

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Meeting of the University Senate, April 8, 2013
As submitted to Yenisel Gulatee, Senate Secretary, University Senate

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – Andi Lyons, Chair

The appointment of the committee to conduct a nationwide search for Vice President for Finance and Business was recently announced, following consultation with the Senate Governance Council and officers of the Senate.

The Campus Committee on University Community-Engagement is sponsoring a two-day program on April 2 and 3. Sessions are co-sponsored by the SEC and Councils with particular ties to certain topics, and Senate members' involvement is anticipated.

Professor Teresa Harrison is our campus Faculty Athletics Representative, which is a position mandated by all NCAA-affiliated institutions. Her position involves overseeing the academic integrity of the intercollegiate athletics program and monitoring efforts to certify the eligibility of student-athletes for competition. In this role, during the April 8 Senate meeting, Professor Harrison will present her annual report to the faculty about the academic character of UAlbany student-athletes.

In May 2012, the Senate charged the Undergraduate Academic Council with clarifying its procedures as they relate to the Senate Charter. The UAC completed preliminary work on this task and reported to the Senate Executive Committee during its March 25 meeting. The council hopes to introduce a bill to modify previous legislation before the end of this Senate session.

UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) –Danielle Leonard, J. Philippe Abraham & Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, SUNY Senators

At the winter plenary meeting the UFS Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence submitted the first page (a teaser) of what is a multiple-page report that includes recommendations to make diversity a more meaningful element of our campus cultures.

The full report (attached) comes with a request that it be widely distributed across campuses and discussed, either by a governance group or by the Executive Committee of your governance groups. UFS needs to have UAlbany's comments returned to the committee chair (Phillip.Ortiz@esc.edu) by March 15. This will give the committee the time needed to examine our suggestions for a final revision of its report, which will be submitted to the UFS at the May plenary. The new Budget Allocation Model has been postponed for a year. The Graduate Research Symposium was held at the Legislative Office bldg. on Feb 26th with representation from 19 SUNY campuses and 11 of CUNY schools. The UFS senators plan to attend the Spring Plenary meeting in Syracuse in May.

GSO (Graduate Student Organization) – Thomas Devlin, GSO President

No response

SA (Student Association) – Marc Cohen, Student Association Representative

The Student Association will host Parkfest on April 11th. Tickets cost \$15 for general admission and \$20 for VIP. 2 Chainz and Travis Porter will be performing. April 21st is the Cultural Carnival and Guinness World Record breaking attempt. Francis Ageymang has been elected as the new President of SA and Nick Butler was elected Vice President. The Student Activity Fee passed. A new election for Senators will be held April 8-9 due to a technical glitch during the first round of balloting. From Student Group Affairs: The Purple and Gold Awards will be taking place on April 22nd.

New Student Recognition, Spring 2013

Temporary:

UA Smash Bros Club, February 14th 2012.
Albany Lifting Club, 03/04/13
Albany Bioethics Team, March 14th 2013
Pitch Please, 3/11/13
Film Enthusiasts, March 7th 2013

Permanent:

UAlbany Peace Action, 2/25/13
Student Revolutionary Coalition, 2/25/13
Trans-Action, 3/04/13

Reactivation:

Paintball Club, February 14th 2012

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

At its meeting on March 27th the CAA discussed the impending implementation of the new Gen. Ed. Curriculum. Of particular interest to the CAA is how the student learning objectives that pertain to the competencies in the major are to be assessed. We have yet to receive this information from the Gen. Ed. Advisory Board.

CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) – Leslie Saint-Vil, Chair

Nothing to report

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

Cers will be meeting April 4th to discuss training and reporting requirements.

COR (Council on Research) – John Monfasani, Chair

COR has voted approval for the establishment of a new Institute for Health and Human Rights, headed by Kamiar Alaei, MD, as Director and Arash Alaei, MD, as Associate Director, who together founded the Institute and have built a wide network of alliances with multiple departments and schools at UAlbany, with institutions in the Albany area, such as Albany Law, and with human rights organizations worldwide, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and Physicians for Human Rights. COR's decision goes as a recommendation to the Vice President of Research James Dias, who has the final decision in the matter.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Sanjay Putrevu, Chair

The next CPCA meeting is on Friday, April 5.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Tim Groves, Chair

The GAC met on March 12. The CC&I presented minor changes to existing curricula for two programs which they had approved. GAC voted to approve the changes. Prof. Rick Fogarty, Chair of UAC, presented the results of UAC deliberation regarding changes to Academic Integrity language in the UAC bulletin. Prof. Suraj Commuri, Chair of the CP&P committee of GAC agreed to have that committee examine the UAC deliberation, and formulate a recommendation for a GAC position. The goal is to send a joint UAC-GAC bill to the senate for approval before the end of Spring 2013.

GOV (Governance Council) – Christine Wagner, Chair

GOV met on 3/4/13. Nomination slates were finalized for Senator-at-large and SUNY Senator positions. Nomination slates were also finalized for positions on the University Auxiliary Board. The nomination slates

and the procedures for additional nominations were sent to all voting faculty by email on 3/12/13. The final slates with instructions for voting were sent to all voting faculty by email on 3/26/13. Elections are being held electronically on MyUAlbany from April 1 through April 5. GOV will meet again on 4/1/13.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair

The next LISC meeting is scheduled for Monday April 1st. We will hear a presentation about the merger of ERes and Blackboard by Kabel Stanwicks from the Library and Chris Moore from ITS.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – Richard Fogarty, Chair

The council has recently completed deliberations over clarifying its procedures with respect to curricular proposals, and reported the results of these deliberations to the SEC. The ultimate effect of the process will be that UAC will adhere more closely to its mandate and responsibilities as outlined in the Senate Charter. Currently, discussions are underway in the council about how to execute its responsibilities to review periodically the university's restricted majors. There is consensus about a more effective and efficient process for accomplishing this task, and so UAC will soon introduce a bill to modify previous legislation on the issue, making UAC review of restricted majors a part of periodic (5- or 7-year) program reviews.

ULC (University Life Council) – Vincent LaBella, Chair

ULC held the spring faculty forums on Action Steps Towards Inclusive Excellence during the first week of March. The sessions were attended by about 30 people total. This was about half as many people who attended in the fall sessions. Nevertheless, those who attended enjoyed the sessions and have come up with several ideas that have been forwarded onto the Presidents Council For Diversity and Inclusion. ULC and the faculty senate are planning to continue more sessions next year with opportunities for the faculty to meet and engage in conversations about fostering an inclusive environment especially how it relates to teaching and instruction in a classroom setting.

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Susanna Fessler, Chair

Our next meeting will be on April 5th. On our agenda is an update on SUNY2020 from the Provost, and an update on cross-registration with other area campuses from the Registrar.