

## ***University Senate Executive Committee***

Monday, April 27, 2016  
2:45 PM  
UNH 306

Cynthia Fox, Senate Chair

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Collins, Jim; Fabris, Daniele; Fox, Cynthia; Jaromin, Michael; Jerison, Michael; Littler, Walter; Mamorella, David; Mower, James; Slye, Katherine; Smith, Christy; Stellar, James

The meeting convened at 2:49 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF SEC MINUTES**

The minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

### **PROVOST'S REPORT – JAMES R. STELLAR**

Provost Stellar again thanked the Senate for having passed the Homeland Security major, which had been sent on to SUNY and would then go to State Ed. It was hoped the major would be approved by the fall. Of the approximately 240 minors, it was anticipated that many would move to the major when it became available. The Provost stated he expected tuition to support faculty salaries, with careful attention to class sizes. A search committee meeting was scheduled within 2 weeks to begin the process of searching for the Dean. The University at Albany hired an Informatics consultant to work with faculty to see how we can leverage their strengths. The Provost would be continuing tours of the departments. Provost Stellar discussed with SEC members their thoughts on the Faculty Forum which had taken place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Provost then addressed questions on topics including the newly hired coordinator of training and development, on populating the strategic planning steering committee and working groups, and on recruitment efforts for international students.

### **UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT –Cynthia Fox**

Nothing to report

*Chair Fox had approached Chief of Staff Wirkkula about the Senate Secretary situation and the possibility of some sort of compensation for the position. Current Secretary Gulatee would be making a list of what the work involves. Members were asked to consider nominations.*

### **OTHER REPORTS**

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

We look forward to the next meeting of the SUNY wide senate on May 6 & 7 at Brockport. Details of the next SUNY Budget will be a prominent topic then.

**GSA (Graduate Student Association) – Katherine Slye, GSA President**

Nothing to report

**SA (Student Association) – Jarius Jemmott, Student Association President**

No response

**COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:**

**CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – James Mower, Chair**

CAA will meet on 4/21. For now, nothing to report.

**CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Carol Jewell, Chair**

Nothing to report

**CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Michael Jerison, Chair**

Nothing to report.

**COR (Council on Research) – Daniele Fabris, Chair**

Nothing to report

**CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Lynn Warner, Chair**

Nothing to report

**GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Ronald Toseland, Chair**

Nothing to report

**GOV (Governance Council) – James Collins, Chair**

**Old/continuing business**

The Council's two main committees:

- Committee on Assessment of Governance and Consultation: Has conducted the biennial survey of Senate constituencies and is meeting to schedule analysis of results and report writing for presentation to the Senate in Fall 2016.
- Committee on Liaison & Election: Remains engaged in the many tasks required to conduct annual Senate elections and populate new Senate Councils and Committees for 2016-2017.

**Actions taken/new business:**

GOV discussed and approved for submission to the Senate a Charter Amendment for CAA.

**LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – David Mamorella, Chair**

Final LISC meeting of the semester is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) –Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs**

Nothing to report.

*UAC meets 4/28.*

**ULC (University Life Council) – Michael Jaromin, Chair**

Nothing to report

*ULC met on 4/26 and is continuing to work on resolutions.*

**UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Joette Stefl-Mabry, Chair**

Nothing to report.

## NEW BUSINESS

Timeliness of proposal submission to allow for careful review was considered, in lieu of some late arrivals.

- **PROPOSAL FOR A CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT**  
A motion was made and approved that the above proposal be tabled until GAC had finished their review.
- **SENATE BILL 1516-06: PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN COMPUTING EDUCATION**  
UAC Co-chair Christy Smith from the School of Education reviewed the proposal.  
A motion was made and unanimously approved that the above proposal was ready to go to the Senate for a vote.
- **SENATE BILL 1516-05: PROPOSAL TO AMEND GRADUATE FULL-TIME POLICY**  
GSA President Katherine Slye outlined why GSA is in full support of the proposal. Some student financial, health insurance and other considerations were discussed.  
A motion was made and unanimously approved that the above proposal was ready to go to the Senate for a vote.
- **SENATE RESOLUTION 1516-02R RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY**
- **SENATE RESOLUTION 1516-03R: RESOLUTION ON ATTACKS ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM**  
A motion was made and unanimously approved that the above resolutions be tabled until changes to the resolutions could be reviewed.
- **CHARTER AMENDMENT 1516-03A: CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAA**  
GOV Chair Collins provided an overview of the proposal.  
A motion was made and unanimously approved that the above proposal was ready to be introduced to the Senate at its next meeting, for a vote at the subsequent Senate meeting.

Chair Fox shared and reviewed an extension policy grant proposal which had been sent to her by CAA chair Jim Mower. The SEC discussed that the proposal should come to the Senate in the form of a bill because it was mandated. It was agreed that CAA Chair Mower should be invited to explain the policy at a subsequent SEC meeting.

Members also suggested that each Council track its procedures in the future rather than rely on the institutional knowledge of a few individuals.

Senate Chair Fox thanked the SEC members for their work this year.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Elisa Lopez, Recorder