

Council and Committee Reports for SEC Meeting Oct 2, 2017
Christian Poehlmann, Senate Secretary

UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – Karin Reinhold

I. Informational

On Sept 19, Chair Reinhold met with Immediate Past Chair Collins & Vice Chair Mower to plan upcoming amendments and fora. We agreed to reach out to all chairs of departments, all deans, Senate departmental representatives and UUP departmental representatives to solicit from them their support contacting all faculty and staff in their units. Date for vote on the amendments was set for 2 weeks after the October Senate meeting. Details on this year's fora will come later.

On Sept 19th Chair Reinhold received a request for a visit to the Senate of the Director of the State University of New York's Center for International Development (CID). The CID is a university-wide institution that designs and implements international technical assistance and training projects, conducts policy-oriented research, and contributes to both the theory and the practice of international development. The purpose of the visit is to raise awareness among the faculty about the work the CID does and the opportunities that exist for collaboration between CID and the faculty.

On Sept 20th Chair Reinhold received a request of clarification of the role of co-chairs of councils. Last year the Senate started a model of shared chair responsibilities in order to support the people that stepped up to serve as chairs. When this was decided, it was agreed that only one person would officiate as chair of the council during SEC and Senate meetings and one person would be listed as the official chair on the council roster. When attending SEC and Senate meetings, both co-chairs could attend but only one would be vested with the vote corresponding to the chair of the council. The co-chairs need to schedule who will attend the SEC and who the Senate meetings officiating as Chair of the council. In either case, the other person is always welcome to attend as guest.

On Sept 20th Chair Reinhold received a request of clarification on voting rights of council members. The basic principle is that members of a council have the right to vote in that council. It can be confusing that we have a University Senate with councils composed of tenured/tenured track faculty, contingent faculty, professionals, graduate and undergraduate students, and emerita. Senators that are departmental representatives and others that are senators at-large plus SUNY wide senators and officials (immediate past chair, chair, vice chair, secretary).

The composition of councils is dictated by the Bylaws & Charter, which also describe the process of approval of membership. The council's roster is first approved by the council on nominations, then by the SEC and then voted by the Senate. Whichever category a member may belong to, the member has the right to vote in that council.

Chair Reinhold inquired about video or audiotaping the President's report at Senate meetings. Approval by the SEC was requested.

On Sept 21st Chair Reinhold received a report on SUNY-wide task force on Micro Credentials for review. The deadline for campus response is Oct 11th.

II. Actions taken

III. Recommendations for actions

Re-approval of bylaws amendments 1718BA01 & 1718BA02 and vote starting date Oct 30th.

Coordination of response to the report of the SUNY-wide task force on Micro Credentials.

Councils/standing committees review council/standing committee description on new senate website (www.albany.edu/universitysenate) and submit initiatives, reports or news for their council/standing committee website page.

IV. Announcements

- SUNY Senate President Gwen Kay will visit SEC on Oct 2nd and the Senate on Oct 16th.
- Gina Volynsky Director of the State University of New York's Center for International Development (CID) will visit the Senate on Oct 16th.
- Vote for amendment to bylaws planned for on Oct 30th.
- [2017 SUNY Diversity Conference: Engaging Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity in the Classroom, Campus and Community](#), 29 Nov - 1 Dec.
- SUNY Undergraduate Research Symposium 2018: Friday, April 20 at Oneonta, and Saturday, April 21 at Monroe County Community College. UFS supports this opportunity for students across the SUNY system to come together and display, talk about, demonstrate and/or perform their research and scholarly activity.

OTHER REPORTS

SUNY Senators' Report – Diane Hamilton, Walter Little, Latonia Spencer

- Nothing reported

Graduate Student Organization Report – Dawn Wharram, Lead Senator

- The Graduate Student Association co-sponsored a town hall with the Student Association on maintenance of effort on Tuesday, September 19. Another town hall is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 with the topic TBD.

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

- CAFFECOR will have its first meeting of the semester on 9/27/2017.

CERS – Michael Jerison, past Chair

- Nothing reported

COR – Robert Rosenswig, Chair

- COR held its first meeting September 18.

CPCA – Louise-Anne McNutt, past Chair

- CPCA will have its first meeting Monday, September 25th.

GAC – Sean Rafferty, Chair

- GAC will have its first meeting of the semester on 9/26/2017.

GOV – Jim Mower, Chair

- GOV's next meeting will occur on September 27. Noteworthy agenda items include:
 - o vote to approve Faculty Bylaws Amendments BA 1617:01 and BA 1617:02: voting rights for part time faculty to elect their own representative and clarification of voting senators
 - o Content review of GOV and other Senate webpages on new site
 - o Discussion of alternate Senate online voting tools

LISC – Sheila Bernard, Billie Franchini, Co-Chairs

- LISC will hold its next meeting on October 12.

UAC – Karen Kiorpes, Christy Smith, Co-Chairs

- Nothing reported

ULC – Ekow King, Chair

- Nothing reported

UPPC – Jim Collins, Chair

UPPCReport100217 for SEC Meeting on 10/02/17

Information:

The Council met on September 20.

It heard a report from Provost James Stellar that the new academic units CEAS and CEHC were both doing well in terms of enrollments and the University undergraduate enrollments were higher than expected, as were international student enrollments, while

graduate student enrollments were below the targets for this year. Council members asked about resources for the Health Sciences Campus, in particular space allocations of research, bus scheduling, and access to library resources for graduate students working or taking courses on the Health Sciences Campus. The Provost discussed the issue of space, given the mix of UA and private business claims on space. Chair Collins and a Council member asked about the status of the Information Studies Department (IS) given the proposal by the Dean of CEAS to remove Information Studies from the College. The Provost acknowledged that it was still undetermined where the department would be administratively located, a decision depending on input from President Rodriguez, but said that a decision should be made “within weeks.”

The Council heard a report from VP for Finance and Administration James Van Voorst, about a robust capital projects budget, an adequate operational budget, and evolving issues like the Excelsior Program. He mentioned ongoing legislative effort, supported by an upcoming Student Assembly rally, to expand the Maintenance of Effort Agreement with New York State. The expansion would increase state support for labor costs, utilities, and other recurrent, increasing expenses. A council member asked about the likelihood of it becoming law, and VP Van Voorst replied that the legislation for the expanded MOE had passed the NYS Assembly and Senate annually since 2015, but the Governor had refused to sign it to date.

The council heard a presentation from Dean Harvey Charles and Dr. Annette Richie of the Center for International Education and Global Strategy of a proposal for an undergraduate Global Distinction Milestone. It was the second presentation on the proposal, which would draw on courses from a wide range of academic programs at the University. Council members asked about different components of the program, including language requirements, study abroad, and accessibility of the Milestone to students of limited financial means). A frank and open discussion addressed one of the chief criteria of UPPC’s assessment of the ‘Campus Impact’ of new proposals: Whether adequate consultation had taken place with affected academic units. A compromise was devised, given the wide interdisciplinarity of the Milestone proposal. The council voted to support the Milestone proposal, with the proviso that the sponsors obtain a letter confirming consultation from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The council heard a presentation from Registrar Karen Chico-Hurst about the proposed Academic Calendar for 2018-19. Questions and discussion followed, focusing on the value of having a 3- or 5-year cycle of calendar planning. Council members argued that a longer view would help those trying to host large academic events, such as professional research conferences, at the University. The Registrar agreed.

Actions:

1. The Council voted to approve the Center for International Education and Global Strategy proposal for a Global Distinction Milestone, with stipulations pending.

2. The Council voted to approve the proposed University Calendars for 2018-19.

Recommendations:

None at this time.

The Council next meets on October 18.