

## Council and Committee Reports for Senate Meeting December 11, 2017

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### UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – Karin Reinhold

#### I. Informational

Senate leadership refers to Chair Karin Reinhold, Immediate past Chair Jim Collins and Vice Chair Jim Mower.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Senate leadership met to discuss follow up on recent Senate elections, and plan an agenda for Senate leadership meetings with the Provost and Chief of Staff. Three fora were planned for the Spring:

- February: Equity and Inclusion
- March: Humanities and Social Sciences
- April: the State of IT on campus.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Senate leadership met with Provost Stellar, Chief of Staff, Vice Provost for Administration Szelest, Chief of Staff and Associate Provost for Program Development Ann Marie Murray. Among the items discussed were: reports of the implementation teams on Contingent Concerns soon to be released; compensation for part time faculty that wants to serve on the Senate councils; inquiry on graduate students' stipends; faculty workload; and Decanal review. Departmental academic profiles will be made available soon. The report of assessment of the division of Finance is available at <http://www.albany.edu/financeandadministration/assessment-report-2017.php>  
The Budget can be accessed via MyUAlbany or

- Sources of Revenue: [http://www.albany.edu/budget/files/Sources\\_of\\_Revenue.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/budget/files/Sources_of_Revenue.pdf)
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Consultation with faculty of Information Sciences and CHES is schedule for early December.

On Nov 15<sup>th</sup> during UPPC meeting, a discussion of SUNY's resolution on replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day suggested to make this the topic of a Senate forum.

On Nov 17<sup>th</sup> the election for amendments to bylaws achieved quorum with overwhelming support for both amendments. People can still vote to show a strong support for the amendments.

On Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Chair Reinhold and Vice Chair Mowers received a request for Senate representatives in the Excellence Awards Selection Committees.

We continue working with the office of the Provost on the content of the new shared governance website.

On Nov 30<sup>th</sup> we received information from President Rodríguez about a restructure of operations in the Communications and Marketing area to better meet institutional needs. The office of Communications and Marketing will now report to Fardin Sanai, Vice President for University Development. Joe Brennan, Vice President for Communications and Marketing, will continue to report to the President and focus on helping the School of Public Health and Innovate 518 with their communication needs.

The Spring Faculty meeting is scheduled for April 3.

On Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, the Senate leadership participated in the president's council together with Vice Presidents, Deans, representatives from the Graduate and Undergraduate Student organizations and key staff from units across campus. We were briefed about campus restructuring (two VP positions were eliminated). Jim Van Vorst, VP for Finance and Administration, gave a presentation about a structural deficit in the budget and re-structuring measures to handle it. The university is looking for ways to reduce redundancy and concentrate efforts. In particular, efforts are underway to strengthen IT security. The new spokesperson for the university is Jordan Carleo-Evangelist, Director Communications & State Relations. The new university website will be deployed on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>. The Strategic Planning groups are developing programs to be presented on Dec 15. There is a Tobacco Free Campus effort and a 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and a Free Speech working group working on policies for allowing expression but maintaining safety on campus.

## II. Actions taken

The following programs were approved to bring to the Senate:

- Deactivation/Discontinuation of MBA/MS,BS,BA Dual Programs
- MA in International Education Management

## III. Recommendations for actions

Review of new shared governance website design sent to Committee on Liaison and Elections and The Information Technology Usage Policy Committee.

Review issue of who is responsible of keeping track of current status of the various centers and institutes and report updates to COR.

Recommendation for deadlines of proposals to be submitted the various Senate councils to receive timely consideration.

## IV. Announcements

- 2018 President's Awards for Exemplary Public Engagement  
Nomination deadline: Saturday, February 10, 2018 - Mary Hunt
- Support of the 2017-2018 UAlbany Fund.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
  - o Senate Forum of *Equity and Inclusion*, tentative date: February 13<sup>th</sup>.

- o Senate Forum of *Arts and Humanity*, tentative date: March 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - o **Spring Faculty Address**, April 3 at 1:00 pm in the Campus Center Ballroom.
  - o Senate Forum on *The State of IT on Campus*, tentative date: April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- SUNY Undergraduate Research Symposium 2018: Friday, April 20 at Oneonta, and Saturday, April 21 at Monroe County Community College.

## V. Three Things

- Volunteer for Service in the Senate. If your term is ending during Spring 2018 and you intend to continue serving in the Senate, please add your name to the volunteer list. Please share with Council/Committees members.
- Invite others to serve on the Senate. Early next semester we will need nominations for Senators at Large. And we'll recruit volunteers for service in councils & committees.
- All news and stories should be directed to Jordan Carleo-Evangelist, Director Communications & State Relations.

### SUNY Senators' Report – Diane Hamilton, Walter Little, Latonia Spencer

- Nothing to report

### Graduate Student Organization Report – Dawn Wharram, Lead Senator

- Nothing reported

### Student Association Report –Jerlisa Fontaine, President

- Nothing reported

### Council/Committee Chair Reports:

#### CAA – Istvan Kecskes, Chair, Mary Ellen Mallia Co-Chair

- Nothing reported

#### CAFFECOR – Carol Jewell, Chair

- Nothing reported

#### CERS – Michael Jerison, Outgoing Chair

- David Wagner, Professor of Sociology, was chosen as chair of CERS.

#### COR – Robert Rosenswig, Chair

A Council on Research Meeting was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 where:

1-CoR members voted unanimously in favor of recognizing the Center for Global Health as an officially recognized UAlbany center for research.

2-It was decided that the Award Review subcommittee will formulate a recommendation for the CoR evaluation process of the FRAP-A awards as well as more explicit directions for Deans to use in their evaluations to present to the CoR membership. The plan is to have these items posted online for the 2018-19 FRAP A competition.

3-The following proposals were received by CoR for the 2017 grant cycle and are presented below along with the number of proposals received from the previous cycle in 2016.

<b>FRAP-A</b>		<b>Conference</b>		
	<b>Fall 2016-17</b>	<b>Fall 2017-18</b>	<b>Fall 2016-17</b>	<b>Fall 2017-18</b>
			RN	
CAS	10	12	A	1
			Univ	
CEAS	10	4	Lib	1
Rock	3	1	CAS	0
SCJ	0	1	Rock	0
SoB	4	1	SCJ	0
SOE	0	2		<b>2</b>
SPH	0	4		<b>9</b>
SSW	2	0		
	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>		
<b>Benevolent</b>		<b>Journal</b>		
	<b>Fall 2016-17</b>	<b>Fall 2017-18</b>	<b>Fall 2016-17</b>	<b>Fall 2017-18</b>
CAS	5	8	CAS	1
ROCK	1	1	SCJ	1
SOE	0	2		<b>2</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>		

4-CoR received a proposal for the establishment of the Institute on the Health Effects of Climate Change and the Environment. The subcommittee on Centers, Institutes and Specialized Research Laboratories reviewed the proposal and decided it was deficient in a number of key areas. Therefore, subcommittee chair, Nancy Poehlmann, sent a memo to that effect to Drs. Nasca, Joseph and Thorncroft to advise them on the changes that need to be made for the proposal to receive consideration.

**CPCA** – Louise-Anne McNutt, Chair

- Nothing to report

**GAC** – Sean Rafferty, Chair

- Nothing reported

**GOV** – Jim Mower, Chair

- Website updates: GOV discussed changes to the new Senate webpage (under construction) to clarify shared governance at the University at Albany. GOV members John Schmidt and Yuchi Young prepared updates based on the GOV discussion and circulated them to the rest of the council. The council approved the changes and forwarded them to the Senate Chair.
- SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution on Alternative Teacher Certification Pathway for SUNY Authorized Charter Schools: This resolution proposes changes to teacher certification practices for SUNY-supervised charter schools. GOV reviewed the resolution and will, at its next meeting in January, review a counter resolution proposed by the SUNY Senate.

**LISC** – Sheila Bernard, Billie Franchini, Co-Chairs

- Nothing reported

**UAC** – Karen Kiorpes, Christy Smith, Co-Chairs

- Nothing to report.

**ULC** – Ekow King, Chair

- ULC introduced Charter Amendment No.: 1718-01A

**UPPC** – Jim Collins, Chair

UPPC Report for Senate Meeting on 12/11/17

Information:

The Council met on November 15.

After the approval of the 101817 Minutes, Chair Collins asked for a motion to change the agenda, moving the four program proposals ahead of Chair and Council reports in order that this old and new business might be dealt with during the meeting. He also asked Council members to restrict questions on reports to important matters.

Provost James Stellar asked in lieu of a full report whether there were any questions for him. A council member asked about the status of the move of the Department of Information Science from the CEAS to CEHCS, the Provost replied that the move was largely agreed upon and that he would be meeting with the faculty members of IS to discuss any remaining concerns before bringing matter to President Rodriguez during the next few weeks.

The Council heard a report from VP for Finance and Administration James Van Voorst, who reported that the 2017-2018 budget 'looked good' because of an increase in undergraduate enrollments. He noted, however, that the cost of new labor contracts for CSEA and UUP would have to be factored into the budget once they were known.

Chair Collins reported that the Group OneDrive for the Council was established, with folders and files uploaded for all Council business to date. He encouraged all Council members to access the drive and report any difficulties to him. Council members agreed and reaffirmed their preference to have meeting materials on the Group Drive as well as sent as email attachments with meeting announcements and agendas.

The council discussed a proposal to deactivate/discontinue 31 MBA/MS, BS, and BA dual degree programs. Chair Collins pointed out that this was a departure from the emphasis on interdisciplinary programs and collaborations in current strategic planning documents. Council members discussed questions of entry criteria and access to SB programs. In subsequent discussion, Zina Lawrence, SB Director of Graduate Student Services, responded that the MBA was itself an interdisciplinary degree and that through its undergraduate entry criteria and grade appeals process, the undergraduate business program was accessible to a wide range of students. The Council approved the program and referred it to the SEC.

The Council heard a presentation from Professor Michael Sattinger of Economics about an initial proposal to establish a BA program in Business Economics. The Council discussed the proposal, including its relation to the School of Business and that it had promise to enable diverse range of students to obtain business-focused degrees in economics. The Council voted to approve the initial program, pending minor modification of the Campus Impact Form, and have it sent to SUNY central for the second stage review.

The council heard a presentation from Professor Gary Saulnier of Electrical and Computer Engineering about an initial proposal to establish a BS program in Electrical and Computing Engineering. After discussion about the resources required for the new program, the Council voted to approve the program proposal, pending revision of the Campus Impact Form to clarify actual personnel costs, and have it sent to SUNY central for the second stage review.

The Council discussed three resolutions from SUNY Faculty Senate for campus discussion and potential endorsement:

1. Attendance Policy Accommodation for Military Drills and Training
2. To Provide Free Access to Menstrual Products at all SUNY Campuses in All Restrooms
3. To Recognize the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day

After discussing financial and non-financial issues raised in the resolutions and the unclear status of University policy on resolutions 1 and 2, the Council referred the resolutions to Senate Councils and Committees for further study.

Actions:

1. Approve an initial proposal for a new BA in Business Economics for submission to SUNY;
2. Approve an initial proposal for a new BS in Electrical and Computing Engineering for submission to SUNY;
3. Approve a proposal for a new MA in International Education and refer to SEC;
4. Approve a proposal to deactivate MBA/MS, BS, and BA dual degree programs and refer to SEC;
5. Refer SUNY Senate resolution on Attendance Policy Accommodation for Military Drills and Training to the Resource Analysis and Policy Committee to investigate financial implications as well as current University or SUNY policy on the matter;
6. Refer SUNY Senate resolution To Provide Free Access to Menstrual Products at all SUNY Campuses in All Restrooms to the Facilities Committee to explore the feasibility, financial implications, and alignment with existing University facilities policy and planning;
7. Refer SUNY Senate resolution To Recognize the Second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day to the Senate Executive Committee and Chair of the Senate for further study.

Recommendations:

That the Senate leadership works with SEC and the University Administration to ensure that Senate Councils have sufficient members and staff support for their efforts to engage in transparent, effective shared governance, including the keeping and recording of agendas and minutes.

The Council next meets on December 13.