

## **SUNY University Faculty Senate 193<sup>rd</sup> Plenary January 19-21, 2023**

Report submitted by Billie Franchini, UFS Senator-Albany, on behalf of Kabel Stanwicks and Zina Lawrence, UFS Senators-Albany on January 25, 2023

### President's Report – Keith Landa

- Spring 2023 plenary meeting: Upstate Medical, Syracuse, April 13-15. Elections for President will be held at this meeting.
- Campuses can invite Keith for a visit.
- New System Chancellor, Dr. John B. King, Jr., has been appointed and is building his executive leadership team.
- Search for System Chief Diversity Officer should be finished by the next Board of Trustees meeting.
- Searches
- Search for new System Provost will start soon.
- Search for President for SUNY Poly will be underway soon.
- Budget will be coming out in the next couple of weeks, target February 1. SUNY's ask was approved by board in December. Took last year's budget as baseline and added to that. SUNY waiting to see what comes out next week in executive budget. Then SUNY will see how they want to play a role in negotiation between Governor's office and legislature.

### Exec. Committee Report & Resolutions Intro. | UFS VP/Sec. | Jan Trybula

- All plenary reports posted on website: <http://www.sunyufs.us/plenary-files.html>.
- All resolutions on the proposed resolutions page: <http://www.sunyufs.us/plenary-files.html>.
- Exec Committee voted to award Friend of the Senate Award to Interim Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley

### SUNY Budget and Advocacy | Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business | Josh Sager (10-11)

- Updates on budget process, current fiscal status, and long-term challenges and opportunities
- Request to Governor includes additional operating funds, capital investments, and hospital investments
- Executive budget expected to be released January 30

### Provost's Report | Provost-in-Charge | Shadi Sandvik

- Academic Program Updates
  - General Education: updated Memorandum to Presidents will be issues this month.
  - Call for nominations for DEISJ Fellows will be issued soon. Aiming for 15 Fellows. Goal is for fellows to help develop resources, provide office hours to colleagues, facilitate online community.
  - Prior Learning Assessment policy will be reviewed at February Board of Trustees meeting
  - Streamlined procedures for academic program review effective October 28, 2022 (Technology solution, Quali, in development)

- DLE Implementation Updates
  - Cohort 3 and 4 campuses moving toward implementation
  - Survey results from cohort 1 and cohort 2 campuses
  - SUNY is working on governance structure for the LMS and data
  - Data Access: All will be governed by governance framework. Draft has been developed, heavily informed by framework from SUNY's IR office.
- SUNY OER Services
  - Resources continue to be available from Lumen
- Microcredentials
  - 34 campuses with microcredentials, 518 microcredentials total
  - System is working on better data collection and marketing

#### Chancellor Remarks and Sector Comments | SUNY Chancellor | John King

- Chancellor shared his four pillars/core values
  - Student success
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: this is everyone's job
  - Research and scholarship
  - Economic development and upward mobility
- Chancellor heard short presentations and fielded questions from representatives of each sector (University Centers, Campus Governance Leaders, comprehensive colleges, tech and ag, specialized and statutory college, and health sciences)

#### United University Professions | UUP President | Fred Kowal

- Positive relationship with governor and executive branch for first time in a decade
- Has spoken with Governor since SotS, reminded her that SUNY is crucial to this year's initiatives
- Have made case that at least 19 campuses are facing significant deficits and that we need funding (\$150-160M) directed to those campuses in order for them to be able to grow, attract students, and be successful
- Favor expanding the money that was put in the budget last year for faculty and staff
- Optimistic about potential to partner with new Chancellor in advocating for resources
- Contract negotiations: down to three big categories
  - Telecommuting
  - Job security (State made demands that would erode job security and tenure)
  - Money
- Believes contract can be done by June
- Health benefits pretty well locked down

#### SUNY Student Assembly | SA President | Alexandria Chun

- Championed the creation of four teams within the SA
  - Human resources

- Policy
- Communication
- Student voices
- Working on establishing a student activity fee to fund their work
- Advocacy re: reducing food insecurity, making room and board TAP eligible

Faculty Council of Community Colleges Report | FCCC President | Christy Woods

- Considering writing a mental health white paper, gather data and use it to talk to system about more funding
- Concerns about mergers, retrenchment
- Concerns about shared governance at the campus level
- Discussion of funding requests

CUNY UFS Report | CUNY UFS President | John Verzani

- Updates on transfer, budget, enrollment, remediation phaseout, and concerns raised by faculty at specific campuses
- Update on development of new online programs, aiming for significant growth in this area

Nominations and Elections Committee | Patrick Doyle

- Introduces members of committee
- Nominations deadline March 8: requires CV and statement of candidacy (1-page limit)
- CGLs can nominate but cannot vote

Updates from Henry Flax, Parliamentarian

- Re: nominations
  - Statement of interest (not candidacy)
  - CV should be a governance vita, not a full vita
- Updates on SUNY UFS website

Resolution Discussion and Voting | UFS VP/Sec. | Jan Trybula

*All resolutions posted on the proposed resolutions page: <http://www.sunyufs.us/plenary-files.html>.*

- Resolution from Executive Committee recognizing Interim Chancellor Stanley and bestowing the Friend of the Senate award. Not voted on by Senate.
- Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies committee passed resolution honoring Norman Goodman. Not voted on by Senate.
- Resolution on Restoration of Conversations in the Discipline grant program passes unopposed.
- Resolution on Searches at Assistant Dean Level and Above sent back to Operations Committee.

## New Business

- Motion that President Landa direct the Governance Committee to consider how the Guidelines might accommodate sufficient frequency of bathroom breaks and sufficient duration of lunch breaks during all meetings, virtual and in-person. Passes by unanimous consent.
- Graduate and Research Committee Chair, Isabell Bichindaritz, asks Senators to advertise virtual graduate student conference on April 11: <http://www.suny.edu/gradcon>
- Survey on EID across the curriculum will be distributed to Senators, request to send to individuals teaching relevant courses
- Deadline for Chancellors' Awards