

## *University Senate*

Monday, April 15, 2019

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Campus Center West Boardroom

James Mower, Senate Chair

### **MINUTES**

Attendees: Gary Ackerman; Marcus Adams; Sammy Axley; Michael Bloom; Jodi Boyle; Andrew Byon; Andrew Byon; Gang Chen; Shobha Chengular-Smith; Sridar Chittur; Alec Dawson; Morgan Eldgridge; Wyatt Erchak; Sydney Faught; Billie Franchini; Diane Hamilton; Gabriel Hetland; Lenore Horowitz; Jeon-Hyon Hwang; Patricia Keyes; Karen Kiorpes; Deborah LaFond; Zina Lawrence; Sean Rafferty; Karin Reinhold; Annett Richie; Robert Rosenswig; Leonard Slade; Lindsey Van Berkomp; Tim Weaver; Greg Wiedeman; Masahiro Yamamoto; Virginia Yonkers; Kaylynn Enright; Ram Chugh; Karl Rethemeyer; Kevin Williams; Elga Wulfert; Christian Bozlak; Rachel deLong; Andi Lyons; Celine LaValley; Bruce Szelest; Kathie Winchester; Haijun Chen; Kaitlyn Beachner; Amanda McGown; Jon Bartow; Chris Poehlmann; Jim Mower;

Meeting commenced at 2:48pm.

#### **A. Approval of Senate Minutes of March 25, 2019**

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions

#### **B. Provost's Report – Elga Wulfert**

Provost Wulfert updated the Senate on the StAR proposal review. She indicated that there were 88 applications, and the review committee recommended 21 proposals for funding to the President, which amounted to ~\$500,000. The next step will be the President's review.

She also shared about:

- Accepted Students' Open House, which was initiated with a gathering in the SEFCU arena, with presentations from the President, the Provost and the President of the Student Organization.
- EOP dinner and awards ceremony at which students were recognized;
- A cybersecurity conference/event that brought retired 4-star General Alexander to campus, organized by the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity;
- Torch Faculty event where a student-nominated faculty member (Prof. Asal, Rockefeller College) was honored for having made an exceptional impact; and

- President's Scholar and Leadership Awards and the Spellman Achievement Awards.

Provost Wulfert responded to questions.

**C. Senate Chair's Report** – James Mower

**D. New Business**

- a. Bill on Combined B.A./M.A. program in LACS

Vote: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

- b. Bill on Minor in "Law and Philosophy"

A representative from the department provided some background on the program. There was no additional discussion.

Vote: 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

- c. Bill on Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health

A representative from the department provided some background on the program. There was no additional discussion.

Vote: 34 in favor; 1 opposed; 0 abstentions

- d. Bill on Minors in Musical Theater, Acting, and Theatrical Design and Technology

A representative from the department provided some background on the program. There was no additional discussion.

Vote: 31 in favor; 3 opposed; 1 abstention

- e. Selection of Senate Vice-Chair for 2019-2020

Paper ballots were distributed. Nominee Sean Rafferty gave a statement in support of his candidacy. He described his commitment to and history of service to the University.

Sean Rafferty was unanimously approved with 32 votes.

- f. LISC Resolution on Open Educational Resources

Lenore Horowitz provided background and a summary of the proposal. There was no additional discussion.

Vote: 32 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention

g. GOV Bill on Multi-award Programs

GOV Chair Zina Lawrence provided background on the proposal. It was pointed out that this does not apply to any programs that lead to licensure. UAC and GAC would approve the programs, and SEC would review the program with the opportunity to send back to UPPC, GAC or UAC if desired.

Vote: 32 in favor; 2 opposed; 0 abstentions

h. Compliance and Athletic Academic Services—Lori Friel, Athletics  
Representatives from this office shared a report about their office, their compliance responsibilities, and the services they offer. Report attached.

i. FAR Report (NCAA compliance)—David Rousseau, CEHC  
David Rousseau shared the annual report as the Faculty Athletics Representative. Report attached.

**E. Other Reports**

1. SUNY Senators' Report – Diane Hamilton, Latonia Spencer, Sam Axley  
2. Graduate Student Organization Report – Kaylynn Enright, Lead Senator  
Passed a resolution in banning plastic straws and on fair trade. They had their end of the year celebration with approximately 300 in attendance. Elections are coming up.

3. Student Association Report – Langie Cadesca, President  
Not present.

4. Council/Committee Chair Reports:

- i. CAA – Istvan Kecskes/Mary Ellen Mallia, Co- Chairs  
Not present.
- ii. CAFFECOR – Malcolm Sherman, Chair  
Not present.
- iii. CERS  
Not present.
- iv. COR –Robert Rosenswig, Chair  
IRB procedures are being reviewed and Adrienne Bonilla will present at the next CoR meeting.
- v. CPCA – James Hargett, Chair  
Not present.
- vi. GAC – Sean Rafferty, Chair  
Meeting Thursday.
- vii. GOV – Zina Lawrence, Chair  
Nothing to report. Meeting two weeks from Wednesday.
- viii. LISC – Billie Franchini, Chair

4 searches are underway or planned in the libraries. Library is working with Campus Planning to assess space usage. Brian Heaton updated them on DDOS attacks. Chris Moore is leading an assessment of what the campus needs for a learning management system. Discussed UAlbany policy on security cameras and shared feedback with Anette Lippold.

- ix. UAC – Christy Smith/Karen Kiorpes, Co-Chairs  
Nothing to add.
- x. ULC – Deborah LaFond, Chair  
Encouraged Senators to look at the Fair Trade proposal.
- xi. UPPC – Karin Reinhold, Chair  
Shared about the Inequities in Academia Forum which she said was well attended. She indicated that they are working on policies relating to professors profiting from the assignment of their own materials to classes, as well as policies for students selling materials.

#### **F. Announcements**

Adjournment: 4:30pm