

Council and Committee Reports for SEC Meeting April 30, 2018

Christian Poehlmann, Senate Secretary

Chair's Report – Karin Reinhold

On Apr 5th, Senate leadership (Reinhold, Collins & Mower) met with brand new VP for Finance & Administration Todd Foreman. We talked about shared governance, the role of UPPC and its Facilities and Resource committees. Budget reports and a member of Senate's Resource Analysis and Planning Committee on appropriate Budget Advisory Group . We asked that as he learns of the financial situation of UAlbany, we would like clarification on some items:

1. Indirect cost returns
2. What are East Campus property rental costs to the University?
3. What is the current occupancy rate in the Life Science Building on the main campus?
4. How are current renovations at the Schuyler Building being funded

On Apr 9th, Senate leadership met with Provost Stellar & Chief of Staff B. Szeleste & Chief of Staff and Associate Provost for Program Development Ann Mary Murray.

1. The new website is live and all council can update their page with council business, news and initiatives. Organizational meetings with council staff members will be planned twice per year.
2. Deactivation of program: there are lots of old programs which have become outdated and which no longer have enrolment. Each school was asked to identify such programs with the intention of removing them from the books. A report will be available once the list is completed.
3. Between the provost and budget offices there are two executive facilities committees. These need to be in communication with UPPC facilities committee.
4. The Strategic Plan Implementation team will consist of 22 persons: Stellar & Christakis, the 10 co-chairs corresponding to the 5 initiatives, 5 Senate members, 3 from the President's office (including the VP for finance) & 2 deans. We requested an additional 2 UUP members.
5. Metrics team: 2 from IR, 2 Budget office, 2 president's office

Implementation plans will consist of letters of intent like the ones for compact planning, but with shorter proposals and shorter timelines. Budget plans intend to focus on sources for new enrolment, new sources of revenue, and strategic reallocations.

On Apr 12th, the Pay Equity ad-hoc group: Kristen Hessler, Heather Larking, Louise Anne McNutt & Karin Reinhold, met with the Provost Stellar and Chief of Staff and Associate Provost for Program Development Anne Marie Murray, who approved the initiative.

On April 13th Reinhold attended the President's Inauguration representing the Senate. It was a beautiful ceremony with the attendance of Chancellor Johnson, SUNY Trustees Chairman H. Carl McCall and prior UAlbany President Karen Hitchcock.

On Apr 18th, VP for Finance & Administration Todd Foreman gave a presentation in UPPC about the budget with explanations of Indirect Cost. Please see UPPC webpage for a report.

Associate Provost for Program Development Anne Marie Murray explained that there is a team, which includes John Cimino (from the Concert of Ideas), that is exploring ways of integrating arts and humanities across the curriculum. The team will be presenting a report to the Senate next Fall.

Recommendations:

Reports presented to the Senate be place in the Senate website.

A report with the list of programs that will be deactivated and removed from the bulleting be sent to the SEC for approval.

A report about proposal from Cimino's team, integrating arts and humanities across the curriculum, be presented to the Senate in the Fall.

Actions Taken:

Invited Assoc. Prof. Fogarty, Senate's Faculty NCAA Athletics Representative, to present a report to the Senate on May 7th.

Invited Dean of Graduate Studies K. Williams to give a report on the proposed Graduate School to the Senate on May 7th.

SAVE THE DATE:

- *Senate Forum on The State of Arts and Humanities: April 23rd, 3:30-5:30pm, CC 375*
- April 27th: The 15th Annual University at Albany Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, April 27th in the Lecture Center Concourse and Classrooms.

Other Announcements:

April 25th: Sexual Violence: Action and Challenges for Change – Toward equality! 2:15pm - 4:15pm Standish Room, Science Library, 3rd floor. Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Student Engagement, the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies University at Albany and UUP Women's Concerns Committee, UAlbany Chapter.

The Facilities Office has scheduled information sessions regarding current capital projects work through next year, including:

- o detail regarding planned Lecture Center renovations,
- o upgrades to Dutch Quad buildings,
- o final design and construction schedule for the new ETEC building, and
- o other improvements and plans for the Uptown and Downtown campuses.

Dates:

- Thursday, April 26, Noon – 1pm, Husted Amphitheater (Husted 106A), Downtown Campus
- Wednesday, May 2, Noon-1pm, CC West, Boardroom (CC 192), Uptown
- Tuesday, May 8, Noon–1pm, CC West, Multi-Purpose Room (CC 034B), Uptown

Please note that all three sessions above will cover the same information.

SUNY Senators – Diane Hamilton, Walter Little, Latonia Spencer

- Nothing reported

Graduate Student Organization – Dawn Wharram, Lead Senator

- Nothing reported

Student Association Report –Jerlisa Fontaine, President

- Nothing reported

Council/Committee Chair Reports:

CAA – Istvan Kecskes, Chair, Mary Ellen Mallia Co-Chair

- Nothing reported

CAFFECOR – Carol Jewell, Chair

- Nothing reported

CERS – David G. Wagner, Chair

- Nothing to report

COR – Robert Rosenswig, Chair

- Nothing reported

CPCA – Jim Hargett, Chair

CPCA has reviewed all but one of the cases that were received this semester. That last case will be reviewed Monday, April 23. The committee will also be meeting on 10 May to discuss ways we can improve our efficiency and related CPCA matters during the 2018-19 academic year.

GAC – Sean Rafferty, Chair

- Nothing reported

GOV – Jim Mower, Chair

GOV will meet for its last scheduled meeting of the semester on March 28.

1. The elections for UAlbany Senators At-Large, University Faculty Senators, and UAS Board members closed on April 9. CLE reported the following results:

Committee on Liaison and Elections Report

A total of 259 faculty voted. Candidate results are listed in descending order by number of votes. Candidates elected are designated by an “XX”.

SUNY-wide University Faculty Senator: 1 seat	Votes
Sammy Axley (Student Affairs) XX	129
Craig Brewer (Campus Recreation)	78
Abstain	51
Write in	1

University Senate Open At-Large Senator – 2 seats	
David Lewis (Geography & Planning) XX	128
Gregory Wiedeman (University Libraries) XX	120
Brian Stephenson (Community Standards)	103
Alex Tchernev (CAS/Math)	74
Abstain 1 & 2	49
Write In 1 & 2	4

University Senate Professional Faculty At-Large Senator – 2 seats open	
Mary Ellen Mallia** (Sustainability) XX	140
Ekow King** (Intercultural Student Engagement) XX	124
Lindsay Van Berkomp (University Libraries)	91
Donald Keenan (University Libraries)	70
Leiry Santos (Residential Life)	59
Abstain 1 & 2	31
Write in 1 & 2	1

University Auxiliary Services Board (UAS) – 2 seats open	
Latonia Spencer (Billing and Account Maintenance) XX	164
Jason D’Cruz (Philosophy) XX	161
Mary Ellen Mallia (Sustainability)	159
Abstain 1 & 2	32
Write in 1 & 2	0

Should an elected representative be unable to fill his or her complete term, the candidate with the next highest vote count will act as the alternate and fill the remainder of the term.

2. The Senate voted to accept the Council and Committee assignments presented at the Senate meeting on 4/16/18. GOV is always looking for additional volunteers for standing Councils and Committees as well as ad hoc committees. Please contact James Mower or Chris Poehlmann if you are interested in serving.
3. GOV has received a large proportion of the 2018-19 Senate membership nominations. Only a few remaining nominations remain; the Chair of GOV will continue to ask that those names be forwarded from currently unrepresented units.

LISC – Billie Franchini, Chair

- Nothing reported

UAC – Karen Kiorpes, Christy Smith, Co-Chairs

UAC Committee Report:

UAC met on 4/11 to review the proposal to revise and rename the Computer Engineering major to Electrical and Computer Engineering.

UAC met on 4/17 and approved the proposal for Electrical and Computer Engineering and the proposal for Environmental and Sustainable Engineering.

Agenda:

This week, I sent Karin three bills jointly sponsored by UPPC and UAC for consideration at the final Senate meeting. The two proposals referenced above; and the proposal for Public Health, previously reported approved by UAC and approved April 18 by UPPC.

ULC – Ekow King, Chair

- Nothing reported

UPPC – Jim Collins, Chair

UPPC Report for SEC Meeting on 043018

Information:

The Council met on April 18.

Provost Stellar reported briefly on the Strategic Plan, confirming that the action plans were due from unit VPs to the President by early July, that the Implementation Team would prepare review actions plans for the University and prepare a proposal for implementation to be submitted to the President by early October. (How the budgeting for proposed strategic implementation is to occur is not clear at this time).

Todd Foreman, new Vice President for Financial Management and Budget, was introduced to the Council and reported on Indirect Cost Funds, including the aggregate sponsored research and contract monies the University generates, the per cent returned to the campus, and divisions among different categories (incentives, research center support, the Office of Research, etc.), 5-year table on the sources of the funds and changing ratios among sources, along with a comparison of the University the other University Centers for funding levels by category. Chair Collins thanked the VP for his informative report, and a Council member

asked about getting a copy of the PowerPoint for the report. It will be available through a link to the Council documents.

Chair's Report

Chair Collins reported attending a number of University and Senate meetings and working groups; meeting the new SUNY Chancellor and the new University Chief Financial Officer; hearing reports about graduate enrollment problems and a proposed Graduate School; and asking questions, particularly about resource implications of a new Graduate School, and about Indirect Cost Returns.

He briefly discussed two broad issues requiring ongoing Council attention and effort:

First, it is difficult to get information about resources and budgets

- To ask the right questions, and
- To know what you are looking at, whether a pie chart on indirect costs or a Campus Impact Form

Second, the Council has to continue insisting on actions that the faculty bylaws and Senate Charter specify in order to carry out the Council's role in University Policy and Planning. In particular, we need to ask the Administration to act on the following:

- To place a representative from RAPC on the University Executive Budgeting Committee, (From Charter X.2.8: The Council shall seek formal representation on budget advisory bodies established by the President and Provost, and its representatives shall report to the Council in order to facilitate the Council's review and advice).
- To place a representative from the Senate's Facilities Committee on the University Strategic Facilities Planning Committee.

Committee Reports:

The Facilities Committee reported it met on April 4th with John Giarrusso of the Office of Planning, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on facilities plans for the ongoing Podium renovation project;

The Resource Analysis and Planning Committee has not met since its last report.

Both committees will need to recruit new members for 2018-2020.

Old business:

The Council discussed the proposal from the School of Public Health for a new BS in Public Health. Among issues raised were the anticipated large size of the new major and the teaching resources required from CAS departments. The proposal was endorsed by the Council.

The Council discussed the proposal from the College for Engineering and Applied Science for a new BS in Environmental and Sustainability Engineering. Among issues raised were the actual and projected size of the new major, the substantial funds required for laboratories and office facilities, and the teaching resources required from CAS departments. The proposal was endorsed by the Council.

New business

The Council discussed a Resolution of Support for proposals regarding a Career Pathway for Part-Time Faculty and Guidelines for the Appointment of Part-Time Faculty. The resolution was endorsed.

Actions taken:

1. A proposal from the School of Public Health for a new BS in Public Health was endorsed and sent to the SEC;
2. A proposal from the College for Engineering and Applied Science for a new BS in Environmental and Sustainability Engineering was endorsed and sent to the SEC;
3. A Resolution of Support the proposals to provide career pathways and better appointment guidelines for Part-Time Faculty was endorsed and sent to the SEC.

The Council next meets on March 25.