

2008-2009 University Senate

Monday, May 4, 2009

3:30 pm, Campus Center Assembly Hall

John Delano, Chair

Minutes

Present: J. Philippe Abraham, Sandra Austin, Hassaram Bakhru, Henryk Baran, Kristina Bendikas, Zakhar Berkovich, Tom Bessette, R. Scott Birge, Ray Bromley, Daryl Bullis, Andrew Byon, Sairam Chinnam, Richard Collier, Randall Craig, Edward Cupoli, Kirsten Davison, John Delano, Jane Domaracki, Sue Faerman, Nicholas Fahrenkopf, Susanna Fessler, Richard Fogarty, Sally Friedman, Robert Gibson, Andrew Haas, Eric Hardiman, Reed Hoyt, Allen Israel, Richard Johnson, Donald Keenan, Alain Kaloyeros, Laurence Kranich, William Lanford, Cristian Lenart, Eric Lifshin, Carolyn MacDonald, Jean McLaughlin, Candace Merbler, George Philip, Susan Phillips, Lawrence Raffalovich, R. Michael Range, Kwadwo Sarfoh, Joan Savitt, Lawrence Schell, John Schmidt, Morton Schoolman, Benjamin Shaw, Daniel Smith, Edward Waltz, Robert Yagelski

Guests: Robert Bangert-Downs, Jon Bartow, Elizabeth Gaffney, Teresa Harrison, Sheila Mann, Ruth Pagerey, Gregory Stevens, Edelgard Wulfert

The meeting was convened at 3:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 6, 2009 were approved with minor changes. The LISC report will be updated as requested by LISC Chair Lawrence Raffalovich.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by GEORGE PHILIP

Nih annced fundling for ctr of 6.28million

Swine flu—h1n1: update 985 cases worldwide 20 countrys gave stats 1 death in ctrt 63 in ny
Good new no reprtd cases in cap region or at UA and strain in us not as virilant as anticipated; working with helth authorities and regular communcatns and planning for upcoming events; will do all to prevent and protect cmtly

Budget: stimulus effects gotten 21 of delegatins to sing on letter to have gove take 118m in stimulus money equvlt on 09-10 decrease to suny; gov not receptv to cmmunicatn that money is dry approp; 2.5 b assigned to ed in ny all went to suny meds or cmtly colleges—none to state op campuses

Continuing to work on budget for 08-09; addtl cut of 4m total 18.4 mill; havnt had to make difficult decisions; these cuts are perm; to address these need to right size organization; more and worse is yet to come;

Moving forward lobbying for operation money making argumt that we are under invested;

Capitol—we have 2nd yer allocation for critical maintnce; affirmation to buld SOB and student ctr expansion; 5 yr deferrerd mtncn of 1billion;

Capitol \$ is not interchangeable

New SOB proj is underway annncmt upcoming for architect

Relocation of data ctr looking at 3 potential sites old hlth bld; old commissary and Greenfield site
CC expansion in programming stage; location is being considere
Enrollmt mngmt stronger academic profile for incoming class; record no. of apps over 22,000 apps; those acceptd
hav higher gpa and sat scores;

Transfers up 10% in apps; will enroll 1350; quality is excellent from privat instutns as well as comty colleges

Burton lecture—well done by meryl tisch newly elected chancellor brd of regents

Also at event:

GladysAnn wells state librarian from AZ

Robert marccone—NYS Div of Probation

David momrow—American cancer society

Richard neiman—NYS Banking dept.

David soars—albany cty DA

Clean up day was well over 450 volunteers; made a big difference thanks to all who particptd

Fountain day—10,400 studts largest ever grup; 2 arrests; one injury; thanked all who particpt

Giants will be back for '09 and negotiating for future contracts with them;

Klowerys retirement—shes been invaluable member of commty and done wonderful job;

Commencement—hope everyone can make it; anticipate good crowd; speaker will be dglick for undergrad;
assembly chair for higher ed;

This weekend went to alum awards at crown plaza; should be impressed with success of our studts and should be
proud for what facilty have done ; students give credit to education at UA

Honors college dinner—wonderful event where HC srs had dinner; bright energetic young popel

Discussion—cers misconduct policy: adhoc committee was created to address transactions that were handeld
approp for lang in place but not apporp lvl of due process for facilty members; fed gov has rules for research;
concern was that we conform w/current rules and make sure that facilty who are subject to investagtns are given
approp due process ; he's concerned abou legal sufficiency in this process; wants input of resrch facilty of UA; its
impotnat that it be collab effrt that it comes thru adhoc committee throu cers and senate;

Cmacdonald;; d/n understand; if bill dn get signed then stuck with old process;

gP—needs uniformrecommendatn approvd by adhoc cers senate and UCounsel; wans something that we can
have final solution without mixed messages; needs proposal that is jointly submitted;

PROVOST'S REPORT by SUSAN PHILLIPS

Update with swine flu—thanked all who began to think about what to do if need to curtail classes exams due to
outbreak; may use ideas for the fall; this is oppty to get emergeny plans;

Budget: at town ahll mtges re: 0809 paymt of bill and 4m bill due on 7/1—putting together plan to address 2nd
round; will go to sr staff and upc; effort to draw in 2prim unions;

Discussion on phoenix design – way to craft process so in effect for 0910; have time for this process and wants to talk to as many as possible and think about timeline; have not felt big hits yet; will feel pinch in fall; have extraordinary capacity to be resilient which will be handy;

Been speaking w/ 4 councils to reevaluate grad student portfolio (see council reports) hope to have design and begin process in place to start in fall to have idea of how to spend grad student \$s;

Process underway to take pre-tenured faculty to learn more about process; this week will have 1st discussion ; had discuss with library faculty; intended to promote and preserve excellent faculty we have and prepare for process;

Have heard about concerns whether or not budget decisions will be made in promotion and tenure process; will stay away and not to worry; those who have jr colleagues should be reassured

Faculty who sponsored undergrad student

Mmasson

Jon Schmid

Cherly fry

Carla Fimer

Elga Wulfer

Mlarson

Glee

Lhalparin

Mlarson

Tebert

Thanked all promoted undergraduate research; same day on open house for accept students

100,000 grant for environmental sustainable efforts

Rachel Dresschler has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend for 2009
Anthro— Professor John Justeson has been awarded 10,000,000 Mexican pesos (about \$900,000) by Mexico's National Institute of Indigenous Languages (INALI)

Geo and plan— memorandum of understanding with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the provision of geographic information systems (GIS) services totaling \$3 million over the next 5 years.

Judaic studies— Professor Barry Trachtenberg is currently a 2009 Fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies and will be a summer 2009 Research Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Shawn Bushway—wash post quoted

sOE—deborah May and Jane D for special ed leadership

SPH— On May 5 & 6, the School of Public Health will host the 5th Annual GIS and Public Health Conference at the school, featuring 6 nationally and internationally known experts in the field of GIS and its application to Public Health.

Athletics—stats on athletes do exceptionally well nationally

- **ITS—wireless printing will be available soon;** UAlbany students, faculty and staff using the WiUAlbany wireless service (UA_WPA) on campus can now configure their laptops to send print jobs to any UniPrint printer.

DRC—27th awards; making accessible for all students

mR--dn mention doc student review panel; she mentioned (see above); program dir at mtg for additional input; timeline of process is to begin before summer and complete before Jan 1

MR—how is final review panel being put together

SP—asked for recommenders for part-time received names last Monday to represent 4 senate councils and mix; all names don't meet all criteria; inviting suggestion from 4 councils and program chairs; d/n have final list yet and made request for consultation; flu has been part of delay

Senate Chair's Report – John Delano

SUNY-wide Senate Report – William Lanford and R. Michael Range

MR—report re: plenary; highlight a few items—pres of faculty senate expressed satisfaction with n-zimpher selection; he and prov palm and believe she sets ground for being in charge; expect major changes

Electon of new suny wide president- began as procedural to announce no. of votes; nos due get reported to assembly; made motion to suspend rules of order; gov committee of suny wide will decide if to change bylaws

Panel discussion—shared gov in suny; things in answers to consider; word most often was transparency especially in budget; john oconnor announced that website is updated

Interim vice chancellor jim vanvoorst—gave summary re: financial plan of suny of past and coming yr; stated that suny realizes that they need to work hard in DOB of nature of revenue streams

Graduate Student Organization Report – Nicholas Fahrenkopf

Clarify that vp election is still pending; thanked john for leadership this year and all of senate for listening and hearing grad student issues

Student Association Report – Daniel Truchan III



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Council/Committee Reports

- i. CAA – Henryk Baran, Chair
- ii. CAFFECO – Malcolm Sherman, Chair—hopes for recorder next year
- iii. CERS – Carolyn MacDonald, Chair
- iv. COR – Lawrence Schell, Chair—April 22nd and 29th mtg.
- v. CPCA – Eric Lifshin, Chair
- vi. GAC – Laurence Kranich, Chair
- vii. GOV – R. Michael Range, Chair
- viii. LISC – Lawrence Raffalovich, Chair
- ix. UAC – Joan Savitt, Chair—still have change in last item change is dept of chemistry

- x. ULC – Daniel Smith, Chair
- xi. UPC – Reed Hoyt, Chair—will meet again this semester for specila mtg this wed.

Cmacdonald—vote to add to item to agenda re: resolution to sacrifice salary increases; need vote to put on the agenda; john cited bylaws to add new items to agenda; needs 2/3 apprvle to add to agenda as new business—jd called for vote; vote apprvd to add to agenda

Report on *Middle States Self-Study* by Senate representative – Reed Hoyt

NEW BUSINESS

- i. (4:25-4:35 PM) Election of the 2009-2010 Vice Chair—jd introduced 2 candidates; dc called for any additional noms and there were none—rules are that each candidate can give 2 minute talk
 - 1st was sfessler: appreciate those who expressed confidence for vice senate and gave overview of experience and methods; gave overview of service; blv in equity of process and debate; will due best to recgn all voices and conduct efficiently; h
 - Elifshin: gave overview of wqualifcns here since 2000 and service; have served at univ senate lvl; impressed w/faculty and hope to have oppty to discuss; discussed srvc outside univ. feels its imprtnt in increasing communicatin in academic unts; encourg service participant especially sr faculty member blvs in open communication and to leave private agendas behind; need to define our directions

- i. (4:35-4:40 PM) International Baccalaureate Degree (UAC)

Introduced by jsavitt—think this is program to recognize and urge substitute on language currently in new bill; open to discussion; no comments or questions; motion to approved and seconded and passed

- ii. (4:40-4:50 PM) Restrictions to Minor in Education (UAC; UPPC)

Bill to restrict entry to minor take effect with next entering class; not first to be restricted; uac dn have specific rules how to rstrict; SOE has followed rules to restrict major ;; uac endorses; well reasoned and argued;

DS—100 studetns will be affected; any provision for reentry students ; anyone who qualitifies can apply Ino way to preent studet from completed ed minor (DC) could find at time of graudation they are blocked from minor; js understand that permission of dpet will be required

Bangert downs—have discussed with registrar and

Whats intent of restricting minor? Bdowns—400 increase in minors and becoming unwiedldy to maintain quilaity ; tryint to focus on exp in SOE of undergrad; would like to give special attention those in minors; JS point of logic is that ed minor requires palce in commty; 390 experience ;

There are some things that dn apply;

DS—the way its constructed its not easily implemented; no method to restrict

Not reasonable to ask soe ; no way to know what implications will be don't know if implications will be as dire as implied ; won't be on students transcript until signed off by soe; arguemt that we're sending students out w/less than 3.0, should require 3.0 to take 390 and would not need proposal; students would want to know earlier whtehter allowed to take minor and not faiar to wait this long; JS—it's a minor because students are interested in education

Jd asked for motion—motion made and seconded; upon vote bill approved

Need motion for 30 additional minutes and aapprved

- iii. (4:50-5:00 PM) Minor in Neurobiology (UAC)

Approval of minor; psych 101 courses reqrd for major; discussed with psych dept and would take nos of exceptions to make this happen; why not suspend rules to; asked for motion to vote and bill passed

Suspended rules and asked for vote to announce election and jd announced winner: Eric Lifshin
Thanked both for participating in election

- iv. (5:00-5:15 PM) Misconduct Policy (CERS)—suggested changes have been emailed; cers has been wrking hard to make this substance and not about process; cers has worked on policy changes; point out that if its passed this will continue to evolve; problems to be addressed were issues that pres noted were developing; pres met w. cers last year and dicussed problems arisen; largely feeling of cers that language of checks and balance not exercised; discussed those things that are correctly under perview of policy; changes address places that could be streamlined and clarified; concerned that it would be irresponsbl not to make changes and concerned about timeline; there's been long period waiting for consult wih admin; pres then request new ad hoc committee; this is dragging out and been distributed widely since last june;

Discussion that it will not be singed by president ; bakhru surposed that it has not been discussed with cers he's member; thinks it should be discussed by cers; CD says its been discussed by email; sfessler read polcy changes two issues is deadline; and disenfranchismt of vp for resrch does not support—jeopardiezes that legal sufficiency of university

cd—problem has arisen w/outside compltns

fessler—misrepresenting scholarship undermines the trust that comty depends; violans of trust; if we let dishonesty happen on our watch we undermine everything we do (read from 2005 bill passed in senate); appreciates efforts cers has put in but this sets us back

jmonfassani;;objects that assumption that admin is unbiased newtrual judge that is not case in many instances; has seen instances where students have been ripped off by profs due to vested interest in profs; admins interst would be its investment and to protect prof; question of integrity comes into place w/Dsintgshd prof; should go public if situation arises; urged senators not to support

JD read statement from lvideka not to support;

DC says it sound lik subversion of th senate; but we get policy from cers not adhoc committee;

Eric—was on adhoc comm.; there are lot of issues dealing w/legality that a lawyer needs to decide; was example of outside plaintiff w/unfair allegation; the purpose of learning how we proceed and letting them know we have an inquiry; need to be concerned that too much info gets outside of univ. still need to discuss w/right people in the room; nature of cers is that its very private; difficult environment; wont go far if anything in there that has serious legal issues; d/n think we are there yet;

MR—point that policy is still evolving and cited revision of policy form 4-5 yrs ago that purpose was to get sr facilty involvd in process from beginning ; idea that all needs to be vetted thru legal counsel has already been vetted; there are 3 concerns raised by pres; one is def of misconduct; definition of inquiry;;these defs have been written by jreilly; the ; 3rd item was changed from exist policy is that plaintiff not given right to full documnetatn; one of things the pres was concerned about and issue has ben cleared by legal counsel; mr votes in favor of amendment and let pres take approp action and deal w/legal counsel;

Jd made motion for additional 25 minutes to adjrn at 6:00 and approved

Dsmith made motion to close debate and seconded vote made to close debate; did not get 2/3rds vote and debate remade open

If we pass will it make process go faster (reed) and would support to get out of limbo; torn by content of bill; would like to see it get moving instead of keep stalling;

CD—idea to bring forward changes that are consensual ; bu would like to drop issue restricting right of complantant and cers form adhoc committee and to move forward

Bakru—should go back o cers and be tabled

Danderson concerned about vps request to table

cd—there are two adhoc committees

dc—gov work w/cers to create adhoc committee and and create genuine committee to form committee and bring to senate; this was presented as a motion that gov and cers would id group to work towards consulative doc to bring to senate; vote made to approve

resolution introduced by cmaacdonald that sr facilty make sacrifice and contribute 3% raise; not proposing changes in union agreements but to create fund to; cd this makes powerful stament to legislators that faculty care about univ; funds could be directed towards academics; sec would ask facilty where to spend money; cmerbler and cd had conversation—anyone can make voluntary contributions but concerned about use of term “controlled by sec”, its decision of pres which academic programs will continue and which will not; dn belv we have power to direct where funds will be used; cd—says not true that signatory of fund controls how to spend\$\$; discussion of mechanisms to use money;

sbirge thinks its ill advised

blanford—speaks in favor

friendly amendment to remove part of sec to end of PP; resolution was passed

an extension was granted

OLD BUSINESS

- i. (5:15-5:30 PM) IRCUAP Amendment (GOV)—mr amendment was introduced and happy to take any questions; there were none; vote made and bill passed

ADJOURNMENT

6:00