

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 6, 2014

The fourth Faculty Senate meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order by Prof. Lees at 11:45 am.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

2. Approval of degree candidates

A motion was made to approve the spring degree candidates. It was questioned and noted that this list are of students who have put their name forward with their intent to graduate. This list does not indicate that all degree requirements have been met. All students will have to complete all degree requirements before their degree is conferred. On voice vote, the motion was approved.

3. New Business

a) Syllabus statements on credit hours and course expectations

These suggested statements come to Faculty Senate from EPPC and FSEC regarding the number of hours of work put in for four credit courses and the recommended statements that should appear on the syllabus.

It was noted that these statements are based on the typical four credit class. This would not be appropriate for classes such as a senior honor class. Prof. Brown noted that we could entertain the motion of a revised statement, but Prof. Reiter noted that the statements do state "at least" and as such may not be typical for all classes.

After no other discussion, this was approved by a voice vote of 54 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

b) Reactivation of Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts

This reactivation comes recommended by the faculty in the Art Department through UUCC and FSEC to Faculty Senate. After no discussion or questions, this was approved by voice vote of 54 for, against, 0 abstentions.

c) Deactivation of Bachelor of Arts in Human Development

This deactivation comes to Faculty Senate from the faculty in CCPA and in support by Dean Bronstein. There have been no students in this program since 2009-2010. After no discussion, this was approved by voice vote of 56 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

d) Creation of Russian Studies major

This comes to Faculty Senate from UUCC by Vice Provost Donald Loewen. A complete business plan is included. Creation of this major does not require new resources. After no discussion, it was approved by voice vote of 56 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

e) Policy for assessment of General Education

This revised policy comes from UUCC and FSEC. After no discussion, this was approved by a voice vote of 57 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

f) Revisions to Guidelines and Learning Outcomes for the General Education C requirement

This comes to Faculty Senate from UUCC and FSEC and provides a statement on the size of papers and revisions that may have been ambiguous in the past. After no discussion, this was approved by voice vote of 57 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

g) Proposal for use of AP, CLEP, and IB/HIB for General Education

This proposal comes to Faculty Senate from UUCC and FSEC. It revises the ways of assessing a student's previous work for general education requirements. The table outlines the requirements along with changes noted in red and makes all requirements more consistent. It is noted that this is for general education, not requirements for a major.

Prof. Sharon Bryant, Decker School of Nursing, noted that nursing students who are in the RN program will be adversely affected as these are students who have nursing degrees from community colleges who enroll in BU to earn their bachelors. Most students are working RN's whose employers offer one day a week off to attend classes. The School of Nursing has created a program to fit into their schedule and taking general education requirements does not fit into their schedule. They have already fulfilled their nursing pre-requisites and nursing courses, and when they come to Binghamton, they have very few general education credits. It would be difficult for them to graduate in a timely manner without the ability to CLEP the general education courses.

Prof. Brown, History, asked if this had been brought to the attention of the UUCC? What is the number of students impacted? Prof. Bryant stated that in 2013, it would have affected 48 students, in 2012 36 students, 24 students in 2011, and 35 students in 2010 if this policy had been enacted during these years. There is a range of courses that students would still need when they come to BU, but part of the mission of the Decker School is to help nurses obtain their degree in a timely manner so they can meet their employer's requirements in order to keep their current job.

Prof. Reiter, School of Management, spoke for the UUCC and noted that the Decker School did come to the UUCC with this issue, but never came back to UUCC with a proposal. The proper procedure was never completed so Prof. Reiter does not believe we should be discussing this on the Faculty Senate floor.

Prof. Brown, History, noted that a waiver for a small group of students would satisfy this. Prof. Bryant said that she had heard that this may affect veterans, but she could not speak to that. Prof. Brown recommended that we pass this policy and give the Decker School the opportunity to make a waiver through department channels.

Vice Provost Loewen noted that we have to consider how important it is to have a university-wide policy for general education requirements now that we will be implementing DegreeWorks. With DegreeWorks, we will need conformity. It would be possible to address some options such as Decker School is discussing so we can creatively address general education requirements that may be difficult for nursing students to handle.

Prof. Laremont, Sociology and Political Science, asked that if we postpone approval of this policy would there be a disadvantage until we can revise to include the Decker School?

Vice Provost Loewen noted that the programming requirements are needed for 2014-2015 bulletin so there is a technical reason to have the policy in place.

After no further discussion, this policy was approved by a hand vote of 44 for, 4 against, 5 abstentions.

h) Proposal for new Office of University-Wide Courses and Programs

This proposal came from UUCS and FSEC. This office will oversee courses that are not associated with any college. This office will report to the UUCS. After no discussion, this was approved by a voice vote of 57 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

i) Election of 2014-2015 Faculty Senate Procedures Committee. Pursuant to Article III, Title B, 10.c. of the Faculty Bylaws, the Nominating Committee of the Faculty Senate presents the following slate of nominees:

Chair -- Alistair Lees, Chemistry
Vice Chair -- Sandra Michael, Biological Sciences
Secretary -- Sara Reiter, School of Management

This slate of officers was approved by a voice vote of 56 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

4. Reports

a) Prof. Howard Brown, Chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Prof. Brown reported on the activities of the FSEC for the spring 2014 semester. Weekly meetings have permanently moved to AD 148. Many items were widely and thoroughly discussed throughout the semester. There were many discussions with EPPC and UUCS, and Prof. Brown thanked Prof. Reiter, School of Management, for all her hard work on many items.

As part of the new Start-Up New York program, members of FSEC will be reviewing proposals. FSEC named two standing committee members plus two more faculty will serve depending on the nature of the proposal. It was agreed that each faculty member would not serve on the committee if there appeared to be a conflict of interest.

FSEC met with Prof. Ye, Bioengineering, to discuss the restructuring of the Bioengineering BS degree, which will now be named Biomedical. The new curriculum was reviewed in consultation with Mathematics and Chemistry departments.

The FSEC was involved in the budget process and principles of shared governance and worked on budget issues through the roadmap planning process. We now have a roadmap steering committee, and there have been several proposals received through this process. A permanent process/plan needs to be put in place in order to plan one year ahead.

The creation of the MA program in liberal arts 4-1-1 program was discussed. This program is in its planning stages with a committee chaired by Dean Strehle with members Prof. McGuire, Dean Bronstein, Dean McCall, and Vice President Rose to discuss graduate enhancements. This program will attract graduate students on combining liberal arts with internships. We learned that Dean Strehle has met with seven Harpur department chairs and has planning in

place to increase graduate enrollment. We hope to increase enrollment from 3,100 to 6,000 by 2020.

FSEC met with Dean Bronstein of CCPA to discuss the state of the school including the academic reputation of the college and the human development program. Both of their graduate programs are doing well. Their undergraduate program is notably strong in admission and graduation rates.

FSEC met with Randall Edouard and Ed Scott regarding the survey on campus climate on diversity and inclusiveness. The FSEC suggested some changes to the survey.

The FSEC had thorough discussions regarding the Pharmacy School proposal.

Peter Knuepfer, chair of the SUNY Faculty Senate met with FSEC and discussed items including the sale of the Long Island hospital, SUNY "system-ness" (the way we interact as a system), transfer pathways, Open SUNY, and Start-Up New York.

We recommended three faculty representatives to the search committee for the ITS Director of Academic and Research Services. Prof. Sandoval, Graduate School of Education; Prof. Craver, Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Prof. Weixing Zhu, Biological Sciences will serve.

The FSEC met with Dean McCall to hear about the state of Harpur College, and will meet with Larry Roma next week to hear about campus plans for construction, renovations, and facilities management.

b) Prof. Randall McGuire, University Faculty Senator

At the May 1 and 2 SUNY University Faculty Senate meeting, a resolution was presented regarding textbooks and costs calling for libraries to stock textbooks. This resolution was sent back to SUNY Faculty Senate and not approved.

A resolution was passed regarding the evaluation of teachers put in place by the New York State Board of Regents. This evaluation program was implemented by Pearson, a textbook company. There are a number of concerns for implementing this without giving schools of education time to prepare and decide how to implement. Student teachers are being filmed as part of the evaluation process. Implementation will be delayed in order to resolve issues.

Chancellor Zimpher asked the Senators to give her advice on how to evaluate campus presidents.

Resolution was passed that the 2012 Guidelines for Presidential Searches should be applied to other chief officers even if the title is not "president" (i.e. CEO).

Regarding seamless transfer and pathways, there was an elaborate procedure to collect information from campuses. This process is now finished and the final outcomes/pathways were released last Friday.

SUNY Central through Chancellor Zimpher will be applying new metrics to campuses which include four outcomes in measuring these accomplishments:

Increase college readiness
Increased enrollment
Strengthening value of a SUNY degree
Increased external funding

Campuses will need to set goals based on these metrics. If SUNY can show increases, it may be a way to increase budgetary money from the Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Present: Allan Arkush, Jeffrey Barker, David Bartine, John Baust, Mark Blumler, Donald Boros, Gisela Brinkler-Gabler, Howard Brown, Sharon Bryant, George Catalano, Subimal Chatterjee, Manas Chatterji, Yulong Chen, Zu-yan Chen, Jungyun Cho, Scott Craver, Magdalena Czubak, Marilyn Desmond, Jill Dixon, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Charles Goodman, Jennifer Gordon, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey, Matthew Johnson, Surinder Kahai, Celia Klin, Les Lander, Ricardo Laremont, Anne Larrivee, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Stephen Levy, Patrick Madden, Wendy Martinek, Pamela Mischen, Randall McGuire, Sandra Michael, Richard H. Naslund, Donald Nieman, Neil Christian Pages, Seungbae Park, Solomon Polachek, Xingye Qiao, Sara Reiter, Pamela Sandoval, Daryl Santos, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Diane Sommerville, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Dale Tomich, Gary Truce, Deanne Westerman, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Thomas Wilson

Excused: Jonathan Biggers, Christopher Bishop, Vincent Grenier, Michael West, Hong Zhang

Absent: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh, Josephine Allen, Joseph Church, Derrick Conyers, Deborah Elliston, Salvador Fajardo, Samantha Fox, Douglas Holmes, David Klotzkin, Christopher Knapp, Aja Martinez, Robert Mess, Robert Palmer, Eugene Stevens, David Wilson