

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Senate Executive Committee Meeting, September 13th, 2010

As submitted to Tom Bessette, Secretary, University Senate

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – Eric Lifshin, Chair

N/A

UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) –Daniel D. White, J. Philippe Abraham & Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, SUNY Senators

The SUNY-wide Faculty Senate will meet on October 21-23, 2010 at Alfred State College and the College of Ceramics at Alfred in Alfred New York. All three senators plan to attend. Senator White sent information to SEC and GOV members about getting involved in the Chancellor's next phase of the Strategic planning process. Those who have volunteered should please let Gail Cameron or Dan White know if they have been put on a committee. The SUNY Faculty senate will hear reports from the Chancellor and the Chancellor's executive staff Dr. Lavalley and Ms. Rimai. Likely topics of concern will be the failure of PHEEIA in the legislature, continued budget shrinkage, maintaining academic quality in the face of likely program reductions, etc. Please feel free to discuss suggestions for resolutions, discussion topics, or areas of clarification with any of the three SUNY-Faculty senators (Abraham, Shahedipour-Sandvik, White).

GSO (Graduate Student Organization) – Nicholas Fahrenkopf, GSO Representative

Nothing to report.

SA (Student Association) – Justin Wax Jacobs, President Student Association

Nothing to Report

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – Richard Matyi, Chair

Nothing to Report

CAFFECoR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Pradeep Haldar, Chair

Nothing to Report

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – John Monfasani, Chair

Nothing to Report

COR (Council on Research) – James Castracane, Chair

The Council on Research held a preliminary meeting on August 31st to elect a Chair. James Castracane was re-elected. The first actual meeting will take place on September 15th

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Vincent LaBella, Chair

We held our first meeting and elected a chair. We will be looking at our first case in two weeks.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Laurence Kranich, Chair

At its organizational meeting on August 30, 2010, Laurence Kranich was elected Chair of GAC. Also, Chairs were selected for each of the three standing committees. The first regular meeting of the Council will be on September 24. In addition, the Council will hold extra sessions in October to discuss CAA assessment reports.

GOV (Governance Council) – Susanna Fessler, Chair

The Governance Council had its first meeting on Wednesday, September 08, 2010 and addressed three items of business:

1) Minor Revision to the Language of Charter Section X.3.8.4.1, as follows:

Three representatives shall be invited from the College of Arts and Sciences and one from each of the following [Schools or Colleges](#): Business, Criminal Justice, Education, [Computing and Information Science and Policy](#), Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Public Health, Rockefeller-~~College~~, and Social Welfare.

These changes were deemed “housekeeping” changes that did not require a formal amendment of the Senate Charter.

2) Follow-up on Resolution 0910-02: GOV members will be reviewing materials from similar processes on our sister SUNY campuses to determine what best practices could be incorporated on the UA campus. This item will be on the next GOV agenda, at which time we hope to provide a suggested structure for membership to an ad hoc committee on Administrator and Administrative Services reviews.

3) Formation of sub-committees and other regular GOV charges:

- 1) GOV members will be reading over the current draft of the governance handbook, making any suggested changes, and seeing that it is posted on the Senate website.
- 2) The Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation will comprise GOV as a “committee as a whole” and its first charge will be to review faculty perceptions of governance as reported in the Middle States report and address any problems.
- 3) The Committee on Liaison and Elections will include Tom Bessette, Nan Carroll, Candace Merbler, and Dan White. The remaining members will be chosen from Senate volunteers who have not yet been placed on sub-committees.
- 4) GOV agreed that, as in the past, the Committee on Mediation would only be populated if there were a need.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, Chair

LISC convened on Tuesday 31st of August and elected a new chair. Other than that there is “nothing to report”.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – JoAnn Malatesta, Chair

UAC has no new business to report at the moment. We have formed sub committees and our first meeting will be next Wednesday

ULC (University Life Council) – Danielle Leonard, Chair

Nothing to Report

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – R. Michael Range, Chair

The UPPC received a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Information Security from the School of Business. This proposal will be placed on the agenda of the first meeting scheduled for Sept. 17.