

## ***University Senate***

Monday, October 15, 2018

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM

CC West Boardroom

James Mower, Senate Chair

Meeting convened 2:54

Chair Mower indicated that the minutes from last meeting will be voted on in the December meeting.

Chair Mower reported that he and Jim Stellar made a presentation in Syracuse for the SUNY at 70 conference and they received a lot of positive feedback at the event.

### **Proposal to Establish Guidelines for Planning Calendars**

UPPC Chair Karin Reinhold shared that calendar revisions have been under discussion for several months. She shared that the 5-year calendar came in response to request from faculty and other units, including the Senate and UPPC to have a longer planning calendar. She indicated that this proposal has been seeking input from many groups on campus, including Dean's Council, UPPC, Senate, Interfaith Group, Student Association leadership and membership, GSA, Provost, University Council, others. This also respects religious diversity by not prioritizing any group, while also encouraging accommodation being made so that students and faculty can observe their holidays. She shared that this was considered and approved twice in 2004/2005 and 2006/2006.

Discussion:

Karen Chico Hurst shared that a list of major holidays will be provided, and this is part of the work of the task force; the only holidays that will be honored by the calendar are federal and state holidays, and that regardless of how the calendar amendment proceeds, greater communication about observation of holidays will be encouraged.

Vote: 29 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstentions

### **Proposal to Establish a Master of Science (M.S.) Program in Digital Forensics and Cyber Operations**

Sanjay Goel shared that the undergraduate program is already very successful, with growing enrollment and nearly 100% placement, and a cybersecurity Center of Excellence. He indicated that there is already significant international interest in the proposed program already, and that the external reviews were very positive.

He shared the proposal to change the name to Digital Forensics and *Cybersecurity*. He shared that the Deans of CEHC, CEAS and SoB and the Dean of Graduate studies are meeting to discuss coordinating cybersecurity across programs.

Cultural aspects of cybersecurity are being considered; there is significant efforts for improvements in diversity for the program, especially under the Center of Academic Excellence designation.

Vote to amend the title to Cybersecurity: 32 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention  
Proposal to approve the bill as amended: 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

### **Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Social Welfare Studies**

Mary McCarthy shared that the title was chosen to clarify that this is not a professional certification in social work. She indicated that there is great student interest, there will be no cap on the minor, and there is consideration for offering fully online courses.

Vote: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

### **ULC Resolution on Trauma Informed Responses to Oppression**

Chair Mower clarified that resolutions state the concerns or wishes of the senate but are non-binding. Deborah La Fond shared that this resolution passed last year in the council and is being sent through the senate now. She indicated that we are doing this kind of work here on this campus already, and the council is proposing extending these kinds of training to the faculty, and better disseminating information about this to the campus community.

Vote: 31 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention

**Presentation on the State of the University Budget—Todd Foreman, VP Finance and Administration** (attached) – VP Foreman shared that he is aiming to get in front of as many groups as possible, and make the budgeting process as transparent as possible.

### **Reports:**

SUNY Senators: (delivered orally and provided in writing to be included in minutes)

Four resolutions were passed at the recent Plenary in October. The following edited excerpts are provided as a summary. The full final versions of these resolutions can be found at [www.sunyufs.us/2018-resolutions-and-reports.html](http://www.sunyufs.us/2018-resolutions-and-reports.html).

180-01-01 Gender Neutral Language in all SUNY correspondence

UFS requests the Chancellor to require gender-neutral pronouns ... in all SUNY communications from the Chancellor's office or system administration.

180-02-01 Support for Lactating Persons and Lactation Spaces

UFS requests the Chancellor to require all SUNY campuses to implement lactation spaces with proper accommodations consistent with NYS labor law

- \* a small refrigerator and close access to a water source for cleaning and sanitizing pump parts
- \* not be required to clock out for the purposes of expressing breast milk
- \* accessible to all lactating persons
- \* option to pump in their office and to lock door and cover windows
- \* designate a lactation coordinator to facilitate the rules and resolve disputes.

#### 180-03-01 Test option campuses

UFS recommends that the SUNY Chancellor advocate that all SUNY campuses become test free or test optional and that Campus Governance Leaders and Chief Academic Officers take the necessary steps to eliminate or make optional standardized test scores as a metric of evaluation for applicants to undergraduate and graduate programs across SUNY

- \* unless the applicant otherwise directs, all admissions decisions be made prior to viewing test scores
- \* if standardized test scores are used to evaluate applicants, campuses should justify their use and admissions criteria
- \* cutoff scores not be used to eliminate candidates from admission or for eligibility to receive SUNY-wide, State-sponsored, and campus-based scholarships/fellowships and financial support.

#### 180-04-01 Reinstitute Graduate Fellowship Incentives

UFS recommends that the SUNY Administration and the SUNY RF work together to provide funding and resources to restart and maintain a Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program modeled after the 2015-2016 program... and that funding be adequate to expand the incentive program to include other STEM graduate fellowship programs (e.g. NSF GRFP), additional NIH F30/F31 deadlines, and graduate fellowship programs in non-STEM fields.

GOV: Reminder that surveys are open through Monday; please complete and remind colleagues and students.

UAC: UAC met on November 6<sup>th</sup> and will prepare report for next senate meeting.

ULC: There was adamant opposition in ULC to the proposed changes to graduation. Rollout of smoke-free campus underway; there are some concerns about how to do this sensitively. Student offices have been moved to The Hub; this was decided three years ago and it is not directed toward specific religious student groups. Suggestions about improving visibility about diversity grants.

UPPC: Optimal size of the University was erroneously not included in the reports; this will be included in the minutes and reports will be online shortly.

All other councils and committees had nothing new to report or were not present.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23