

2011-2012 University Senate

Monday, October 24, 2011

2:45 Campus Center Assembly Hall

Susanna Fessler, Chair

Minutes

Present: Philippe Abraham, Greg Albert, David Andersen, Hassaram Bakhru, Robert Bangert-Drowns, Bryant Barksdale, Joseph Bassel, Joshua Bolin, Christine Bouchard, Raysa Capellan, James Castracane, Vishnu Chaturvedi, Thomas Devlin, Bruce Diffenbach, Diana Dumesnil, Sue Faerman, Susanna Fessler, Edward Fitzgerald, Cynthia Fox, Timothy Groves, Hal Gueutal, Yenisel Gulatee, Jean Guyon, Janell Hobson, Michael Jaromin, Richard Johnson, Janine Jurkowski, Daniel Keyser, Alice Krause, Vincent LaBella, William Lanford, Danielle Leonard, Mike LiPetri, Andi Lyons, JoAnne Malatesta, Adrian, Masters, Carla Meskill, Joe Messmer, Robert Miller, John Murphy, Toni Naccarato, Nancy Newman, Heidi Nicholls, Patrick Nold, Gregory Nowell, Susan Phillips, Arthur Rushforth, John Schmidt, Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, Leonard Slade, Jr., Joette Stefl-Mabry, Tim Stephen, Abner Urena, Daniel White, Kevin Williams, Alissa Worden, Rongwei Yang

Guests: Elana Gordi, Bill Hedberg, Tamra Minor, Joan Savitt, Peter Vellis, Kathie Winchester

The meeting convened at 2:46 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 26 were approved as written.

PROVOSTS REPORT –SUSAN PHILLIPS

Provost Phillips delivered a report on behalf of President Philip who was not able to attend.

- Provost Phillips reported that none of the four university centers have had plans approved for NYSUNY 2020. UAlbany is still waiting for a date to make its presentation.
- Governor Cuomo and the PEF leadership have reached a tentative agreement. The new agreement would be for four years instead of five. There would be no salary increase during the first 3 years. UAlbany has approximately 40 members of PEF. Provost Phillips said the UUP contract is still being negotiated.
- At the economic development conference in September the Governor announced that New York had entered into agreements which will provide \$4 billion in additional investments with corporate partners and the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. President Clinton delivered the keynote address at the conference and talked about the state's economic future.
- UAlbany hosted NSF Day last week in an effort to boost federal research on campus. Congressman Tonko, Chancellor Zimpher and President Philip were on hand to kick off events.

- The third annual fall festival, “Fallbany” was held the weekend of October 14-16. The event attracted about 7,000 attendees. Provost Phillips congratulated the Student Association for holding its 5th installment of the World Within Reach Speakers Series during the weekend. Magic Johnson was the featured speaker with over 3,000 faculty, staff, students and alumni attending.
- Two alumni were honored at the Reaching Higher, Achieving More luncheon. The event recognized New York Times art critic Ken Johnson ’78, and Albany physician Dr. Robert Paeglow ’76. Dr. Paeglow provides free medical care to underserved populations.
- Former UAlbany President Vincent O’Leary was remembered during a ceremony held in the PAC Recital Hall on October 16. President O’Leary served as president from 1977-90 and led the campus through difficult financial times. He partnered with then Governor Mario Cuomo to create the School of Public Health. President O’Leary died earlier this year at the age of 86.
- Kick off events were held earlier in October for Community Service Month. Student leaders conducted workshops with regional high school and elementary students.
- A regional forum was held on October 18 with the focus of helping students understand how service learning works. The featured speaker was Dr. Edward Zlotkowski from Bentley University.
- Occupy Wall Street came to campus earlier in the month. Over 200 students protested against tuition increases. President Philip held a forum with students in the atrium of University Hall.

Provost Phillips provided an update on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and referred to a handout she had provided. She reviewed the priorities of the first two years and referred to the steering committee responsible for the plan going forward. The Steering Committee has been broken down into seven implementation working groups and the handout lists the Senate membership in each group.

Provost Phillips also referred to the handout of campus news. The handout provides campus news and special achievements in the schools and colleges. She brought everyone’s attention to the first item announcing that Wayne Locust will be leaving UAlbany to accept an appointment at the University of Connecticut. A complete version of the highlights appears at the end of these minutes. The highlights may be sent electronically in the future.

UFS Senator White said he and his colleagues had recently returned from the SUNY Plenary meeting at SUNY Purchase. One of the major topics discussed was that of shared resources and services. He asked if this is something that should be expected on this campus and if preparations need to be made from a governance perspective. Provost Phillips said that a shared service alliance and paired campuses are two aspects of the concept of shared services. Three paired campuses will have shared presidencies, Cobleskill and Delhi, Morrisville and SUNY IT, and, Canton and Potsdam. She said there was no intention to pair campuses beyond those three. The Provost added that shared services is a component of Chancellor Zimpher’s initiative to obtain a rational tuition plan and to ensure that funds saved would go to academic programs. The Chancellor put out a call to all 64 campuses to consider how they might share services. The most controversial aspects of the concept is 1) the role of campuses in selecting a president and how to participate in the decision, 2) what kind of shared services there would be in academic programs. UFS President O’Brien and Provost Lavallee have indicated this would entail shared governance. For UAlbany, Provost Phillips said the discussions thus far have focused on “back office” operations, and that our campus would most likely share by providing services needed by other campuses as opposed to receiving services from other campuses.

Senator Fox referred to a videotaped shared services conversation with UFS President Ken O’Brien and SUNY Provost Lavallee. Senator Fox noted that Dr. O’Brien had referred in that conversation to a form that was created last year for program deactivation which includes a check off about consultation. He said it would be wise to

include appropriate opportunities in such check offs for consultation about shared services. Senator Fox reported that Dr. Lavallee's response included reference to some campuses not understanding what was meant by consultation and that clarification had been necessary. She asked Provost Phillips if Provost Lavallee was referring to the situation at UAlbany. Provost Phillips said she did not know what campuses he was referring to but would be glad to clarify with Provost Lavallee. Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik stated that Provost Lavallee had not referred to UAlbany in the conversation.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – SUSANNA FESSLER, CHAIR

Most councils have completed the process of committee formation, and those rosters--as available--are being posted to the Senate website. Student senators are also almost entirely in place. I'd like to thank the GSO and the SA for their hard work in making that all happen.

The Senate has recently received the Honors College annual report and it has been forwarded to the Senate for comments. Questions or concerns about the report can be sent to Prof. Jeff Haugaard.

The Senate has been asked to review the report of the Course Assessment Advisory Committee at <https://wiki.albany.edu/display/irpe/Course+Assessment+Advisory+Committee>, and to send questions or comments to the co-chairs, Heidi Andrade (hadrande@albany.edu) or Bruce Szelest (bszelest@albany.edu) by November 11. The Advisory Committee was constituted in consultation with the 2009-10 Senate Governance Council as its report, from the very beginning, was expected to contain a number of recommendations around issues that relate to the work of various Senate councils.

The annual Fall Faculty Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th at 2:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. Please encourage your colleagues to attend. In the interest of cost-saving and conservation, hard copies of meeting materials will not be provided but rather posted ahead of time on the Senate website.

OTHER REPORTS

SUNY-WIDE SENATE REPORT – J. PHILIPPE ABRAHAM, SHADI SHAHEDIPOUR-SANDVIK AND DANIEL WHITE

The following information is posted on the SUNY Faculty Senate website (<http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate/>) for your information.

1) "Shared Services Q & A with Provost David Lavallee
Colleagues,

A large number of our colleagues across the University have already been affected by the SUNY-wide initiative that is now called "shared services."

Two weeks ago Provost David Lavallee came to our UFS Fall Planning meeting, where he faced an hour of questions from a hundred of your colleagues about this and other issues facing the university.

After that meeting, we asked the Provost to come back to the table for a similar "q and a" from a much smaller group, where many of the questions would be repeated for a system-wide video audience. I was most pleased that Professors Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik (UAlbany) and Phillip Ortiz (Empire State College) along with Tremayne Price, a student representative from the Student Assembly, agreed to join me on the panel.

The session was taped last Thursday, and unfortunately, it has taken much longer to get it posted on the SUNY website than I originally imagined. It is now up, to use the jargon, and can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMZqW68ZJ24>. Just to be clear, we believe that this initiative has the potential to reshape important aspects of our traditional campus communities. For that reason, the UFS Executive Committee and I are committed to getting the very best information we have available about the initiative, what it is, what it may become and what it potentially could be, into your [sic].

At our upcoming plenary meeting at least two resolutions will be introduced on the subject, one from the Executive Committee, which was distributed last month when it was passed, and another by the Governance Committee. While we pledge to continue to monitor this and other financial initiatives at System, we believe that the most effective points from which to observe – and participate in – this process is through your campus governance organizations.

Ken O'Brien"

2) The SUNY Senate Undergraduate Research Symposium is scheduled for February 29, 2012 in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) Albany, NY.

- 3) Special Announcement from the SUNY Office of University Life and Enrollment Management :2012 Benjamin & David Scharps Legal Essay Competition. An essay competition for SUNY Juniors and Seniors First Prize - \$1,500 Second Prize - \$1,000 for the Best 2,000 Word Paper THIS YEAR'S TOPIC: Cyber Bullying

Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik provided a report on the main topics discussed at the plenary session at SUNY Purchase. The topic of shared services was one of those topics and two resolutions were passed to address the issue. The UAlbany SUNY Senators recommend UPPC form an ad hoc committee to ensure that shared governance is part of any conversation on this campus regarding shared services.

The second topic relates to a privacy policy that would protect faculty and staff from outside entities requesting information relating to the electronic communication of faculty and staff using State ITS systems. She suggested the Senate may want to pursue such a policy if one is not in place.

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT – HEIDI NICHOLLS

GSO held their first voting assembly meeting on October 7th, 2011. Official introductions of the executive board and assembly were made. The meeting centered on discrepancies of the GSO Bylaws and Constitution, namely the assembly speaker position which has traditionally been held by the GSO president. Despite efforts to clarify these conflicting documents last year, it has been brought by Student Involvement to GSO that we were no longer considered in compliance. A vote was held to table the topic until the members of assembly have been able to pull together their nominations for an Assembly Speaker. Votes will be held on November 4. Nikhil Jain was voted in as Assembly Liaison and currently Tracy Chen has been appointed to Programming Chair and Raysa Capallan to Senator, both awaiting confirmation at the November assembly meeting. Also addressed at our last meeting we focused on the budget. Due to a decrease of graduate student enrollment and increased spending over the summer on large expenditures such as the new printer, the GSO is working with a budget of \$25,000 less than last year. Despite a tighter budget, GSO is pushing forward with their events, such as the upcoming Casino Night on Pearl Street, Interdepartmental Kickball Tournament, and offering free tickets to The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Something different in GSO this year is offering increased funds for groups who collaborate such as the Turkish Student Organization and Educational Psychology RGSO hosting a joint Apple Picking venture, YesPlus and ISO for Diwali, etc. Partnerships are the theme this year for the GSO, both among student groups and the larger parent organizations such as with SA, Alumni Association, etc.

Ms. Nicholls reported that the GSO budget has suffered a \$25,000 loss this year due to a decrease in enrollment. GSO will confirm its programming director when it meets on November 4. Casino night was very successful. The kickball tournament was cancelled. The Turkish Student Association will hold its Turkish Republic Day and will collect donations at that time to send to family members affected by the earthquake. GSO has identified discrepancies in its constitution and bylaws and will change those at its next election. GSO is investing in a partnership with the Student Association.

Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik asked if loans for graduate students had been cut. Kevin Williams, Dean of Graduate Studies responded that there had been changes in regulations that went into effect during the summer which limit the availability of Stafford loans in compliant programs but that there had not been cuts across the board. Mr. Williams added that he would email additional information to Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik.¹

STUDENT ASSOCIATION REPORT – BRYANT BARKSDALE

The Student Association participated in the community service month kickoff event on October 5th. The event involved some of our student groups working with K-12 students in mini-workshops and then having them show off what they had learned to all in attendance. Student Association members also participated in many other community service projects throughout the month which included:

- o Canned Food Drive along with the GSO
- o October 16th Breast Cancer Walk
- o October 17th -21st School Supply Drive with Student Groups Donations will go to the children of local refugees (USCRI)
- o October 29th University at Albany and Binghamton University Clean Up in Broome County

We are looking to keep our involvement with community service going well past October and will be launching a “Student to Student” initiative which will involve our student groups working with different K-12 students in peer mentoring and other projects throughout the year. The 5th Installment of the World Within Reach Speaker Series featuring Earvin “Magic” Johnson took place on October 15th in the SEFCU Arena. We would like to thank everyone who came out to the event. The Student Association currently preparing for the FallFest concert on November 12th .

1 According to new regulations, the **interest subsidy** on Stafford loans for graduate students will disappear on July 1, 2012. This was part of the continuing resolution budget that Congress passed recently to keep the government afloat. Basically, Stafford loans to graduate and professional students will no longer include an interest subsidy, which kept interest from accumulating while they were in school. Grad students can still defer paying interest until after they graduate, but the interest will accumulate in the meantime. So students will be accruing more debt if they defer payment.

Mr. Barksdale thanked everyone who attended the speaker series event. The Student Affairs Director will be sending an invitation to faculty and staff to participate in the cleanup initiative in Binghamton. SA will hold a constitutional convention to update the constitution. They will also be forming a long term strategic plan committee to put a five year plan in place.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) - Adrian Masters, Chair

We have scheduled the meeting times for CAA for the rest of the fall 2011 semester. Rich Matyi has agreed to chair the GEAC and Sean Rafferty will be chair of the PRC. The PRC is scheduled to meet for the first time on 21st October.

The Program Review Committee met on Friday. CAAC met today and discussed a draft report from the Assessment Advisory Committee.

CAFFECoR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) - Aran Mull, Chair

The committee held our first meeting on September 19th. The committee will be addressing development of committee policy and procedure for managing complaints received (none currently exists), re-introduction of a bill addressing the Principals of a Just Community language and continuing training with Residential Life staff on freedom of expression issues. A meeting schedule has been forwarded to Gail Cameron for publication to the Senate web site. On September 22nd CAFFE-CoR received a complaint. A committee is being formed to address the complaint.

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) - Carolyn MacDonald, Chair

The policy approved by the senate 3/14 has not yet been signed. There are no ongoing cases. Planning is proceeding for training for CERS members.

COR (Council on Research) – James Castracane, Chair

The Council on Research had its first meeting on September 19th and considered several agenda items. VPR Dias delivered an update on the status of the recent HHS audit as well as a report on the 2010-2011 F & A Costs for the University.

In addition, COR began populating the various sub-committees with Chairs and Members. Sufficient volunteers were identified to fill all Chair positions and were charged with gathering enough members to fulfill their responsibilities.

The next meeting will be October 17th.

Chair Castracane announced that nominations for the UAlbany Excellence Award in Research and Creative Activities are due on November 1.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Christine Wagner, Chair

CPCA has completed the review of four cases to date. Review of two additional cases will occur at the meeting on October 17th.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Tim Groves, Chair

The GAC met on September 30, 2011. The constitution of the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing, and the Committee on Educational Policy and Procedures was reviewed. The GAC and its three committees now have a quorum needed to conduct business. A few openings still exist. The GAC has no bills to introduce at this time.

Chair Groves reported that all three subcommittees are populated and will meet over the next two week to elect chairs.

GOV (Governance Council) – Andi Lyons, Chair

GOV had its first meeting on September 27. We populated standing committees, and discussed agenda items for future meetings of GOV. The Committee on Liaison and Elections has again been formed as a committee of the whole, based on the recommendation of returning Council members. Within the standing committee on Assessment of Governance & Consultation, a sub-committee of the whole was formed. Chaired by Joette Stefl-Mabry, the subcommittee is charged with developing a model for Administrative Assessment, as required by Senate action during the 2010-11 academic year. GOV's next meeting is scheduled for October 25.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Nancy Newman, Chair

LISC had its first meeting on Sept. 26. We established a regular meeting time for the year and the membership of the Library and IT subcommittees. Charles Hartmann has agreed to chair Library and Larry Raffalovich will chair IT. CIO Chris Haile reported that she and Therese Pardo will co-chair the Strategic Plan Implementation Working Group, "Keeping Pace with Emerging Technologies." Bruce Dudek is LISC's liaison. Chris also discussed the new UAmail system, which is being implemented for students and webmail users this

week. Dean of Libraries Mary Casserly informed us that plans for the Library's renovation are under negotiation, and the result of last spring's survey will be brought to the subcommittee. We meet next on Oct. 24.

Chair Newman reported that LISC met today and the subcommittees will meet over the next few weeks. Senator White inquired if shared services was part of their conversation and Chair Newman said it was discussed. Senator White said a component of the discussion that Dr. Lavallee referred to was using the DegreeWorks audit program which would have an impact on the Registrar's Office. DegreeWorks is being discussed as a replacement for DARS on some campuses. Senator Shahedipour-Sandvik said an important topic has been a privacy policy with IT.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – JoAnne Malatesta, Chair

UAC has reviewed the policy on Restricted Majors and specifically evaluated the requirement that UAC follow up with each restricted major. We discussed how to move forward with the review of restricted majors and will likely be sending something out to these programs in the very near future.

UAC has approved the following Bills (attached):

- Philosophy Revisions to the Bioethics Minor
- Revisions to the Degree Requirements for the Accounting Major
- Revisions to the Informatics Minor

Additionally, UAC approved a proposal for Changes to the Documentary Studies Major. However, given that this proposal has resource implications, UAC has submitted this proposal for review by UPPC before bring it to SEC.

Chair Malatesta said the UAC would undertake the University wide internship policy. The Council has discussed student mobility and laid the groundwork for topics they will discuss this year. The General Education conversation is ongoing and they have discussed keeping local requirements.

ULC (University Life Council) – Yenisel Gulatee, Chair

ULC met on October 6th, 2011. We agreed on re-submitting the Family Leave Policy Senate Resolution (No. 0506-05) to President George M. Philip for further consideration and completion. We also discussed the establishment of a health insurance policy for students; Ms. Christine Bouchard is working on a bill that addresses this issue. In addition, we discussed the Smoking Policy on Campus and the concerns that had been raised about this. We decided to work on establishing a taskforce that can study its complexity.

Chair Gulatee said the council recently compiled a proposal for a student health insurance policy and will send it to the SEC.

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Eric Lifshin, Chair

UPPC met on Friday, October 14. A number of items were discussed including whether UPPC should primarily focus on the evaluation of bills provided from SEC originating in other Senate councils or should it play a more proactive role and create our own legislation based on the broad role expressed in the Bylaws and Charter. An example of the former was just how to approach specific program changes in a bill originating from UAC. UPPC felt could be more effective in its function of commenting as to whether or not a bill is ready for full Senate discussion, if something similar to a Campus Impact Statement were provided with each bill. UPPC would then decide if additional information is needed. In the case of a more proactive role as exemplified by a specific request to comment on a recent report on SIRF evaluations, it was proposed that the originators of the report appear before UPPC so we could hear a summary and also have a chance for some one on one discussion. A similar approach will be followed in responding to ongoing efforts to define future classroom needs. A discussion also took place on whether the two standing Committees of UPPC should be constituted since they have not been in recent years. It was felt that steps should be taken to have UPPC, itself, serve the function of these two committees unless the situation dictates otherwise.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Changes in Council Memberships:

Secretary Leonard announced the following changes in the council memberships:

- CAA: Addition of Graduate student Janelle Adsit and Undergraduate student Amanda Farsace
COR: Addition of Graduate students Tracy Chen and Michael Amrozowicz
GAC: Addition of Graduate student Aymen Assuwiyan
ULC: Addition of Associate Professor Robert Miller, Senator from the School of Social Welfare; addition of Undergraduate students Tremayne Price and Joshua Hoffman

UPPC: Addition of Associate Professor Holly Sims, Senator from Rockefeller College to replace James Fossett, addition of Graduate student Raysa Capellan

Chair Fessler requested a motion to approve the changes in the council memberships. A motion was made and seconded and approved with the following voting results: 48 approved; 0 opposed; 1abstention.

Revision to Bioethics

UAC Chair Malatesta introduced the bill which is a request to add SPH 342 to fulfill the advanced related course requirement in the Bioethics minor. Both the School of Public Health and Philosophy are in agreement that the course would fulfill the requirement. There was no further discussion of the bill and a motion as made to approve the bill. The motion was seconded and approved with the following voting results: 48 approved; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

Minor in Informatics:

UAC Chair Malatesta said the changes are in response to during the past two years. The bill calls for removing two courses CSI 110 and B ITM 215, and the addition of four courses as either replacements or to expand upper-division electives. A motion was approved to forward the bill to the senate. A motion to approve the bill was made and seconded, and approved with the following voting results: 46 approved; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions.

Degree Requirements for Major in Accounting:

Chair Malatesta said the changes for updating the requirements come in response to consultation between the School of Business and the State Educations Department. Senator White noted there was no rationale included. Chair Malatesta indicated that it was a separate attachment and is in place for posterity. The rationale will be added to the bill. A motion to approve the bill was made and seconded, and approved with the following voting results: 47 approved; 0 opposed; 1 abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Cameron, Recorder

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**LOSING WAYNE LOCUST – DEPARTING ON NOVEMBER 17th for UCONN**

- If you get a chance, please take a moment thank Wayne for his service to the University and wish him well in this next chapter!

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**▪ Art Department**

The Art Department Alumni Exhibition, curated by **alumnus and art critic Ken Johnson** of the New York Times, opened on Friday, Oct. 14, in the University's Art Museum. Ken Johnson was the recipient of the University's alumni award for excellence and addressed the university community during a luncheon in the Campus Center Ballroom.

▪ Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences

Assistant Professor **Mathias Vuille received a \$990,099 grant from the US State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs**: The grant will allow Professor Vuille to study the impacts of climate change and glacier retreat in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

▪ English Department

Professor Pierre Joris received an NEA grant to proceed with a long-term translation project focused on the poet Paul Celan; this project is also partially funded by CAS.

▪ Journalism Program

Professor Rosemary Armao, Journalism Program, and a network of international colleagues have won the 2011 Daniel Pearl Award for investigative Journalism. This prize recognizes the world's best transnational journalism project. The journalists conducted an undercover project to reveal how Eastern European criminals and corrupt politicians are using offshore havens as fronts for money laundering, tax evasion and drug and weapons smuggling. The project was selected from among 70 entries from 30 countries as the top project.

▪ History Department

Professor Ivan Steen who currently holds an O'Leary Professorship, signed a book contract with SUNY Press, along with former UUP statewide presidents Nuala Drescher and William Scheurman, to produce a book tentatively titled "*United University Professions: A History*."

▪ Music Department

Professor Max Lifchitz is featured as composer and conductor on two recent compact disc releases on the North/South Recordings label. The albums are:

- **Expressions**: which features his *Expressions for String Orchestra* and *Yellow Ribbons No. 40* for chamber orchestra.
- **Crosscurrents**: which features his *Confrontación* for viola and orchestra and other works.

▪ Women's Studies Department

Professor Barbara Suttten received the National Women's Studies Association Gloria E. Anzaldúa 2011 book prize for her book, *Bodies in Crisis: Culture, Violence, and Women's Resistance in Neoliberal Argentina*.

- o The prize is awarded for groundbreaking scholarship in women's studies that makes significant multicultural feminist contributions to women of color and transnational scholarship.

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION

- **Computer Scientist Siwei Lyu received a continuation grant from the National Institute of Justice to continue his work in partnership with collaborators at General Electric Global Research Center**. The project is to develop a real-time monitoring system of critical activities based on surveillance cameras mounted in security-critical locations, such as a prison, airport or daycare center.
- **Eugenia Kim, 2010 MSIS graduate, is one of eight 2011 recipients of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) "New Leaders Award"**. The purpose of this award is "to recruit, engage, and retain new members and to identify potential for new leadership in the Society." Ms. Kim is a Data Services Specialist/Visiting Assistant Professor at Purdue University Libraries.
- **Computer Science Professor Mei-Hwa Chen is a co-PI on a National Science Foundation award to create a software tool for elementary school students** to use to post and view discussions and for their teachers to watch the discussions with an eye to mining the discussion to help students to engage in topics that interest them.

SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **Distinguish Teaching Professor James Acker and several other School of Criminal Justice faculty and graduate students** partnered with Albany Law School to produce the **first jointly published issue of the *Albany Law Review***

(<http://www.albanylawreview.org/sub.php?id=60>). The special volume focuses on Miscarriages of Justice. A similar special issue will be published each year.

- Members of the **School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association** participated in the Tour de Habitat bike-a-thon. They raised more than \$800 in donations to benefit the Capital District Habitat for Humanity (<http://www.capitaldistricthabitat.org/blog/2011/09/tour-de-habitat-2011-success/>).
- **The National Science Foundation awarded a grant to Associate Professor Megan Kurlychek (Criminal Justice) for her research** project “Do Juvenile Offenders in Adult Criminal Court Really Do ‘Adult Time’?: An Interjurisdictional Investigation of State Juvenile Transfer Laws & Sentencing Outcomes.
- **Distinguish Teaching Professor James Acker and Associate Professor Allison Redlich (Criminal Justice) published a new book** *Wrongful Conviction: Law, Science, and Policy* with Carolina Academic Press (<http://www.cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781594607530/Wrongful+Conviction>).

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- **Professor Shea was awarded a three-year, \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s International Research and Studies Program to develop an online learning lab enabling Chinese and American students in middle and high school grades to work together to learn native languages.**
 - o The program was developed by faculty and staff at the University at Albany School of Education with assistance from WorldTeach-affiliated middle/high schools in Hunan Province, China and the Blue Luna Group, a private Web development firm.
 - o This resource will be essential in assisting middle and secondary school students to begin to master the Chinese language.
- **Kevin Kinser, Educational Administration and Policy Studies, was on the live radio program “On Point” with Tom Ashbrook recently.** Listen to the show at your convenience and hear him discuss the controversy surrounding for-profit higher education <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2011/10/14/for-profit-colleges>.
- **Jill Lansing of SUNY Administration and doctoral student in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies sat down with the Times Union recently to discuss the "Cradle to Career" initiative.**
- **The School of Education co-hosted with the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA) the annual Conversations on Critical Issues in Education** with Capital Region superintendents on September 28.
 - The gathering allows superintendents and UAlbany researchers to exchange insights and pose questions from theoretical and practical perspectives and to identify ways in which School of Education researchers and superintendents can collaborate to the benefit of teacher professional preparation and K-12 education.
- **The Division of Counseling Psychology in the Department of Education and Counseling Psychology will hold the 20th annual Diversity Conference on November 4 and 5.** This year’s theme is *Exploring Privilege: Understanding and Using Our Voices*. Both research and practice will be highlighted to provide a balance between understanding and examining personal privilege and applying privilege as a tool and resource for the well-being of others. Nationally prominent researchers and practitioners in counseling psychology, social work, and other human services will speak, including keynote Roger Worthington, Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. Other speakers include Laura Smith, Ph.D., John Christopher, Ph.D., and Mareike Muszynski, M.SW. The event runs from 9am-4:30pm both days at the Alumni House on the UAlbany Uptown Campus. It is hosted and co-sponsored by the Division of Counseling Psychology GSO and Student Affiliates of Seventeen (SAS).
- Other upcoming events:
 - **The Albany Consortium for Research in Instructional Design and Theory (ACRIDAT) Learning and Instruction Forum**
 - o Thursday, October 27 from 12-1:30pm in ED 346, features Peter Shea, ETAP and Informatics Dept; Siwei Lyu, Computing and Informatics Dept; Xioming Liu, GE Global Research; Jixu Chen, GE Global Research; Jami Colter, Siena College and Informatics Dept speaking on *Automated Facial Recognition and Affect Detection to Improve Online Learning*.
 - o Thursday, November 3 from 12-1:30pm in ED 346, features Lynne Johns speaking on *Factors that impact judgments of quality of online course*.
 - o Thursday, November 10 from 12-1:30pm in ED 346, features Marc Nachowitz speaking on *Reading for Deep Understanding; Knowledge Building and Conceptual Artifacts in Secondary English*.
 - **Educational Psychology and Methodology Brown Bag Lunch Series**
 - o Wednesday, November 2 from 11:30am-1pm in ED 335, features Zach Warner speaking on *Growth and Value Added Modeling: Implications for NYS Teacher Evaluation*.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- School of Public Health professor **Timothy Hoff** has been awarded a [\\$100,000 research grant](#) from the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research (AHRQ) to study the implementation of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) care for older adults.
- **Mary S. Applegate, MD**, associate Dean for Public Health Practice and director of the New York State Preventive Medicine Residency Program, has been appointed to the **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Preventive Medicine**.
 - o <http://www.albany.edu/sph/17913.php>
- **Dr. David Carpenter** spoke at a **University of Southern Maine** conference on the potential risks of cell phones, specifically the risk cancer and brain tumors.
 - o <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/10/17/health/usm-conference-to-focus-on-potential-risk-of-cell-phones/>
 - o <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/10/17/health/scientists-at-portland-seminar-likens-cellphones-to-smoking/?ref=latest>
- **The Center for Continuing Public Health Education will host a presentation and discussion on *Bullying & Public Health* Friday, November 4 at the School of Public Health.** The program will focus on the critical public health issues resulting from bullying behavior, covering topics including cyber bullying, health effects of bullying on victims, bystanders and bullies, effects on LGBT youth, the NYS Dignity for All Act, and discussion of strategies. Speakers for the event include Cathy Welling, MS, CCP, Bullying Prevention Trainer with Capital Region BOCES and JasanWard from [In Our Own Voices](#). The program flyer is attached.

ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE

- **SUNY entered into an agreement with the Peace Corps** to increase the number of graduate students earning a Master's degree in conjunction with serving in the Peace Corps.
 - o **Rockefeller College's Master in Public Administration (MPA) was the first program to complete the new approval process.**
- **Rockefeller College held a three part series entitled *Navigating the Post 9/11 World***, including a panel discussion on how the events changed us at the New York State Museum, a guest speaker focusing on interrogation in the Post 9/11 world, and a panel on prosecuting terrorists at the Rockefeller Institute of Government.
- **Rockefeller College received a \$200,000 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in support of its T-STeP program**, a combined educational, training, and research opportunity administered cooperatively by the College and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

- **Dr. Loretta Pyles receives a \$399,650 grant from the National Science Foundation**
 - SSW Associate Professor Dr. Loretta Pyles has been awarded a three-year research grant for \$399,650 from the National Science Foundation's Disaster Resilience in Rural Communities competition. The research is a comparative study of disaster-affected rural communities on the U.S. Gulf Coast (Louisiana and Mississippi) and Haiti designed to analyze the interactions between international actors and communities during recovery efforts and their influences on the capabilities of disaster-affected individuals. The findings will culminate in the production of a guide and training for international actors working in disaster recovery settings, focusing on practical applications of local-external partnership building, providing professionals with a unique opportunity to advance skills in sustainable disaster recovery practices.
- **Dr. Robert Miller chosen by the Centers for AIDS Research to Review Applications**
 - SSW Associate Professor Dr. Robert Miller has been recruited for a panel of experts to conduct the peer review of applications submitted in response to PAR-11-108: Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR; <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-108.html>). It was noted that his expertise in social welfare, health disparities and spirituality in the context of HIV/AIDS would be of critical help in the scientific and technical review of applications for this program announcement.
- **Dr. Shirley Jones Received the Silver School of Social Work 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award**
 - Distinguished Professor Dr. Shirley Jones received the Silver School of Social Work's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the third Annual Alumni Day Dean's Luncheon and Alumni Awards Ceremony on Saturday September 24, 2011. Shirley received a BS and MA in Education and a MSW '64 from New York University. Her PhD is from Columbia University's School of Social Work.
- **School of Social Welfare's Center for Human Service Research (CHSR) receives \$497,095 Grant**
 - o The Center for Human Service Research (CHSR) has been awarded \$497,095 from the U.S. Department of Justice to rigorously evaluate a parent engagement intervention incorporated in an established mentoring program. The intervention will be implemented by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region which serves at-risk youth in four upstate New York counties. CHSR will utilize a quasi-experimental design to evaluate the pilot project and measure the effects of parent engagement on enhancing the mentoring relationship and reducing the precursors to juvenile delinquency.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- **On October 14th, the University held a public conference on the life and works of the famous Spanish novelist Gonzalo Torrente Ballester, UAlbany's first Distinguished Professor.** Torrente served on our faculty from 1966 till 1972, and he began his most famous series of novels while he was here. The conference was organized by the NYS Writers Institute, International Education, the Libraries, and the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION & INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

- Bob Ford earned his 250th win and is the top active coach in FCS
- Field Hockey ranked number 15 in the country
- Over 90 student athletes will participate in the annual Breast Cancer Walk
- Volleyball in first place in America East Conference

STUDENT SUCCESS

- **Over 600 students attend Career Services' Graduate & Professional School Fair** on Wednesday, October 12.
 - Over 80 schools/programs participated.
- **Fall flu clinic.** The University Health Center sponsored a flu vaccine clinic on October 4th.
- **New living-learning communities.** Student Engagement, together with Residential Life, introduced new Living Learning Communities (LLCs) this fall. Eight new LLCs were offered this year to incoming first-year students with over 300 freshmen are currently enrolled. Find out more at: <http://www.albany.edu/housing/lc.shtml>.
- **Clash of the quads.** Nearly 2,000 students participated in this year's Clash of the Quads - the highest attendance ever since the tradition began in 2003. Additionally, 3,262 non-perishable food items were collected at Clash of the Quads and donated to a children's feeding center in Arbor Hill. More information at <http://www.albany.edu/news/16883.php?WT.svl=news>.
- **Schoharie clean up trip a success!**
 - On Saturday, October 8, 2011, approximately 100 students, faculty and staff members from the University at Albany made the trip to Schoharie County to participate in relief work in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.
 - Many student groups on campus, including Cornerstone Campus Ministry, Newman Association, Hillel, Leaders in Service, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, the Sustainability Council, to name a few – have all been on or have organized upcoming trips to various local areas affected by this storm.
 - UAlbany's Student Association is planning a trip to the Binghamton area to partner with the Binghamton University Student Government on cleanup efforts in the southern tier.