

SENATE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT
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UNIVERSITY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT – James Collins

I. Informational

1. Chair Collins attended the University Council Meeting on September 15, as a guest, and after hearing a report on the Presidential Search process of University Council Chair Michael Castellana, requested that the process be put underway as soon as feasible, given Senate's need to nominate and ballot six faculty representatives to the Presidential Search Committee.
2. On September 23, Senate Leadership (Chair Collins, Vice Chair Reinhold, Immediate Past Chair Fox) met with Provost Stellar and Vice Provost Szelest to discuss the following:
 - Schedule for rest of semester given leadership transition. Dates are pending.
 - Humanities & Social Sciences 'Critical Conversation'/Forum. The Provost and Fox noted that it was an issue in strategic planning; the Provost that it must proceed, sponsored by the Office of the President as well as the Senate.
 - Status of Decanal Review process. This will be a task for Interim Provost Wheeler.
 - Senate website changes. VP Szelest reported that websites are beginning to be reviewed and revised. Updates and improvements to the Senate website will be given priority within the general process.
 - Issue of departments that won't appoint Senators. The Provost proposed inviting SGL to meetings of the Council of Deans, with this as an agenda item.

□ Restructuring ODI. This issue, raised as a concern by a member to Chair Collins, is currently on hold.
3. On September 28 Chair Collins received an inquiry and request from the Office of Student Affairs to table outside of the Fall Faculty Meeting on November 9. Permission granted and confirmed on October 12.
4. On September 28 Chair Collins and Vice Chair Reinhold met with JD Hyde, support staff for the University Council, and Brian Smith and Shivam Parikh of the Office of Marketing and Communication to discuss technicalities and logistics for conducting a university-wide call for nominations for the Presidential Search

Committee and as soon-to-follow secret ballot of full-time faculty to elect six faculty representatives to the committee.

5. On September 1 and 29, Anne Marie Murray, Associate Provost for Program Development requested flexible dates for meeting with Senate Leadership and Senate Councils discuss the University at Albany/Albany Law School affiliation. Dates are pending.

6. On September 16 and 30, Chair Collins was informed of a problematic “Interdisciplinary Leadership Minor.”

7. On October 4, President Stellar approved Senate Bill 1617-01 – PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT

II. Actions taken

- a. After consulting with Senate leadership, following the meeting on nominations on 9/28, Chair Collins sent University Council Chair Castellana a letter expressing concerns with the process.
- b. On 10/04 Chair Collins sent a notice to all Senate members informing them of the Presidential Search Committee nomination call from 10/5-12 and asking Senate members to notify their constituents.
- c. Referral to UPPC of proposed name change of Department of Educational Administration and Policy.
- d. Referral to SEC of proposed merger of Departments of Informatics and Information Studies into a single CEAS Department of Information Science; motion to table at SEC meeting on 10/13.
- e. Referral to SEC of proposed separation of School of Business ITM Department into Departments of Information Systems and Business Analytics and Information Security and Digital Forensics; motion to support at SEC meeting on 10/13.
- f. Referral to SEC of Governance Council’s 2016 Reports on Shared Governance; motion to table at SEC meeting on 10/13.
- g. Referral to Governance Council of 2016 Reports on Shared Governance.

III. Recommendations for actions

- a. None.

OTHER REPORTS

UFS (University Faculty Senate) – Diane Hamilton, Walter Little & Latonia Spencer, SUNY Senators

- 1) The SUNY faculty senators report that the 174th Fall Plenary Meeting of the SUNY Faculty Senate, hosted by SUNY Cortland, is October 20-22, 2016. At the plenary next week, among other business, senators will discuss and vote on resolutions related to filling vacancies on college councils, on micro-credentialing, on ethics reviews, and on applied learning.

GSA (Graduate Student Association) – Dylan Carr GSA President

- 1) No report submitted

SA (Student Association) – Felix Abreu, Student Association President

- 1) Nothing to report

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment) – James Mower, Chair

- 1) CAA met on Friday, September 30, 2016 to inform our new members on Council procedures and committee activities. Chairs for the General Education Assessment Committee and Academic Program Review Committee will be elected by committee members at their next organizational meetings. The Council will vote to approve the elected chairs at its next meeting in early November.

CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility) –Carol Jewell, Chair

- 1) Informational
 - a) CAFFECOR tried to meet on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, but due to circumstances beyond her control, Chair Jewell said she would reschedule the meeting.
- 2) Reports of Action
 - a) N/A
- 3) Recommendations for Actions
 - a) N/A

CERS (Committee on Ethics in Research and Scholarship) – Michael Jerison, Chair

- 1) No report submitted

COR (Council on Research) – Daniele Fabris, Chair

- 1) Nothing to report

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Louise-Anne McNutt, Chair

- 1) CPCA met on September 29th and reviewed and voted on two cases.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – James Fossett, Chair

- 1) Nothing to report

GOV (Governance Council) – Karin Reinhold, Chair

- 1) On Sept 26, Chair Reinhold met with JD Hyde, support staff for the University Council, to discuss how the presidential search committee will be formed. This is a summary of the process:
 - a) The open nomination period for faculty, student, prof/staff and dean will be Oct 5-12.
 - b) Then faculty will vote for 6 full time teaching candidates: Oct 17-21
 - c) Students, prof/staff, dean will be selected by Chair of Council, Catellaña, in consultation with university community members. He will come to campus to meet with various people.
 - d) Search committee will be finalized by end of October.
 - e) During October, bids from Search Firms.
 - f) During November, there will be 2 or 3 listening sessions: open forums with members of search committee, a member of search firm and univ. community. These meetings will draw what we are looking for in a president, and it will inform the job description for the president.
 - g) It takes 3-4 months for candidate applications. By mid March we hope to have enough applications.
 - h) There is going to be a website for the presidential search, lots of communication, sharing info, e-mails w/ updates.

We consulted Castellaña about the need of having a presidential search committee that has broad academic representation who informed us that the faculty representatives can be chosen to achieve broad representation “subject to the voting process. “

On Oct 5th, the Governance Council discussed how to conduct the voting process for the six full-time teaching faculty members of the presidential search committee. It was decided that the faculty should be selected, by vote, proportionally to the size of the different campuses.

The Report on the Shared Governance Survey is ready. It will be presented for approval to the Governance Council at the November meeting before presenting it to the Senate.

LISC (Council on Libraries, Information Systems, and Computing) – David Mamorella, Chair

- 1) LISC is meeting on Oct. 17. We will finalize the sub-committees and chairs. Refer to the Senate website for the minutes of our Sept. 19 meeting.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) –Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs

- 1) The UAC held its second meeting of the year on September 29.
 - a) Rick Fogarty, Associate Dean for General Education, “How to Review Competency Plans”: Fogarty provided some background on embedding competencies in the majors and introduced (5) principles for review. There are (8) new plans expected in 2015/2016, and (12) that are in the process of revision. Economics’ has submitted a revised plan to be reassessed by UAC.
 - b) The UAC discussed the SUNY Expanded Investment and Performance Fund proposals. Comments were sent to Cynthia Fox on October 2, 2015.
- 2) Most committee appointments have been made. Chairs – Hazel Prelow (General Education), Christy Smith (Council on Admissions and Academic Standing), Jason Cotugno (Curriculum and Honors), and Stacey Zyskowski (Interdisciplinary Studies).
- 3) UAC meets on October 9. There is only one agenda item - Statute of Limitations on late Withdrawals/CAS request.

ULC (University Life Council) – Ekow King, Chair

- 1) Informational
 - a) The ULC had our first meeting on October 5th. As we begin our work for this year and continue the work of the previous academic year, there are a few items we are working on in the coming months. They are as follows:
 - i) Forming our committees and Ensuring that the council has the required number of undergraduate representatives
 - ii) Modifying the ULC charter to accurately represent the organizational chart of the University and the appropriate names of Offices and Departments within the University

- iii) Investigating and/requesting an update regarding Senate Bill No.: 0809-16, which was proposed and adopted in March of 2009 and forwarded to the President's Office for approval and implementation followed by an Open Forum in November of 2011
- 2) Reports of Actions
- a) The ULC has appointed Deborah Lafond and Brenda Seckerson to serve on the Committee on University Community Relations.
- 3) Recommendations for Actions – None at this time

UPPC (University Planning and Policy Council) – Cynthia Fox, Chair

1) Informational

- a) The following have been placed on the agenda of our next meeting on October 19:
 - i) consideration of a proposal for an MS in Digital Forensics (S. Goel, School Of Business);
 - ii) consultation on a name change in the School of Education: from the Department of Educational Administration and Policy Studies to the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership (J. Lane, School of Education) ;
- b) Consideration of a proposal for a Ph. D. Electrical and Computer Engineering (Ann Marie Murray);
- c) A discussion of “Compact Planning Process Core Principles.” These state both that “appropriate Faculty Senate consultation will occur through interactions with the University Planning and Policy Council” and that “the University Policy and Planning Council will be convened at least once for consultation on the final Compact decisions.”

2) Actions Taken

3) Recommendations