

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
April 2, 2019

Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:47 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/2019-04-02-full-faculty-hgs.pdf>.

Prof. Fernando Guzman, Mathematics, and chair of Diversity Committee, asked President Stenger to comment on the PRODiG project from SUNY Central. President Stenger reported that the Chancellor has created a program with a goal in the next 10 to 11 years to hire 1,000 new faculty members from under-represented groups (and in particular women in STEM). She will use her budget to share the cost with campuses. Proposals are due by July 15 as to how we can identify areas where we know we can successfully conduct a search that will result in a hire. SUNY will pay 100% of the salary the first year, 50% the second year, and 30% in the third year. Right now we have the Presidential Diversity Post-Doctoral program which will continue. We pay 100% of the salary for the post-doctoral fellows for two years. If they are doing well, we would move them into our budget process. Our post-doc program can be a pre-PRODiG program. Our post-doc program has not worked exactly as we wanted, as we did not look for strong departmental recruitment. PRODiG will allow us to do our post-doc recruitment within programs that want to do this. As we move forward, we will work the post-doc program into the PRODiG program. The PRODiG program is hiring assistant professors. If we can keep our post-doc program going for a few years, the PRODiG program will help us.

Prof. Karp asked President Stenger to say a few words about our capital campaign, the time frame, and the strategy. President Stenger responded that we are in the quiet, non-public phase. The Foundation embarked on this campaign two years ago with a target set at \$150 million. We are at about 40% of our goal, expect to be at half the goal within a year, and will continue to accelerate. We are trying to involve faculty as much as we can. Interim Vice President John Koch knows this business well and is working to find faculty who want to participate. Faculty can help with getting prospective donors interested by talking to them about their programs, not particularly asking for a gift.

After no further questions, the Full Faculty meeting was adjourned.

The fourth Faculty Senate meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year was called to order by Prof. Jonathan Karp at 12:31 pm.

1. Minutes

After no discussion, the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

Chair Karp recently sent message to those Senators who had missed two meetings. Senators who cannot attend a meeting are asked to please contact Laura O'Neil to be excused. There is an expectation that Senators will attend all meetings as they are representatives to their departments and should take information back to their departments on what was discussed in Senate meetings.

2. New Business

- a. Learning Management System – Andrea MacArgel, Director of Institutional Design, Center for Learning and Teaching, reported on the My Courses user group that is discussing the use of My Courses. We have been using Blackboard since 2000. ITS moved to having this hosted by Blackboard two years ago, and the name was then changed to My Courses. A contract was signed at that time; that contract will expire in December 2020. In the spring of 2018, the My Courses user group discussed whether we wanted to keep using Blackboard. Their first step was to survey faculty and students about My Courses; 384 faculty and 530 students responded. Results are available on the Learning Management System website at <https://www.binghamton.edu/clt/lms-pilot/index.html>. It was found that not everyone was pleased with Blackboard, so we moved forward to piloting three new Learning Managements Systems (Canvas, Brightspace by Desire to Learn, and Blackboard Ultra). Many faculty members were recruited to participate in piloting these systems. There will be two panel discussions on April 4 and 5 where faculty members using these systems will discuss the systems. If we decide to change to a new system in the fall of 2020, this will give us time in spring 2020 for training and course conversions.

Prof. Tom Sinclair, Public Administration, asked if the names of those faculty piloting these systems, and of members of the My Courses user group, could be added to the website. Ms. MacArgel agreed to add those to the website.

Will a new system allow for retention of course information to be maintained? Ms. MacArgel responded that both Canvas and Desire To Learn can ingest all information from Blackboard into their systems. She did warn that these are all very different systems, so conversion may not be perfect.

Prof. Lina Begdache, Health and Wellness Studies, asked if we would be able to use both systems at the same time in spring 2020? Ms. MacArgel said that we would not be able to do this. In spring 2020 we would have access to both systems but enrollment will be in the current system. Any new system would be in effect for fall 2020.

Ms. MacArgel noted that anyone can contact her via email at lmspilotsupport@binghamton.edu with any other questions.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 am.

Present: Anne Bailey, Christina Balderamma-Durbin, Lina Begdache, Robin Best, Peter Borgesen, Cassandra Bransford, Brian Callahan, Seokheun Choi, Leon Cosler, William Culverhouse, Jill Dixon, Patrick Doyle, Mark Fowler, Ann Fronczek, Christof Grewer, Fernando Guzman, Olivia Homes, James Jentsch, Sha Jin, Barry Jones, Jonathan Karp, Bryan Kirschen, Leslie Lander, Harold Lewis, Michael Lewis, Steven Lynn, Claudia Marques, Marcin Mazur, Thomas McDonough, Donald Nieman, Tomonari Nishikawa, Nkiru Nzegwu, SB Park, Sumantra Sarkar, Anton Schick, Andrew Scholtz, Edward Shephard, Thomas Sinclair, Diane Sommerville, Harvey Stenger, Roberta Strippoli, Andrew Walkling, Douglas Wehbe, Lei Yu, Yan Zhang, Harald Zils, Melissa Zinkin

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Excused: Lubna Chaudhry, Elizabeth DiGangi, Sarah Gerk, Noah Henry, Sharon Holmes, Adam Laats, Anthony Meder, Natalija Mijatovic, Omowunmi Sadik, Cibani Uzmanoglu, Hong Zhang, Alexi Zentner

Absent: Ana Maria Candela, Anne Clark, Eric Cotts, Deborah Elliston, Leslie Gates, Neyda Gilman, Christopher Hanes, John Havard, Robert Holahan, Albrecht Inhoff, Mattias Iser, John Suk Young Kang, Thomas Kulp, Brett Levinson, Stephen Levy, Carl Lipo, Richard MacKenney, Daniel Magelby, Jean-Pierre Mileur, Timothy Singler, Gale Spencer, Erin Washburn, David Wilson