

MINUTES OF  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
October 23, 2018

Prof. Jonathan Karp called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:45 am in UU Old Union Hall. He welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger began his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. See attached PowerPoint presentation for details. Presentation can also be found at <https://www.binghamton.edu/faculty-senate/docs/2018-10-23-full-faculty.pdf>.

Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theatre, asked where President Stenger sees the university moving in the area of humanities. President Stenger answered that a holistic university is the best university. We are investing in faculty hires across the university with well distributed numbers across schools and colleges where teaching requirements are needed to meet student enrollments. We need to find programs that can generate excess revenues to support the campus so we can expand in areas that don't have excess revenues.

Prof. Matt Johnson, Psychology, notes we are in the unique situation that we can try to advance our mission by bringing it to the attention of the public. Can we do more to advance the role of public university? Is this something we can take directly to people of New York to ask them to invest in SUNY? President Stenger said we have to decide where to prioritize. Capital we get from the State gets us buildings that create revenue. We get dollars from tuition (which is more operating funds) and have good opportunities with intellectual property (example: the incubator). Our mix of undergraduate and graduate in-state and out-of-state is helpful. We need to ask New York State for more capital, so we have more opportunities to draw more capital.

Prof. Fernando Guzman, Mathematics, asked about the Pharmacy School and the expansion of Nursing, when those excess revenues will become real, and how much can we expect from those programs. President Stenger answered that both schools have business plans going out to 12 years which have been shared with the Senate Budget Review Committee and FSEC. The Pharmacy School will break even in five years and will show return in the next five years if they meet enrollment targets although they are a little bit behind in enrollment right now. The Nursing School, with the addition of occupational, physical and speech therapies, will break even in five years with significant return in the following five years. Both of these schools are long term investments and will take a lot of work to move forward.

Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, appreciates the university's repeated commitment to facing current budget challenges without appreciably harming the academic side and hopefully future cost savings will not come from the academic side. We have heard about areas of growth where there is potential to increase graduate enrollments and attract international and out of state students but it seems that now is not a good climate for achieving these recruitment goals. Even with the good economy, this is not a good time for graduate and international recruitment. How can we achieve this goal, and additionally is there an overall strategic plan for how to grow our graduate side in the current climate? President Stenger noted that Provost Nieman has had conversations with the deans about growth potential and enrollment. Health Sciences is an important player but it is a U.S. student market. We need to make sure we have those programs ready as soon as possible and recruit hard. Provost Nieman noted that our strategy is multi-faceted and therefore complex. He is working with the deans to develop strategic plans for each college and it has paid off. We are maxing out in several areas, we have a new B.S. in Social Work, and have seen impressive growth in graduate enrollment in Watson, where we are looking at new additional programs. The new Data Analytics will be

popular. We want to get started on this as a base program and take that one online. We need to maximize opportunities for programs that we have in addition to new programs. One area that we have not exploited as much as we should have is online. We have not taken advantage of these opportunities. We right now have a major initiative in Decker to expand the online program in Nursing as we are about ten years behind. This will yield us additional graduate students.

After no questions, the Full Faculty meeting was adjourned.

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year was called to order by Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, at 12:23 pm.

1. Minutes

After no discussion, the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting were approved with minor changes.

2. Obituary notices

Prof. Karp notified the body that Prof. Anibal Quijano, Sociology; Prof. William Snyder, Germanic Languages and Literature; Prof. Charles "Al" Carpenter, English; Prof. Anthony Pellegrini, Romance Languages; and Prof. Richard Pindell, English passed away. Prof. Karp asked for a moment of silence to remember these colleagues.

3. Election of Faculty Senate Secretary

After no other nominations, the slate of Andrew Scholtz, Classics, was approved unanimously.

4. Curriculum Items

a. Deactivations / Discontinuances of Programs

These programs are either being deactivated (no students), being replaced, or being reconsidered. Prof. Karp noted that FSEC has reviewed these in detail and has approved. Prof. Guzman, chair of the Diversity Committee, noted that the Diversity Committee has reviewed these also and finds no objections. After no discussion, these were approved by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

5. New Business

a. UFS resolution 177-02-1 to provide access to menstrual products at all SUNY campuses in all restrooms -- Prof. Barry Jones, Economics, noted that resolution came from the SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Committee. This resolution is important as it covers both diversity, inclusion, and access and helps to insure our students' health. Prof. Fernando Guzman, chair of the Senate Diversity Committee, said the Diversity Committee endorses this resolution and strongly advises President Stenger and the administration to make this a reality within a reasonable time. After no more discussion, this was approved by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- b. Pharmacy School Bylaws – Prof. Leon Cosler stated that these Bylaws have been in development for more than a year. A former version was reviewed by the Senate Bylaws Review committee which returned a very thorough report in response to which the Pharmacy School revised the bylaws, addressing every point. Prof. Guzman, chair of Bylaws Review Committee, noted that the committee has no objections or comments. The committee looked for consistency with campus-wide bylaws and policies and made recommendations which were followed and revised. After no discussion, the Pharmacy School Bylaws were approved by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
- c. Senate Planning Meeting items – Prof. Karp noted that we held an annual planning brainstorming meeting to come up with the most pressing issues of concern that the Senate should address in the coming year. These suggestions are taken very seriously and helps FSEC plan their agenda for the year.
- Curriculum – For our place within the SUNY system, there are directives from SUNY on how we present our own curriculum, restrictions, and guidances. Seamless transfer is an issue that was raised which was discussed at the recent University Faculty Senate plenary meeting. University Faculty Senate is aware that it is a problem and a difficulty.
  - Online education – There are concerns with expansion SUNY-wide and at Binghamton. What are implications when increasing online education?
  - TAP and excelsior restrictions put on students -- How they affect our students affects how we do our job.
  - Gen Ed role – Is Gen Ed channeling students into some classes and making it harder for them to get into other courses to meet their goals?
  - Faculty hiring/budget – There are issues with wage compression and the adjuncts' increasing role and their underrepresentation on faculty governing bodies.
  - Infrastructure – With the sprawling nature of our campus and expansion into other communities, this presents challenges for faculty and students relative to security, gentrification, housing, safety, and logistics of classroom design.
  - Library space
  - Parking space
  - Well-being of our students -- mental health, counseling, hunger, lack of housing.
  - Orientation of international students so they feel at home and are well prepared.
  - Calendar issues -- Short summer, breaks in the middle of the semester, aligning the calendar with parenting issues.

Prof. Anne Bailey, History, mentioned that we might want to find ways to affirm our commitment to Affirmation Action here at BU in light of Harvard's case against its admissions policies before the Department of Justice. The results of this case are likely to affect other institutions of higher learning like us.

Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theatre, noted the aging infrastructure in Fine Arts and that we should be thinking about the older buildings on campus and the issues they are presenting such as office space and heating.

- d. Open Access Policy – Dean Curtis Kendrick noted that this policy removes barriers with access to content of journal articles and gives free open access to anyone across the world. Faculty will put their articles in the depository which will increase the access of

faculty work. This will change the dynamic of the publishing industry. SUNY campuses must have a policy in place by 2020.

Prof. Andrew Walkling, Theatre, asked if there is no fee. Dean Kendrick answered that this is a free service.

Prof. Roberta Strippoli, Asian and Asian American Studies, expressed concern with regard to the implications for academic presses running on tight margins and whether Open Access might cut into sales. Many scholars rely on the viability of such presses.

Prof. Jon Karp noted that we were running out of time and more discussion needs to be done on this complex issue. He recommended that everyone read the document from Dean Kendrick which will answer all the questions so we can act on this policy at our next Senate meeting.

Prof. Fernando Guzman stated that open access can only help diversity and inclusion.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Present: Anne Bailey, Robin Best, Peter Borgesen, Cassandra Bransford, Seokheun Choi, Leon Cosler, Jill Dixon, Patrick Doyle, Heather Fiumera, Mark Fowler, Ann Fronczek, Leslie Gates, Sarah Gerke, Neyda Gilman, Christof Grever, Fernando Guzman, Robert Holahan, Olivia Homes, Mattias Iser, Barry Jones, John Suk Young Kang, Jonathan Karp, Bryan Kirschen, Leslie Lander, Stephen Levy, Harold Lewis, Michael Lewis, Carl Lipo, Richard MacKenney, Claudia Marques, Marcin Mazur, Natalija Mijatovic, Jean-Pierre Mileur, Donald Nieman, Vladimir Nikulin, Tomonari Nishikawa, Nkiru Nzegwu, SB Park, Andrew Scholtz, Edward Shephard, Thomas Sinclair, Gale Spencer, Harvey Stenger, Roberta Strippoli, Cibran Uzmanoglu, Andrew Walkling, Douglas Wehbe, Alexi Zentner, Yan Zhang, Harald Zils, Melissa Zinkin

Excused: Noah Henry, Sharon Holmes, Anthony Meder

Absent: Christina Balderamma-Durbin, Brian Callahan, Ana Maria Candela, Lubna Chaudhry, Eric Cotts, William Culverhouse, Elizabeth DiGangi, Deborah Elliston, Dale Felix, Christopher Hanes, John Havard, Albrecht Inhoff, James Jentsch, Thomas Kulp, Adam Laats, Brett Levinson, Steven Lynn, Daniel Magelby, Tarun Mastana, Thomas McDonough, Omowunmi Sadik, Sumantra Sarkar, Anton Schick, Timothy Singler, Erin Washburn, David Wilton, Lei Yi, Hong Zhang