

**University at Albany - State University of New York**  
**2003-04 University Senate**  
**Minutes of March 15, 2004**

**Present:** J. Acker, D. Armstrong, D. Bernnard, E. Brière, H. Charalambous, R. Collier, F. Cornet, D. Dewar, J. Doellefeld, D. Farr, R. Geer, R. Gibson, F. Hauser, R. Hoyt, M. Jerison, S. B. Kim, W. Lanford, S. Levine, S. Lubensky, C. MacDonald, G. Marschke, D. McCaffrey, L. McNutt, G. Moore, J. Mumpower, C. Pearce, M. Pryse, R. M. Range, J. Rudolph, J. Savitt, H. Scheck, L. Schell, D. Shub, G. Spitze, T. Turner, J. Uppal, L. Videka D. Wagner, J. Wick-Pelletier, E. Wulfert

**Guests:** J. Bartow, R. Farrell, K. Lunta, J. Logan, K. Lowery, S. Mahan, J. Wolff

There was a motion to place Resolution Number 0304-04R and Resolution Number 0304-05R on the agenda at the conclusion of New Business. The motion was approved and the Resolutions will be introduced today.

**President's Report: Presented by Jeryl Mumpower, Interim Vice President for Research**

Budget: SUNY is going to the Legislature to request an additional 15 million dollars in the operating budget, above what was proposed in the Governor's budget.

Admissions: Freshmen application activity is at about the same as last year, the total number of applications is down less than 1%. (High quality application numbers are up slightly-about-1% and numbers are down in special admit and international applications.) Currently, there is a 13% decline in transfer applications. Graduate admissions are down about 6.9%; master's are down about 11% and doctoral applications are down approximately 4%. The Office of Graduate Admissions is still processing backlog applications and will be up-to-date in processing this week; therefore, these numbers may change.

**University Wide Faculty Senate Report: Presented by Senator Richard Collier**

The attempt to come to an agreement on SUNY-wide assessment is ongoing. An *ad hoc* committee has been established, and has met once.

**Chair's Report: Presented by Professor Marjorie Pryse**

The Election of Senate Officers for 2004-2005 will take place today.

**John Wolff, Chief Advancement Officer**

**Bold Vision Campaign:** The goal of the Campaign is to raise 500 million dollars, about 250 million has been raised to date. The campaign will conclude June 30, 2008. About 328 million dollars has been earmarked for nanotechnology, and 172 million dollars for schools/colleges and

other purposes in the campaign (CAS and School of Business being the largest recipients). The bulk that will be dedicated to nanotechnology is from a few large gifts, i.e., IBM, Tokyo Electronics, and SEMATECH. Of the money dedicated to nanotechnology, not much would be utilized at any other place on campus; these are designated gifts from specific donors used for specific purposes on campus. There are other specific gifts donated, for example to the Life Sciences. Approximately 60 million dollars has been committed to non-nanotechnology parts of the campaign to date. The goal of 500 million dollars came from a “wish list” of Deans to former Vice President Ashton; it included equipment and other needs. Unrestricted gifts by default go to the UAlbany Foundation; the Foundation manages all private philanthropy that comes to the University.

### **Council Reports:**

**CPCA** – Professor Glenna Spitze, Chair: no report.

**EPC** – Professor Edelgard Wulfert, Chair: EPC had a special meeting with the Provost for the purpose of addressing questions that it had formulated on the proposed new college of nanosciences. The Provost informed EPC of resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees and the University Council applauding the proposed creation of a College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. It has been proposed that the new College have an autonomous governance structure, headed by a Provost who will report directly to the President. (Reasons: more flexibility; ability to move quickly on opportunities; safeguarding investments). The College will be subject to all SUNY guidelines and RF policies. Any grants will be counted toward the UAlbany research portfolio. There will be a line item budget for the College. The model for the proposed governance structure of the College is the Medical School at Stony Brook, which is directed by a Vice President who reports directly to the President. The Provost stated that it would be desirable if a subset of EPC members met with SNN faculty to discuss the proposed governance structure for the College, in hopes of bringing the issue to a closure before the end of the 2003-04 Senate session. Professor Robert Geer and Professor Edelgard Wulfert discussed that this committee should consist of four Nanoscience representatives and four EPC members.

Several members of the governance leadership (past/present/future senate chairs) felt it was time to be supportive of the new College, as nanoscience and nanoengineering is one of the most promising areas of research at UAlbany. At the same time, they also expressed their desire to maintain a unified organizational structure for all UAlbany schools and colleges, as they see this in the best interest of UAlbany and its educational and research mission, thus, a resolution was drafted for introduction at this meeting.

There was a motion to move to Resolution 0304-04R.

**Resolution 0304-04R, College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and Integrated University Governance – introduced by Professors David McCaffrey, Carolyn MacDonald, Marjorie Pryse and Edelgard Wulfert:**

The resolution was introduced and there was a lengthy discussion about the proposed college and its governance structure. A motion was made to amend wording in the resolution. A motion to

table this resolution until the discussion between EPC members and SNN faculty could take place was defeated (10-13-0).

Lengthy discussions followed, and several friendly amendments to the original wording were proposed and accepted. The final resolution reads as follows:

*Whereas*, it was announced at the March 12 meeting of the Educational Policy Council that an independent governance structure was being proposed for the nascent College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering;

*Whereas* the field of nanoscience and nanoengineering is one of the most promising areas of research at the University at Albany and the creation of a College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering recognizes this important area of campus activity;

*Whereas* the present system of integrated University governance, involving all of its academic units as full members of the campus, enables the University to engage issues affecting the entire University in a coordinated, transparent, and efficient way, ensures the quality of education and research, and avoids any problems that might be created by fragmenting governance;

While strongly affirming its commitment to the preservation of a unified governance structure at the University at Albany, the University Senate resolves to work with the proposed College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering, alongside the University's other schools and colleges, in a cohesive governance system to support this important area of work at the University and its educational and research mission.

This resolution to be transmitted to the University at Albany University Council, the Chancellor of the State University of New York and the SUNY Board of Trustees.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the amended resolution. The resolution passed 24 to 1.

**GAC** – Professor Hara Charalambous, Chair: GAC will bring several bills to the next Senate meeting. GAC is continuing discussion on changes in policy and procedures on electronic dissertations that will take place in the fall of 2004.

**UAC** – Professor Joan Savitt, Chair: Regarding the resolution brought forward at this meeting concerning student registration, UAC has discussed the matter and had significant reservations about timing and registration issues. UAC did not vote on it because they have not considered the proposal as complete. The resolution was tabled pending further discussion.

**RES** - Professor Lynn Videka, Chair: no report.

**LISC** - Professor David Wagner, Chair: no report.

**CAFE** – Professor Donna Armstrong, Chair: CAFE is co-sponsoring a *Teach-in* on Freedom of Speech on March 18, with the Student Association's Student Action Committee and the Office of Judicial Affairs to address student's concerns on the Genocide Awareness Project soon scheduled on campus.

**ULC** – Professor Gwendolyn Moore, Chair: no report.

**CERS** – Senate Chair Pryse has accepted Bruce Dudek’s resignation as Chair of CERS. She has asked Professor Edelgard Wulfert to convene the group.

**Governance Committee Report** – The Governance Committee now has a web page, found on the Senate web site under Senate Councils. The Governance Committee will bring Charter changes to the Executive Committee and circulate them prior to bringing them to Senate.

**New Business:**

**Senate Bill No. 0304-16 - Departmental Name Change within the School of Business.** The Bill was introduced by Professor Wulfert on behalf of EPC. All were in favor, the bill passed with no abstentions.

**Election of Senate Officers for 2004-2005:** The election took place by ballot, Steven Messner was elected Vice-Chair and Andi Lyons was elected Secretary.

**Proposed College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering:**

Professor Robert Geer of SNN spoke to the group while the balloting was taking place. He expressed feelings of alienation of the SNN faculty toward the University Senate, and thought it would be helpful if a motion was accepted by the Senate which supported the creation of the college in recognition of faculty efforts, regardless how the governance structure will work. Professor Geer would not want the faculty of SNN to feel their efforts are neither appreciated nor respected. To that end, he suggested a resolution simply saying that the Senate supports the College, separating the support of the college from the governance issue, thus, sending a positive message from the Senate.

There was more discussion on the issue, Chair Pryse indicated that the phrase *to support this important area of work at the University and its educational and research mission* recognizes that the work SNN is doing is important and that it is valued by the Senate. Chair Pryse also reminded the remaining members present that EPC would convene a joint group with SNN faculty to work with SNN and that is the intent of the resolution.

It was then suggested to develop two separate resolutions to go out at the same time, one in support of the creation of the new college and another regarding the governance structure. A friendly motion was made, but since it was not moved to the agenda and there was not a quorum present, it was not carried forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jayne VanDenburgh, Recorder