

SEC CHAIR'S REPORT 02222017 – James Collins

I. Informational

1. On February 3, Chair Collins received texts of two resolutions on the Executive Order travel ban and affirming support for an inclusive, diverse campus, from Gov Chair Karin Reinhold and GAC Chair James Fossett, along with confirmation that the Liaisons and Elections Committee of GOV voted to support both.
2. On February 3, Chair Collins tallied an electronic vote from SEC endorsing the Resolution, discussed at its January 30 meeting: "UAlbany's Commitment to a Safe, Diverse, and Inclusive Multicultural Campus." The vote was 10 in favor, 1 opposed.
3. On February 6, Chair Collins attended a meeting of the University Executive Committee discussing SUNY Provost Cartwright's response to the University's presentation (on January 18) about Performance Improvement Planning. At this meeting Harvey Charles, Dean of International Studies, gave a report of the effects of the Executive Order/Travel Ban on the University.
4. On February 9, Chair Collins confirmed GSA President Saben Durio's appointment of Amanda Aykanian as the GSA representative to COR.
5. On February 9, Chair Collins discussed with GOV Chair Karin Reinhold and GAC Chair James Fossett the order of presentation of two resolutions for the Senate Meeting on February 13.
6. On February 9, Chair Collins clarified with Vice Chair Reinhold and Immediate Past Chair Fox the non-existence of an Independent Review Committee for Undergraduate Programs and confirmed the need to remove reference to it from the Senate Handbook.
7. On February 10, Chair Collins accepted an invitation to participate in the February 21 Forum on Shared Governance.
8. On February 11, Chair Collins issued invitations to participants for the March 21 Forum on Contingent Concerns.
9. On February 11, Chair Collins contacted the current Communications Director and President of the Emeritus Center, following up on previous inquiries about the status of a non-voting Senator from the Emeritus Center.

II. Actions taken

- a. On February 6, 2017, Chair Collins referred to the Senate two resolutions:
 - i. UALBANY'S COMMITMENT TO A SAFE, DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE MULTICULTURAL CAMPUS
 - ii. CONDEMNATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER ON IMMIGRANTS
- b. On February 10, Chair Collins confirmed the invitation of Vice President Joe Brennan to attend the February 22 SEC Meeting.

III. Recommendations for actions

In order to provide an accessible written record of important Council practices and procedures, the SEC should encourage each Council Chair to develop written procedures for

their Councils and Committees, to be kept in a Council Handbook compiled and curated by the Governance Council, as a supplement to the more general Senate Handbook.