

University Senate Executive Committee

Monday, January 26, 2009

3:30 – 5:25 PM

UNH 306

John Delano, Chair

AGENDA

- ❖ (3:30-3:35 PM) **Approval of SEC Minutes** from the December 9, 2008 meeting
- ❖ (3:35-3:55 PM) **President's and Provost's Reports** (Susan Phillips)
- ❖ (3:55 PM) **Chair's Report** (John Delano)
- ❖ (3:55-4:00 PM) **SUNY Senators' Report** (Bill Lanford; Michael Range)
- ❖ (4:00-4:05 PM) **Student Association Report** (Dan Truchan)
- ❖ (4:05-4:10 PM) **Graduate Student Organization** (Nick Fahrenkopf)
- ❖ (4:10-4:20 PM) **Council/Committee Chairs' Reports**
 - i. CAA – Henryk Baran, Chair
 - ii. CAFFECOR – Malcolm Sherman, Chair
 - iii. CERS – Carolyn MacDonald, Chair
 - iv. COR – Lawrence Schell, Chair
 - v. CPCA – Eric Lifshin, Chair
 - vi. GAC – Laurence Kranich, Chair
 - vii. GOV – Michael Range, Chair
 - viii. LISC – Lawrence Raffalovich, Chair
 - ix. UAC – Joan Savitt, Chair
 - x. ULC – Dan Smith, Chair
 - xi. UPC - Reed Hoyt, Chair
- ❖ **New Business** (4:20-5:25 PM)
 - (4:20-4:50 PM) Discussion with John Murphy, Eric Smith, and Kevin Wilcox on UAS issues
 - (4:50-5:10 PM) Discussion with Bruce Szelest on interpreting SAT scores
 - (5:10-5:25 PM) Discussion with Susan Phillips about the 'Going Forward Plan'
<http://www.albany.edu/academics/files/Going%20Forward%20Plan%20Final%20Draft%201-12-09.pdf>
<https://wiki.albany.edu/display/goingforward/Going+Forward+Plan>
- ❖ **Old Business**
- ❖ **Adjournment**

(NOTE: Please refer to the paragraph on next page dealing with an item that was requested for SEC consideration, but not included in the current version of the agenda.)

‘Writing Pilot’ in the Department of History: One SEC member asked that this item be included as an agenda item for discussion on January 26. That member had heard that a ‘writing pilot’ was scheduled to begin in the Department of History during this Spring semester. Since this was the first time that the Senate had become aware of such an initiative, he believed that the Senate needed to be informed as to the nature of that ‘writing pilot’. In response to that member’s concern, I had conversations with Richard Hamm (Chair, History Department), Bob Yagelski, and Susan Phillips. As a result of those conversations, I do not believe that this item currently warrants SEC discussion. Here is the information that suggests to me that the ‘writing pilot’ need not be on this agenda. *Please let the entire SEC membership know via e-mail if you disagree. If sufficient interest in this matter is demonstrated, the next version of the agenda would include it as an agenda item.* (a) The ‘writing pilot’ involves the Departments of Psychology, Political Science, and possibly History, if the latter agrees to participate. (b) No new writing courses are being created. (c) No major changes in the syllabi of the existing writing courses, which are mainly high-enrollment, lower-division ones, are currently indicated. (d) ‘Professional development’ efforts are being directed by Bob Yagelski and Bill Roberson toward instructors of these writing courses to inform those instructors of best practices for teaching writing. (e) Bob Yagelski knows that, if the professional development efforts ultimately result in the course syllabi requiring significant revision, course action forms will need to be filed by the participating departments.

John Delano
January 16, 2009