

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Meeting of the University Senate, October 21, 2013
As submitted to Yenisel Gulatee, Senate Secretary, University Senate

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT –Christine Wagner, Chair

President Jones has officially formed the Campus Advisory Committee (CAC), following formal consultation with the Senate. As requested by President Jones, GOV provided a list of 15 recommended names for the committee. The CAC consists of 15 members, 8 of whom were recommended by the Senate. The CAC will advise the President as he works with the SUNY Implementation Team to develop the new relationship between UAlbany and CNSE. The President will convene the committee in October 2013.

UUP UAlbany Chapter President, Bret Benjamin has sent an official memo to Senate Chair Wagner stating that UUP has identified a conflict between the composition of CPCA, as defined by the Senate Charter, and Article 33.1.c of the UUP contract. President Benjamin requested that the Senate review the issue and take appropriate action. Senate Chair Wagner forwarded the memo to GOV Chair, Joette Stefl-Mabry and asked that GOV review the issue as soon as possible.

The Fall Faculty Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, with a back-up date of Thursday, November 7th.

UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) –Danielle Leonard, J. Philippe Abraham & John Schmidt, SUNY Senators

The SUNY Faculty Senators are looking forward to attending the Fall Plenary which will take place October 24-26 at SUNY Maritime. We are also pleased to announce that the University at Albany will host the 166th Winter Plenary January 23-25, 2014.

GSO (Graduate Student Organization) – Caitlin Janiszewski, GSO President

President's Forum: November 4th - from 4:10 to 5:30 in LC 25 (awaiting confirmation on reservation).

The President is going to receive a "worksheet" from the GSA and SA next week breaking down the top 4 issues we want addressed (2 grad, 2 undergrad). We will also be sending out an agenda for the program.

SA (Student Association) – Marc Cohen, Student Association Representative

Academic Affairs – Derek Ellis, Director

- Continuing with the "UA U Should Know Program"- things students should know about UAlbany that they might not already know.
- Looking ahead to the career fair in February, and working on ways to get SA more involved in the fair.

Legislative Affairs – Marc Cohen, Director

- Voter registration drive is coming to an end. We are going to be collecting forms from living areas over the next few days and send them out by October 11
- Beginning to discuss some preliminary plans for UAlbany Day

Community Engagement and Outreach – Rose Avellino, Director

- Connect to Community Week will be the 16th-23rd intended to enhance community service and engagement throughout the University Community
- "Student Association Day of Service" - Pine Hills Cleanup October 27th 12-3 PM

Gender and Sexuality Concerns – Emma Saurez, Director

- LGBTQ Friendly Fair on Friday, October 11 from 12-3 PM by the small fountain
- Coming Out Reception, October 24th at 7 PM in the CC Ballroom

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – Deborah Bernnard, Chair

Nothing to report.

CAFFECor (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Susanna Fessler, Chair

Nothing to report.

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Carolyn MacDonald, Chair

Nothing to report.

COR (Council on Research) – John Monfasani, Chair

COR met on September 19 and organized itself for the coming year with the selection of chairs for its various subcommittees.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Sanjay Putrevu, Chair

The CPCA met on October 4. The next meeting is scheduled for October 18.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Ronald Toseland, Chair

Nothing to report.

GOV (Governance Council) – Joette Stefl-Mabry, Chair

GOV met on 10/07/2013.

GOV selected recommendations of Senate designees, at the request of Dr. Tine Reimers, in the Provost Office, to serve on the varied Excellent Award Selection Committees. Additionally, GOV approved the lists that had already been compiled and forward the list of Senate designees and the approved lists to Dr. Reimers.

GOV named and began to explore charges for the Ad Hoc Committee to examine the larger issues of Senate changes regarding the resignation of CNSE senators and Council Members. GOV determined the committee would be called the *Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Implications of the CNSE Transition*. Presently three members of GOV are on that Ad Hoc Committee and it was decided that a discussion to expand the membership of that committee, and its charges, would take place at the next GOV meeting on 10/21/2013.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair

Nothing to report

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – Richard Fogarty, Chair

At its October 2nd meeting, the council approved revised learning objectives for the International Perspectives category of the General Education Program. In light of senate and campus discussions of the category, the General Education committee revised the learning objective, and then forwarded them to UAC for consideration. After further modification to improve clarity and concision, with an eye to making clearer to faculty and students the purpose and goals of courses in the category, the council adopted the revised learning objectives and has communicated them to the Office of Undergraduate Education for publication and implementation. At the same October 2 meeting, the council approved undergraduate student Patrick Cronin as a member of the General Education Advisory Board.

ULC (University Life Council) –Michael Jaromin, Chair

The University Life Council met on September 23, 2013. The Council confirmed that it would continue to support and co-sponsor with the President's Council on Diversity the Dialogue In Action series which will begin on October 7th at 10:00 am in the CC Ballroom featuring Dr. David Kung entitled "Social Justice in Mathematics and Other Fields". The Council is also seeking an update from the Tobacco Free task force and will share these as soon as we receive any information. The council will be exploring other University life issues and asking for updates from offices such as Conflict Resolution, Athletics, Residential Life, UAS/Dining and UPD. Other topics of interest were concerns over the isolation of the East campus and the transfer student experience. Our next meeting will be on October 28th.

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) –Andi Lyons, Chair

Nothing to report.

