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Welcome to the University Senate

Senators: Please sign in and pick up your iClickers

(Teaching Faculty Senators should also pick up a ballot)

Guests: Please sign in

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UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT - Susanna, Chair

- February 6th is UAlbany Day at the Plaza downtown.
 Various activities are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
 See
 - http://www.albany.edu/ualbanyday/index.php?WT.svl=i mage

for more details.

- The call for nominations for Teaching Faculty for the Presidential Search Committee went out before the break. The deadline was January 20th. By request of the University Council, the call for nominations was also sent out to management/ confidential personnel on 1/13/2012, with a deadline of 1/20/2012. The SEC reviewed the list of nominees at the 1/23/12 meeting and discussed the election process. For that discussion, both the Senate Chair and Vice Chair recused themselves because they are nominees. The chair of CPCA led the SEC in the subsequent discussion, and her report is below.
- A web page for the Presidential Search has gone up at http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/, where updates will be posted regularly as the process gets underway. There is a link to this page from the main Senate site, also.

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- The University Council sent out a Request for Proposals to 10 firms for the Presidential search. 5 firms sent in proposals, and they were interviewed on 1/23/12. The Council will choose one firm to conduct the Presidential search.
- The University Council requested that the Senate Chair put out a call for nominations for Professional Faculty, one of whom will serve on the Presidential Search Committee. That call went out on 1/10/12, and the deadline for nominations is February 3, 2012. The University Council will choose one person from among the nominees to serve, in accordance with the Board of Trustees guidelines.
- Because of restrictions on the number of e-mails that can be sent from one address in one 24-hour period, the Senate Recorder has modified the way that messages will be sent out to the Senate and the SEC. As a recipient you should notice little if any difference. However, if you experience any problems with Senate e-mail messages please contact Gail Cameron.
- Last semester a few people were inadvertently left off of the Senate distribution list. This error has been corrected. In particular, Senator Wills requested that the Chair make a full report about why he was one of the faculty who did not receive Senate e-mails. Below is that report.

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At the beginning of every academic year, the Senate Recorder, in coordination with the Senate Secretary, compiles a complete list of Senate members. This list is then used by the Recorder to set up an e-mail distribution list for disseminating Senate materials. In Fall of 2011, a number of Senate seats were unsettled at the beginning of the semester, including the undergraduate student senators, the graduate student senators, the Senator from the School of Social Welfare, and one of the CAS at-large Senate seats. In the last case, Brett Bowles had been elected in the spring of 2011 to represent CAS as an at large senator. However, Senator Bowles took leave in Fall 2011 and did not contact the Senate to inform it of his inability to serve as a Senator. Thus, at first Senator Bowles' name was on the distribution list. The Senate Chair received an e-mail from the chair of LLC, informing her of Bowles' leave, on 9/2/11. She contacted the chair of the CAS Faculty Council and requested that CAS replace Senator Bowles. Senator Wills was that replacement. Confirmation that he was willing to serve came to the Senate Chair on 9/21/11. The Chair e-mailed the Senate Recorder with this news immediately thereafter, and indicated that Senator Wills would also serve on UPPC. The Chair explicitly asked that Senator Wills be added to the UPPC distribution list, but she neglected to explicitly request that he be added to the Senate distribution list, also, assuming that this would happen as a matter of course. It was not until December 2011 that the Chair and the Recorder were made aware of this omission, along with a handful of others. As soon as we were made aware of the situation, we rectified it.

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Report from Christine Wagner regarding the Presidential Search Committee:

Action of the Senate Executive Committee on Election of Teaching Faculty to the Presidential Search Committee:

 A motion regarding eligibility to vote in the election of teaching faculty to the Presidential Search Committee was made to the Senate Executive Committee by email on 1/26/12. The motion stated that all full time teaching faculty on the Senate excepting those who are also administrators (as defined by being Management/Confidential, not UUP) should vote. The motion was seconded and a vote was recorded by email response. The motion passed on 1/27/12 with a vote of 11 Yes, 0 No, and 3 Abstentions.

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

- The SUNY Senators attended the SUNY Winter Plenary at Cornell University on January 26, 27, and 28th 2012. There were two resolutions considered and passed at the plenary. The titles of the resolution appear below and will be reproduced in the next SUNY Senator report. In short, the SUNY senate supports the idea that equitable access to higher education should be afforded to all residents of the State of New York. The Senate also expressed grave concerns for the process by which the CUNY administration circumvented faculty to approve a new general education policy called "Pathways." Of particular interest to UAlbany is the fact that the Board of Trustees has passed a new set of guidelines by which campuses must abide when searching for a new president. The University Center representatives asked the Chancellor to address a concern that professional faculty raised about their representation on presidential searches. The guidelines indicated that one professional or staff member should be on the search committee but there is no parallel process similar to the teaching faculty process whereby professionals may elect their representative.
- Resolution supporting the Board of Trustees' January 25, 2012
 resolution "Equitable financial and educational access to higher
 education for New York's undocumented immigrants" (The DREAM
 Act).
- SUNY University Faculty senate resolution on CUNY's failure to use the principle of shared governance in establishing a new curriculum.

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Organization) - Heidi Nicholls, GSO Representative

No response received.

GSO (Graduate Student

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- SA (Student Association) –
 Bryant Barksdale, Student
 Association President
 Designee
- Nothing new to report.

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- CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – Adrian Masters, Chair
- At its meeting on 12
 December the CAA
 approved the program
 review reports for LACS,
 Educational Psychology and
 Counseling Psychology.

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- CAFFECoR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility)
 Aran Mull, Chair
- Three training sessions were held with the Department of Residential Life staff addressing First Amendment and Academic Freedom issues in the residential hall environment.

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- CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship)
 Carolyn MacDonald, Chair
- The CERS chair met with the senate chair, university counsel, the VPR and the chief of staff to discuss changes in the misconduct policy. Some compromises were proposed to be brought to the president. CERS is awaiting a reply.

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- COR (Council on Research) James Castracane, Chair
- The Council on Research met on December 12th and considered multiple agenda items:
- Associate VP Bob Webster reported on the status of the Research Working Group participating in the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan. He also reported on the University's receipt of approximately \$3M from the State's first economic development grant. The funds were targeted on the RNA Institute and East Campus for core biotechnology initiatives.
- The Benevolent Awards review sub-committee recommended 8 applicants for funding totaling \$3,500 and the Conference/Journal Support Award subcommittee will provide \$2,500 to its lone applicant.
- The FRAP-A sub-committee will meet January 19th to review its 15 applications. Recommendations will be discussed at the next (2/2/12) COR meeting.
- The Excellence in Research and Creative Activities subcommittee forwarded 3 recommendations to VPR Dias.

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- CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) –
 Christine Wagner, Chair
- CPCA has completed the review of fifteen cases during the fall semester. Provost Phillips attended the December 12th meeting during which general issues pertaining to the preparation and evaluation of promotion and continuing appointment cases were discussed. The first meeting of the spring semester will occur February 3rd, 2012.

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GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Tim Groves, Chair

 The GAC met on December 16, 2011. The Committee on Appeals and Academic Standing presented its findings on three appeals cases. Following discussion of the details, the GAC voted to approve all three sets of findings. There are presently no further cases pending. The GAC currently has no bills to bring before the Senate.

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• GOV (Governance Council) - Andi Lyons, Chair

During the GOV Council's last meeting in December, we decided in principle that the proposal for a Charter Amendment on the formation of a new Senate Council was almost ready to move forward. Subsequently, through email, the Council voted to approve the proposed Charter Amendment and related guidelines, and moved that they be sent for inclusion as an agenda item at the next SEC meeting. On January 23, the Chair and members of the Committee on Administrative Assessment attended the SEC meeting to present the proposed Charter Amendment and Guidelines, and to answer any SEC questions regarding this matter. The SEC voted in favor of moving the proposed Charter Amendment and Guidelines to the full Senate for consideration. In keeping with the required three weeks advance notice for any proposed Charter change, the materials will be sent out to the full Senate for consideration at the March 5 meeting.

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- LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) Nancy Newman, Chair
- On Dec. 12, LISC established a schedule to address several Information Technology issues. The IT subcommittee will meet on Jan. 17 to discuss the CIO's revision of the "Responsible Use" policy with Chris Haile and Lisa Trubitt. We have asked Counsel John Reilly to discuss UAlbany's protocol for handling FOIL requests of faculty email and other issues raised by Steve Worona at UFS at our Feb. 6 meeting. Dean Casserly gave an overview of the Library's users' survey. The results showed a desire for expansion of the collections and other resources and more graduate student orientation sessions. The Strategic Plan Working Group on Emerging Technology will share salient items from its idea list with LISC later this spring through Chris Haile (Chair) and our liaison, Bruce Dudek.
- Members of IT met Jan. 17 and 25 to discuss revisions to the "Responsible Use" policy. Chris and Lisa will present a penultimate draft to the subcommittee in early February.

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- UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council)
 JoAnne Malatesta, Chair
- The Undergraduate Academic Council met on both December 12th and December 15th to review the general education proposal from the General Education Committee. After discussion and agreement to slight revisions, the UAC voted to approve the proposal with one member abstaining. The Chairs of **UAC** and the General Education Committee are now working on the final version of the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to UPPC no later than early February with the goal of bringing the proposal to the Senate as soon as possible this semester.

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- ULC (University Life Council) – Yenisel Gulatee, Chair
- ULC is currently in the process of planning the Spring 2012 meetings.

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- UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) - Eric Lifshin, Chair
- UPPC met on 1/27/12. We developed an initial draft of a campus impact form to arrive with any bill forwarded to UPPC for comment from SEC. This form will be further studied by UPPC members and then presented to SEC for further discussion.

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ONLY <u>Full-time teaching</u>
<u>faculty senators</u> vote in this
<u>election</u>

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UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Senate Charter Amendment No.: 1112-03A

Introduced by: Committee on Administrative Evaluations

Date: February 6, 2012

AMENDMENT TO CREATE A COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND EVALUATION (CARE)

- Whereas the Middle States review pointed to a need for a more systematic administrative review:
- Whereas the SUNY-wide Senate provides for Faculty-led review of administrative units on each campus;
- Whereas half of SUNY campuses and two University Centers have introduced such mechanisms for regular administrative review;
- Whereas the UAlbany Senate in April 2010 passed a resolution that the SEC explore setting up mechanisms for such review;
- Whereas the SEC has referred this task to the Governance Council;

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE BE ADOPTED:

- That a new Council on Administrative Review and Evaluation (CARE) be created.
- That this amendment shall go into effect in Fall 2012.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNVERSITY AT ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: CAFFECoR Date: February 6, 2012

REMOVAL OF THE "PRINCIPLES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY" STATEMENT FROM UNIVERSITY DOCUMENTS

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

The "Principles for a Just Community" statement be removed from all University documentation including:

Undergraduate Bulletin
Graduate Bulletin
University at Albany Handbook
Program, Department and Division Student Handbooks
The Responsible Use of Information Technology

That the Bill be forwarded to the President for approval and implementation.

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BACKGROUND:

- The "Principles of a Just Community" statement was first approved by the Senate in 89-90. A revision was last made in 00-01. The "Principles for a Just Community" has recently been voluntarily removed from the "Community Rights and Responsibilities" but still appears in various university documents including the Undergraduate Bulletin.
- The University remains committed to the maintenance of a just community however the language of the "Principles for a Just Community" is dated. The text was removed from the "Community Rights and Responsibilities" following discussions with CAFFECOR.
 CAFFECOR is concerned that these passages are more likely to engender confusion than clarity and recommends that the "Principles for a Just Community" statement be removed from all University documents.
- The members of CAFFECoR would like to stress that the committee stands strongly behind the importance of justice on this campus and within our community. This action is an attempt to avoid confusion and to clarify campus policy for the entire community.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Senator David Wills

Date: February 6. 2012

RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES IN THE MATTER OF THE 2010 PROGRAM DEACTIVATIONS

- Whereas Section 2.2.2 of the Faculty Bylaws of the University at Albany stipulates that "the Faculty shall be informed and given opportunity to discuss at the earliest possible stages in their formulation, and shall review and provide formal consultation on, prior to adoption, all proposals regarding the creation, renaming, major re-organization, or dissolution of academic units and programs";
- Whereas the 10/1/10 decision to deactivate programs in Classics, French, Italian, Russian, and Theatre failed to meet the standard of formal consultation required by Faculty By-Law 2.2.2 ["The Faculty shall be informed and given opportunity to discuss at the earliest possible stages in their formulation, and shall review and provide formal consultation on, prior to adoption, all proposals regarding: (a) Creation, renaming, major re-organization, or dissolution of academic units and programs"].
- Whereas no formal response was provided by the administration to the Senate following passage of
 Resolution 1011-01, which opposed the deactivations and called upon the President to pursue a
 consultation process that complies with the spirit and the letter of the Faculty By-Laws, and Resolution
 1011-02, which determined that those deactivations compromised the core mission of the university
 and the ability of SUNY to fulfill its global mission as articulated by "The Power of SUNY" strategic plan,

Be it resolved that the Senate charge GOV:

- to make a full and detailed investigation of the administration's actions,
- · to identify specific actions that were in violation of procedures outlined in the Faculty By-Laws,
- to create a set of guidelines that more clearly determine how the Council on Governance will respond to similar administrative actions in the future,
- to provide a report to the full Senate by 3/15/12;

Be it further resolved that, following that report, the Senate chair call on the President to reverse any administrative decisions that are determined to have been in violation of 2.2.2 of the Faculty By-Laws.

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Introduced by: Senator David Wills

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RESOLUTION TO INSTITUTE SPECIFIC CONSULTATION PROCEDURES BEFORE ENACTION OF DEACTIVATIONS

- Whereas Faculty By-Law 2.2.2 states that "the Faculty shall be informed and
 given opportunity to discuss at the earliest possible stages in their formulation,
 and shall review and provide formal consultation on, prior to adoption, all
 proposals regarding: (a) Creation, renaming, major re-organization, or
 dissolution of academic units and programs,"
- Whereas Senate resolution 1011-03, based on SUNY Senate Resolution 156-011, urged "the System Administration to ensure that campus administrations and
 existing governance bodies employ formal procedures for consultation before
 reaching any decisions regarding program consolidation, suspension or
 elimination."
- Whereas the SUNY Deactivation/Discontinuance form specifies that "the signature of the President affirms that the proposal has met campus administrative and governance procedures for consultation,"
- Be it resolved that UAlbany institute a procedure whereby the President and Provost are required to consult with department members and chair, the college dean, the Senate and in particular UAC, GAC, and UPPC, as well as other affected departmental or program faculty, staff and governance units before making a decision to deactivate or discontinue any program.

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UNIVERSITY SENATE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Senator David Wills

Date: February 6. 2012

RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE OFFERINGS IN EUROPEAN LANGUAGES & CLASSICAL STUDIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UALBANY'S MISSION AND STRATEGIC PLAN

- Whereas none of UAlbany's peer institutions offers fewer than 3 baccalaureate programs in European languages,
- Whereas the deactivations of 10/1/10 reduce such offerings at UAlbany to 1 (Spanish).
- Whereas the Undergraduate Education Objective #4 of the Strategic Plan calls for various initiatives designed to enhance the international components of undergraduate education,
- Whereas the Student Experience Objective #4 of the Strategic Plan, which calls for amplifying the 'World Within Reach' perspective through a dynamic, rich assemblage of experiences, includes as Action Step 4.5 "to encourage undergraduate student contact with foreign languages and world cultures,"
- Whereas the Strategic Plan charges the Vice Provost for International Education with organizing a group to identify critical languages and ways to build the University's capacity to deliver instruction in them, such group to be convened immediately following approval of the Strategic Plan, such group not having yet been convened,
- Whereas Faculty By-Law 2.2.1 charges the Faculty with initiating, disapproving or approving and recommending for implementation "all changes in, additions to, or deletions from the Curriculum,"
- Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Senate immediately establish a
 subcommittee composed of representatives from UAC, GAC and UPPC, as well as other
 faculty with relevant expertise, to determine which programs in European Language and
 Classical Studies should be activated, reactivated, or remain active in accordance with the
 liberal arts mission of the university, such subcommittee to report back to the Senate by
 4/15/12.

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