



UNIVERSITY FACULTY

SENATE REPORT SUNY Purchase, Purchase October 21-22, 2011



SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken O'Brien (SUNY Brockport).

- SUNY System Personnel Changes: Departure of several top SUNY administrators and selective replacements will lead to significant savings particularly in the SUNY Provost's office. Brian Hutzley from SUNY Delhi has been named the interim SUNY Chief Financial Officer. Provost Lavallee has decided to remove the end date from his appointment and continue on as Provost. Carl McCall has been named the new Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- SUNY System Committee Organization: The Chancellor draws on a diverse group of both top system administrators and a Cabinet of University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC), and Student Assembly leadership to gather broad advice.
- The Power of SUNY: The strategic plan implementation process continues. Work is being done on Strategic Enrollment management and resource allocation. In September SUNY held a national conference entitled "Universities as Economic Drivers" which has drawn the attention of politicians. Next year's conference will focus on what it means to be part of a system.
- Work with FCCC and the CUNY UFS: We continue to have strong relations and good support from the FCCC to work on issues of shared interest and impact.
- Shared Services: The purpose of the SUNY shared services initiative to reduce administrative overhead in order to move savings toward instruction and instructional support. Shared services is being initiated on a roughly regional. Campus leaders are exploring shared HR, procurement, and IT services. There are six paired campuses (SUNY Delhi-SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Potsdam -SUNY Canton, SUNY IT and Morrisville) who were asked to share a president between them. The Canton-Potsdam pairing has provided a greater challenge than the other pairings and the Board of Trustees has resolved to give them time to explore and report about their specific issues. The other shared presidencies will proceed with input from their college councils. Campus presidents have been asked to include established governance bodies as they proceed with these important plans.
- Legislative agenda: This has been a positive year for SUNY and many aspects. The alignment of the state's economic goals with the power of SUNY plan, the passage of NYSUNY 2020, an authorization to increase tuition by \$300 and additional \$75 student fee for university center students. However, SUNY assumes the responsibility for covering the gap between tuition costs and the cap on TAP which has not been adjusted. This results in campuses receiving 75% of the tuition increase with the rest going to supplemental awards for

students. TAP is unlikely to be adjusted in the current budget climate. We need to continue to advocate for student's tuition dollars to come directly back to campuses to support our academic mission and not to support other state operation costs.

DAVID LAVALLEE, SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

- The Provost spoke about the on-going search for the President of the Research Foundation. Dr. Lavallee is currently the interim president. The position will report to the Board of Trustees and SUNY. This is a change from the previous position.
- The Provost also spoke about several initiatives focused on research, development and public-private partnerships.
- The UFS grade change policy resolution has been accepted by the Chancellor and the Provost's staff is looking at a way to implement a best-practices document to encourage campuses that do not have a grade change policy to implement one.
- The transfer mobility web site project phase 2 has been delayed due to staffing changes. This should be in place shortly. In the context of transfer mobility the Provost has indicated that system will be contracting with Degree works (<http://www.sungardhe.com/Solutions/DegreeWorks/> SUNY Potsdam is already using it). This might be an area of SUNY-wide implementation to save money.
- The Provost mentioned that he would like campuses who are working on their general education policies to accept the SUNY 7 of 10 rule and keep any local requirements to the upper level. This will facilitate better transfer articulation between campuses.
- The provost covered many of the same points discussed in the following youtube video.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMZqW68ZJ24>

Brian Hutzley, Interim VICE CHANCELLOR for Financial Services & CFO

- CFO Hutzley also spoke about shared services and provided a powerpoint presentation that Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik has already distributed.

NANCY ZIMPER, CHANCELLOR

- The Chancellor fielded questions about the strategic plan and sector concerns.

UNIVERSITY CENTER SECTOR CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

We discussed the following issues:

- alliance between Binghamton and Upstate Medical College

- internal service sharing and its impact on academic services and curriculum
- the issue with secrecy and senior administrative searches, how to take part in the process without hurting our campuses chances for attracting a superstar due to leaks and misinformation.
- potential policies on searches
- shared services implications for university centers

Reports for the Following Committees are available:

<http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/standcmterpts.cfm>

- [Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence](#)
- [Committee on Ethics and Institutional Integrity](#)
- [Governance Committee](#)
- [Graduate and Research Committee](#)
- [Operations Committee](#)
- [Programs and Awards Committee](#)
- [Student Life Committee](#)
- [Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee](#)

RESOLUTIONS

<http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/ApprovedResolutions.cfm>

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[Resolution for Rose Rudnitski, SUNY New Paltz](#)

[Resolution on Evaluation of Shared Services](#)

[Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Services](#)

REMINDER OF THE FACULTY SENATE PAGE

Although material is slow to appear on the site, eventually the full text of motions passed should appear:

<http://www.suny.edu/facultySenate/>.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUNY Senators