

University Senate
February 12, 2007

Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2006 – get change from Steve Messner,
All approved.

Provost's Report: -

- 1) thanks for kick off events for black history month – great attendance. Thanks to Geff Wms for great work on home page – tribute to many men and women here.
- 2) Carson Carr – highschool achievements – over weekend
- 3) Executive budget : gov proposed budget – ryan classified it as very good budget - he's down there trying to get more. Vince has handout....still beginning of budget process, still a long way to go....

Empire novations – Gov denied new initiative funding.

Chancellor is arguing. Among new initiatives is about 15mill? In faculty lines; 3.2 in something, 8.2 in nursing, engineering...etc Under “access to an affordable and attainable education” money to help with enrollment growth....in there....

Gov has established a commission on higher ed... to see how we can go from good to great.

Capital budget, not a lot, some for critical maintenance... capital project: our #1 project = business/nano project, not in governor's budget. We are going back to legislature on that....

Evolving process....

Few things in gov's budget – about 6 mill in critical maintenance, money for autism, money for 'just for kids org.' Nano – money for institute ..focus center...

This governor is committed to hightech...

Next phase is to argue our case with the legislature.

All details spelled out in Chancellors _____

Enrollment – targets have been met....350 more enrolled in spring 07 than 06. Fall 07 undergrad are 12% over than last year at this time. Quality remains strong; group 1 apps. Are up by 2.9%; out of state are way up, by 20%. 20.02% up in diversity apps...transfer up, grad about even with last year's pace.

CC improvements over intersession: work, painting, lighting, carpeting, opening wendys, univ cleaning crews are clean in the facility. Downtown, housed begins soon will be done in about 2.5 years.

Sustainable campaign running - - energy savings; recycle mania also....

25 million on improvement of plaza btwen Collins circle and the podium..... met w/architect....make more useful, beautiful, Tearing up cobblestones, more green, trees, lighting, landscaping - - there will be two great danes out there..... It will be a Grand Entrance.....

website: ballsley and associates.... Kathy, john giarouso and errol are scheduled to give sec presentation soon..... Work will start in MAY

SUNY Faculty Senate Report – went over his report: kim cline, receptive to questions... cornell have become line-items in the budget....suny is moving more items into the base-level budget category - - one highlight is chance for senators to query chancellor on the spot. Gen comment that suny suffers from many parttime faculty and the pay for part time faculty....chancellor said he recognizes that - - hopes to turn the corner on that. Another issue brought up was library funding / scientific journals....chancellor's response was that that is a campus issue – he will speak to campus prez.'s .. MOU'S will be posted on the web when they are completed....

There will be workshops sponsored by uup and the senate on developing leadership in the faculty....leadership development is important.

Diversity of the faculty within SUNY - he went over stats . on his report.

Monfasania asked if there was discussion on the disparities - - lanford said this came out of a prior (2001) report on gender w/in suny – the new study will look at gender, etc....diversity –

Senate Chair's Report – faculty forum, Tuesday, 3/27/ talking about developing an honor code at the univ..... community type framework

Next Thursday;, the Pres search committee will be meeting for the first time. (This Thursday). Will keep us abreast of the process as things go on....whatever is not confidential.

Council and committee volunteer form – electronic submission. ..

Told them to go to the website and/or wait for our email blast.... Encouraged people to encourage new people to volunteer...

Senate elections: in schools and colleges....

SEC: said wayne came in last meeting to speak about enrollment. Said that kl is coming in next week to speak on the master program.

She's meeting w/mark perry at TU, the new higher ed reporter there. She's having an informational interview, not for press.....asked if they had anything.

Dr. Bill Roberson, Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership: - talked about name change – name change learning from experience; connecting the parts of faculty development to the whole.

Making explicit an often hidden but highly important dimensions of faculty and institutional success...

Goals of the institute:

Promote teaching effectiveness and innovation, both in the classroom and online
Facilitate, in partnership w/other entities, faculty paths to success in teaching, research service and leadership.

Went over his plan for the next three years –

This year:

07-08 focus on new faculty

0809- focus on community

Council Reports:

CAA –asked for people/s communication/ stating the issues they think need to be addressed in proj renaissance or gen ed.

Joan Savitt – asked them to read her report - -

LISC – wonders where they fit into the ITLAL goal

Senate Bill 0607-09: Revision of Course Descriptions of the Undergraduate Faculty-Initiated Topics Courses UNI 150 and UNI 350. - introduced by Reed : Sue had a question: about grammatical error in the bill : Reed okayed it..... permission of the instructor is required WAIT for Reed to send me a corrected copy.

Truchan had a question : thought uAC was going to re-discuss one more time before it went to SEC. ?? UAC never voted on it....motion was made to table it because it was never voted on in UAC....it was seconded, in favor..... It was TABLED – too go back to uAC for further discussion.