who may not be able to afford to pay the cost. He said that the costs can be covered by student aid and there are low cost plans available through New York State such as Family Health Plus. Dr. Vellis said there are no indications from other universities that the cost of insurance deters students from enrolling but a significant illness could interrupt a student's academic career.

Dr. Vellis was asked how adequate coverage is defined. He responded that it would cover catastrophic illness and ideally cover some specializations, although that is not a requirement. Certain minimum standards, based on past history, would provide \$50,000 of coverage. Dr. Vellis said everyone will be required to have insurance by 2014 (assuming that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is instituted in the United States) and we have an opportunity to develop and be part of a SUNY-wide program. At this point, UAlbany is the only SUNY school that does not have a hard waiver program. If we go forward with a SUNY-wide program it would lower the costs.

Dr. Vellis was asked if the requirement would be based on a certain number of credits. He said it would be based on six credits and would be just for undergraduates. Jon Bartow asked why it would not be available to graduates and Dr. Vellis replied that the majority of graduates obtain insurance through other means. Mr. Bartow said he would ask to have it considered for those who don't have insurance.

Senator Lifshin wanted to know what would happen if the Senate put its support behind the resolution and who would make the final decision. Chair Fessler said the President is vested with that authority. Senator Lifshin moved to call the question to a vote. Chair Fessler reiterated that the vote was not for a bill but for a resolution. Regardless of the vote results the Senate would be providing its voice on the matter, not establishing university policy. The Senate gave its support of the resolution in the resulting vote: 45 approved; 2 opposed; 2 abstained.

**UFS Shared Services Resolutions:**

UFS Senator White presented the resolutions that were passed at the plenary meeting in October. He said they were forwarded to the Senate in hopes that members would endorse the resolutions. Chair Fessler informed Senate members that they needed to vote on whether to add this item to the agenda. A vote was taken but lacked the two-thirds majority to add to the agenda from the floor: 25 approved; 20 opposed; 3 abstained. The resolutions will be introduced at the December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Gail Cameron, Recorder

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY

## SENATE REPORT SUNY Purchase, Purchase October 21-22, 2011

### **SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ken O'Brien** (SUNY Brockport).

- SUNY System Personnel Changes: Departure of several top SUNY administrators and selective replacements will lead to significant savings particularly in the SUNY Provost's office. Brian Hutzley from SUNY Delhi has been named the interim SUNY Chief Financial Officer. Provost Lavallee has decided to remove the end date from his appointment and continue on as Provost. Carl McCall has been named the new Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- SUNY System Committee Organization: The Chancellor draws on a diverse group of both top system administrators and a Cabinet of University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC), and Student Assembly leadership to gather broad advice.
- The Power of SUNY: The strategic plan implementation process continues. Work is being done on Strategic Enrollment management and resource allocation. In September SUNY held a national conference entitled "Universities as Economic Drivers" which has drawn the attention of politicians. Next year's conference will focus on what it means to be part of a system.
- Work with FCCC and the CUNY UFS: We continue to have strong relations and good support from the FCCC to work on issues of shared interest and impact.
- Shared Services: The purpose of the SUNY shared services initiative to reduce administrative overhead in order to move savings toward instruction and instructional support. Shared services is being initiated on a roughly regional. Campus leaders are exploring shared HR, procurement, and IT services. There are six paired campuses (SUNY Delhi-SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Potsdam -SUNY Canton, SUNY IT and Morrisville) who were asked to share a president between them. The Canton-Potsdam pairing has provided a greater challenge than the other pairings and the Board of Trustees has resolved to give them time to explore and report about their specific issues. The other shared presidencies will proceed with input from their college councils. Campus presidents have been asked to include established governance bodies as they proceed with these important plans.
- Legislative agenda: This has been a positive year for SUNY and many aspects. The alignment of the state's economic goals with the power of SUNY plan, the passage of NYSUNY 2020, an authorization to increase tuition by \$300 and additional \$75 student fee for university center students. However, SUNY assumes the responsibility for covering the gap between tuition costs and the cap on TAP which has not been adjusted. This results in campuses receiving 75% of the tuition increase with the rest going to supplemental awards for students. TAP is unlikely to be adjusted in the current budget climate. We need to continue to advocate for student's tuition dollars to come directly back to campuses to support our academic mission and not to support other state operation costs.

### **DAVID LAVALLEE, SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST**

- The Provost spoke about the on-going search for the President of the Research Foundation. Dr. Lavallee is currently the interim president. The position will report to the Board of Trustees and SUNY. This is a change from the previous position.
- The Provost also spoke about several initiatives focused on research, development and public-private partnerships.
- The UFS grade change policy resolution has been accepted by the Chancellor and the Provost's staff is looking at a way to implement a best-practices document to encourage campuses that do not have a grade change policy to implement one.
- The transfer mobility web site project phase 2 has been delayed due to staffing changes. This should be in place shortly. In the context of transfer mobility the Provost has indicated that system will be contracting with Degree works (<http://www.sungardhe.com/Solutions/DegreeWorks/> SUNY Potsdam is already using it). This might be an area of SUNY-wide implementation to save money.
- The Provost mentioned that he would like campuses who are working on their general education policies to accept the SUNY 7 of 10 rule and keep any local requirements to the upper level. This will facilitate better transfer articulation between campuses.
- The provost covered many of the same points discussed in the following youtube video.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMZqW68ZJ24>

**Brian Hutzley, Interim VICE CHANCELLOR for Financial Services & CFO**



- CFO Hutzley also spoke about shared services and provided a powerpoint presentation that Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik has already distributed.

#### **NANCY ZIMPER, CHANCELLOR**

- The Chancellor fielded questions about the strategic plan and sector concerns.

#### **UNIVERSITY CENTER SECTOR CONCERNS/QUESTIONS**

We discussed the following issues:

- alliance between Binghamton and Upstate Medical College
- internal service sharing and its impact on academic services and curriculum
- the issue with secrecy and senior administrative searchers, how to take part in the process without hurting our campuses chances for attracting a superstar due to leaks and misinformation.
- potential policies on searches
- shared services implications for university centers

#### **Reports for the Following Committees are available:**

<http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/standcmterpts.cfm>

- [Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence](#)
- [Committee on Ethics and Institutional Integrity](#)
- [Governance Committee](#)
- [Graduate and Research Committee](#)
- [Operations Committee](#)
- [Programs and Awards Committee](#)
- [Student Life Committee](#)
- [Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee](#)

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

<http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/ApprovedResolutions.cfm>

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[Resolution for Rose Rudnitski, SUNY New Paltz](#)

[Resolution on Evaluation of Shared Services](#)

[Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Services](#)

#### **REMINDER OF THE FACULTY SENATE PAGE**

Although material is slow to appear on the site, eventually the full text of motions passed should appear:

<http://www.suny.edu/facultySenate/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel D. White, Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, and Philippe Abraham  
SUNY Senators