

**Senate Secretary Christian Poehlmann
Reports Submitted for December 5, 2016 Senate meeting:**

CHAIR’S REPORT – James Collins

I. Informational

1. On November 8, Chair Collins sent Chief of Staff Szelest information about the numerous offices which must register changes to academic names or programs
2. On November 9, Fall Faculty Meeting was held. Participants were pleased with an interactive format allowing time for questions after the President’s Report.
3. On November 11, Chair Collins met with Vice Chair Reinhold and Immediate Past Chair Fox to discuss diverse issues, including follow up on Senate resolutions and an agenda for Senate leadership meetings with the Provost and Chief of Staff.
4. On November 21, 2016 a constituent asked Chair Collins to inquire into University responses to recent racist or potentially racist incidents on campus. Collins raised the issue with Provost Wheeler during the 11/21 Senate Meeting and he responded.
5. On November 22, 2016, Senate leaders (Collins and Fox), met with Provost Wheeler and Chief of Staff Szelest. Among items discussed was Senate representation on administrative review processes, including review of deans and non-academic administrative units. Senate leaders next meet with the Provost and Chief of Staff on December 2.
6. On November 22, Chair Collins and Immediate Past Chair Fox met to plan revisions to the Senate Handbook clarifying Council procedures and routing practices.
7. On November 25, Chair Collins received a draft statement on safety and freedom of expression in the face of hate speech and threats of violence from the Executive Committee of the SUNY Faculty Senate.
8. The Senate Executive Committee will meet On November 30.

II. Actions taken

None

III. Recommendations for actions

None

OTHER REPORTS

UFS (University Faculty Senate) – Diane Hamilton, Walter Little & Latonia Spencer, SUNY Senators

1. Nothing new to report.

GSA (Graduate Student Association) – Dylan Carr GSA President

1. Nothing reported.

SA (Student Association) – Felix Abreu, Student Association President

1. Nothing reported.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – James Mower, Chair

1. Nothing new to report

CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) –Carol Jewell, Chair

1. Informational
 - a. A few CAFFECOR members met on Friday, November 18, 2016, at which time Malcolm Sherman volunteered to serve on the new subcommittee which GOV will form, to create procedural language for the undergraduate bulletin, as was previously announced. We also began to talk about the policy for faculty fliers.
2. Reports of Actions
 - a. N/A
3. Recommendations for Actions
 - a. N/A

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Michael Jerison, Chair

1. Nothing reported.

COR (Council on Research) – Daniele Fabris, Chair

1. Nothing reported.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Louise-Anne McNutt, Chair

1. Nothing reported.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – James Fossett, Chair

1. Nothing reported.

GOV (Governance Council) – Karin Reinhold, Chair

1. We will be meeting Dec 7. The Council is looking into the representation of contingent faculty in the Senate.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – David Mamorella, Chair

- **Overview of Blackboard Organizations** This presentation described using Blackboard beyond just using it for courses. This concept of using communities/organizations has been gaining traction; and anyone with a Net ID can build one.
- **Brief Overview of the new Lecture Capture Room in SB-31**
Dave showed slides of the new LC Room in SB-31 which was recently renovated to capture lectures. It is new to the faculty, but if anyone is interested in learning how it is done, contact the Classroom Technology staff in ITS.
- **Overview/Brief Demo of VoiceThread**
Dave presented an overview of VoiceThread, which is an interactive collaboration and sharing tool that enables users to add images, documents, videos, and to which other users can add voice, text, audio file, or video comments. This tool can be incorporated into Blackboard. It does require a webcam for the video component. If anyone is interested, contact the Faculty Technology Resources team in ITS. There is a workshop on VoiceThread scheduled for February 14th, 2017 in ITLAL.

Report/Updates from Rebecca Mugridge (Dean of University Libraries):

- **Faculty searches.**
 - o Director of Technical Services and Library Systems. The request to fill the position will go out to Budget/HR/ODI this week.
 - o Outreach and Marketing Librarian. An internal search for this position has begun and hope to be finished by mid-December.
- **Student Advisory Board.** The first meeting of the Board took place on October 25, and the second meeting is coming up on

November 16. Due to the amount of student interest, the SAB was split into fall and spring. A little over 30 students attended the first meeting. This meeting raised a number of issues, including their concerns with printing costs.

- **Library Hours Task Force.** At the request of the Libraries' Student Advisory Board, Rebecca has appointed a Task Force to make recommendations regarding the hours of operation for all three university libraries. The Task Force conducted a survey of students in October and is now conducting a survey of faculty and staff. The results of these surveys will be used to inform our decisions about hours in the next semester and going forward.
- **Digital Scholarship Center Task Force.** The Libraries have formed a task force to explore how we might expand the services offered by our Interactive Media Center to include things like data visualization software and GIS. To inform their work they've invited Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, to speak to the Libraries and other interested folks about digital scholarship support services. This will take place on November 15, 10:30-12:00 in the Cobb Room, and LISC members are welcome to attend.
- **Other Items**
Rebecca will have a representative speak to the Committee on the reconfiguration of the Library's service desks and how it's going to change the look of the Library.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) –Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs

UAC met on October 18 and again on November 10. In its September meeting, UAC reviewed a proposal from the School of Social Welfare to revise their policies on termination from their major. In response to questions at that meeting, the School clarified the language of the policy and the circumstances under which a student would not receive a passing grade in Field Placements. The proposal was approved unanimously on October 18.

On October 18 UAC reviewed two revised General Education plans, one from Political Science and the other from Social Welfare. The former was approved. UAC has asked Social Welfare for a point of clarification regarding the Dewey Library role in the Plan.

Four new General Education Competency Plans were submitted. After the October meeting, Chair Kiorpes divided UAC voting members into subcommittees to review three of the new Competency Plans. Kiorpes assigned plans to subcommittees based on representation of a UAC faculty member in a discipline relevant to the department submitting the plan. The subcommittees reported on the plans at the UAC meeting on November 10.

- Computer Science: UAC will work with the department on required revisions before it can be approved.
- CNSE: Approved pending minor changes.
- Urban Studies and Planning: Approved pending minor changes.

The Human Development competency plan will be reviewed in time for discussion at the December 6 UAC meeting.

The Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing will be submitting a proposal for a statute of limitations for late withdrawal requests. Additionally, a proposal regarding readmission petitions may be forthcoming.

Two student cases are under review by Interdisciplinary Studies, including one internship.

On October 27, Kiorpes and Kathie Winchester met with Cynthia Fox and Jim Collins to discuss their request to SEC to create documentation of procedures to follow when a department or college proposes certain organizational changes. Recent proposed changes in the School of Business and in the College of Computer Engineering and Applied Sciences have brought such issues to the forefront, and there has been clarification regarding the role the SEC and UPPC should play in such proposals. Kiorpes and Winchester want to capture the jurisdiction for approvals, the steps needed, and the order of those steps, based on the types of administrative changes being proposed. They provided Fox and Collins a draft of a list of possible types of changes and a list of the groups that may be involved in approval and implementation.

ULC (University Life Council) – Ekow King, Chair

1. Informational – The University Life Council’s next meeting is on November 28th.
 - a. A report will be given at the December 5th meeting
2. Reports of Actions
3. Recommendations for Actions

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Cynthia Fox, Chair

1. Informational
 - a. At the meeting of 11/16, Vice President for Finance and Administration James Van Vorst announced that an outside consultant would be on campus December 6-9 to gather information about the functioning of division of Finance and Administration and requested that UPPC recommend two individuals to meet with him during this visit.
 - b. Brian Polanco has been appointed UPPC’s undergraduate student representative.
 - c. UPPC’s last meeting for the semester is scheduled for December.
2. Actions Taken
 - a. As follow up to UPPC’s 11/16 discussion of Senate policy and procedures re: departmental name changes and reorganizations, Senate Chair /UPPC member Jim Collins agreed to create a first draft of a document that would eventually serve as permanent record/ guide for more consistent Senate decision making in the future.
 - b. In response to VP Van Voorst’s request at our 11/16 meeting, Chairs Chittur and Leventhal have been asked to

have their respective committees (Facilities and Resources) each elect a member to represent UPPC/the Senate at the meeting with the consultant.

3. Recommendations.
 - a. None at this time