

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 6, 2012

Prof. Susan Strehle (Department of English and Chair of the Faculty Senate) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:54 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. She welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger presented slides (see attached) on:

- Growth
- Road Map status
- NY SUNY 2020
- Web design
- Recent rankings
- Campaign completion
- Community impact report
- Quarterly reports

At this time, President Stenger opened the meeting for questions.

Question from Prof. H. Richard Naslund (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies): Have you set aside a certain portion of the budget to be used for the road map outcomes? Yes, we have set aside \$1.7M of salary and expenditure lines and another \$400,000 of one time money to be spent in 2013 for the roadmap outcomes with a similar amount for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 for a total of \$5 million invested. We are investing \$2.7 million for faculty hiring and expect to do that three more times in the next three years to get us to the net growth of 105 faculty.

Question from Prof. Stephen Zahorian (Electrical and Computer Engineering): Could you confirm the number of staff to be added in the coming years? There will be a total of 175 faculty over the next five years, approximately 35 per year for five years. The identity of where those will be hired will come about as a result of the road map process.

After no more questions, the full faculty meeting was adjourned.

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year was called to order by Prof. Strehle at 12:25 p.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Strehle notified the body that Prof. Melvin Seiden, professor emeritus of English, and Prof. Margaret Yonemura, retired professor of education passed away. As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to their families on behalf of the Senate.
3. Reports
 - a) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies and University Faculty Senator) reported:

- The upcoming reallocation of state tax money is based on campus enrollments and where they are (undergraduate and graduate). BU is getting the largest percentage gain. Nine campuses are getting increases; 23 campuses are getting reduction.
- The SUNY Provost has formalized a policy that assigns faculty ownership of instructional content. Details can be found on the SUNY website.
- Ongoing and continuing process of SUNY facilitating transferability across the SUNY System. A receiving campus getting a student who has an AAS degree must accept all of their general education courses plus the four to five courses that are defined as standard courses that are introductory for the major, assuming that major on this campus has the same kinds of courses as pre-requisites. Students are not required to re-take pre-requisites courses to move forward if they have already taken them. It does however beg the question of what is equivalent content in courses. SUNY is looking at trying to quantify that with a 70% equivalency to count if two courses are the same. It is important that we need to be aware of our transfer students and how they are doing and if they were prepared when they began a course here.

Question from Prof. Matthew Johnson (Psychology): Is there anything you need from us to help with the budget allocation? Prof. Knuepfer said things look good right now as far as allocation. It does not look like Chancellor Zimpher is backing away from the numbers that have been established.

b) Prof. Howard Brown (History and chair of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee) reported on activities of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

- President Stenger asked the FSEC for input on considering Bahgat Sammakia, interim Vice President for Research. FSEC members discussed and adopted the following resolution:

"We appreciate the opportunity to review the materials presented by Bahgat Sammakia and after discussion have agreed that in this case we are comfortable with the process of appointing him as Vice President. We believe he would have emerged in a national search and would compare very well in a national search."

- FSEC reviewed and endorsed the doctoral proposal from CCPA which has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration today.
- FSEC chose participants for the Provost's Trans Disciplinary Area Committee to develop areas of excellence that will make Binghamton University distinctive in the areas of research and scholarship.
- FSEC was asked by Provost Nieman to recommend members for the search committee for the Dean of Harpur.
- FSEC adopted an interim solution regarding foreign language transfer requirement and how we assess transfer students having or having not met our foreign language requirement. The FSEC has essentially adopted a minimalist position which is to accept two courses elsewhere or grades in high school of 85 or higher. This is a three-year interim requirement to be applied to transfer students until a permanent solution is developed and implemented in the fourth year.
- FSEC received the committee annual reports and asked some committees for modest revisions. Reports have been forwarded to the Faculty Senate today.

4. Approval of degree candidates A motion to approve the list of graduate candidates was made by Prof. Eugene Stevens (Chemistry) and seconded by Prof. Gary Truce (Health and Wellness Studies). On voice vote, the motion was approved.

5. New Business

- a. Annual reports of 2011-2012 Faculty Senate standing committees and others
Prof. Strehle thanked the committee chairs and members for their work on these committees. After hearing no discussion or issues with these reports, Faculty Senate formally received and approved the reports.
- b. Proposal for Doctoral Program in Community and Public Affairs – Prof. Strehle noted that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee considered this proposal at great length, including discussions with Dean Patricia Ingraham and Prof. Josephine Allen (Social Work). The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has sent this to the Faculty Senate body with their endorsement.

Prof. Strehle asked for questions, comments, and responses to the proposal. Hearing none, Prof. Strehle asked Dean Ingraham if she would like to make any comments, who in turn asked Prof. Josephine Allen to comment.

Prof. Allen noted that developing this interdisciplinary program for CCPA involved many faculty members over several retreats and meetings to how best find a very significant program that would reflect the scholarship and interests of communities working within a disciplinary fashion, and to working with other units and schools, i.e. Decker School of Nursing, Watson School. This doctoral program is for students who may already have a master's degree from departments in CCPA (social work, student affairs, human development) as well as students who have a degree in sociology, political science and other fields that are related to looking at community-based problems that are addressed by the public as well as non-profit organizations. It is important that our doctoral program focuses on leadership to gain the strength to address the problems that are before us. It is also important to note that we had consultations with interdisciplinary units and in-person consultation with colleagues at University of Michigan and New York University. Interdisciplinary research is very important as it allows us to look at the complex issues we face. Prof. Allen is very pleased and proud to ask for the Faculty Senate's support of this program.

Prof. Randall McGuire (Anthropology) asked if we had a quorum. It was determined that there was a quorum.

Prof. Howard Brown commented that this proposal has received intensive scrutiny. This is a PhD program that is unique in the nation. Many other PhD programs adopted at BU are programs that could be ranked vis-à-vis other programs of their ilk; this program will not be that kind of program. It is not unique at BU in having that status, however; we have PhD programs in rural nursing and translation studies. Those are not programs that are in disciplines that are widely ranked; therefore in that sense, we are leading the way in creating PhD programs that are distinctive, that fit our own institution and our own regional needs. This is such a program and one that has received thorough vetting.

Prof. Susan Strehle notes that this adds a PhD program to a unit that previously did not have one, so this balances the university and gives the faculty in CCPA the opportunity to work with students at the highest level.

A vote was called to endorse the proposal. It was approved by a vote of 32 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

After no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

- Present: Jeffrey Barker, Donald Boros, Gisela Brinker-Gabler, Howard Brown, Nicole Cameron, Subimal Chatterjee, Zu-yan Chen, Scott Craver, Frederic Deyo, Jill Dixon, Jennifer Gordon, Matthew Johnson, Peter Knuepfer, Anne Larrivee, Michael Lawson, Patrick Madden, Dina Maramba, Sarah Maximiek, Marcin Mazur, Randall McGuire, H. Richard Naslund, Donald Nieman, Stephen Ortiz, Solomon Polachek, Sara Reiter, Pamela Sandoval, Lisa Savage, Steve Seepersaud, Thomas Sinclair, Jim Stark, Harvey Stenger, Eugene Stevens, Susan Strehle, Gary Truce, Wendy Wall, Zili Yang
- Excused: Sharon Bryant, Yulong Chen, Donette Francis, Surinder Kahai, Les Lander, Alistair Lees, Rosmarie Morewedge, Eseosa Olumhense
- Absent: Tania Alameda-Lawson, Allan Arkush, John Baust, Mark Blumler, James Burns, George Catalano, Jungyun Cho, Joseph Church, Laura Collins, Eric Cotts, Magdalena Czubak, Deborah Elliston, Salvadore Fajardo, Benjamin Fordham, Ross Geoghegan, Vincent Grenier, Douglas Holmes, Christopher Knapp, Jonathan Krasno, Ji-Song Ku, Harold Lewis, Debi Mishra, Seungbae Park, John Starks, Dale Tomich, Kelly Wemette, Deanne Westerman, Charles Westgate, David Wilson, Melissa Zinkin