

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
March 20, 2012

Prof. Susan Strehle (Department of English and Chair of the Faculty Senate) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. She welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger presented slides on:

- First 75 days
- Next 60 days
- NY SUNY 2020
- Faculty hiring
- Enrollment planning
- Provost search
- A planning process

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

Question from Prof. Susannah Gal (Biological Sciences) – What have you learned since coming here and what insight do you bring from Buffalo? President Stenger noted that his first impressions are so enormous and extraordinarily positive. He has seen the passion of our students. He has seen that our faculty care about teaching. He also noted that our alumni need to be proud of us, so we need to come up with new ways for them to be proud.

Question from Prof. Howard Brown (History) – Do you still want to improve the proportion of graduate vs. undergraduate students? If so, how would you do this? President Stenger has been spending a lot of time on campus and in the residence halls and has been thinking a lot of this when meeting with students. What is our role in our students' lives as we go forward? Are we preparing our students for their lives? Liberal arts education grounding is the preferred education. Students need to want to learn and be creative. As our students move on to law school, med school, etc. there is a role for BU to help our students in their second step of their education and preparing them for their first career. He noted that it is great that we have our Downtown Center which is doing great things for the city of Binghamton, and we can do more. He noted that he is not ready to make decision yet; he wants to throw ideas out and get responses and feedback on what we think our future should be. Should we become a larger undergraduate university, should we stay the same, or try to grow our PhD program? We need to find ways of helping students and improving our financial stability.

Question from H. Richard Naslund (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies) – What are your thoughts on the law school? President Stenger thinks it is too early to make a decision. Our proposal that was sent to State Education Department now sits on the shelf. Now it is back on us to get \$60M to build a law school. Now is not the best time to start a law school; law schools are struggling; law applications are down.

Question from Prof. Nan Zhou (School of Management) – What is the future of the Engineering School starting a program in New York City? President Stenger noted that the School of Management has two programs in NYC with growing enrollments in both. The Engineering School is also starting a program in New York City. Programs in New York City enhance our reputation and have significant financial advantages. It is hard to get facility space and it is difficult for faculty to get down there to teach. President Stenger noted that he will let the Deans decide how they would like to pursue this. It is a good way to engage our current students and alums.

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

The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2011-2012 academic year was called to order by Prof. Strehle at 12:24 p.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Strehle notified the body that Prof. Herman Roberson, professor emeritus of Geological Sciences passed away. As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to his family on behalf of the Senate.
3. Reports
  - a) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies and University Faculty Senator) reported on items Chancellor Zimpher reported on in her January 2012 SUNY address. There are a number of issues that are moving forward rapidly.
    - Mobility of transfer students – By fall 2013, an AA or AS degree from a SUNY community college will satisfy gen-ed requirements at our 4-year institutions. How will this affect us? The worst-case scenario is that SUNY would require each campus to accept a student who completed the 7-of-10 GenEd with an AA or AS need take no more GenEd classes, even if there are additional local requirements. A second possibility is that this would apply only to *lower-division* requirements. As long as a requirement is (or has electives) at the upper division, it could be OK. This should allow us to maintain our current requirements.
    - Shifts in funding -- *Shifting administrative costs to academic*-- Over the next three years, all SUNY campuses will shift 5% of their administrative spending to academics and student services. We have already been doing this. *Performance-based funding* -- Some part of the SUNY budget is to be allocated based on performance measures. Chancellor Zimpher is establishing a committee that will, among other things, develop a pilot program for 2012-13 to track "metrics as if performance-based allocation already existed." This probably won't impact us a lot, though we could be a winner in any "competition" for funds.
    - IT Systems Homogenization -- Presumably this would mean things like degree audits systems, budget systems, registration systems, and perhaps course management systems. We are already going to see this very soon in the replacement of DARS by DegreeWorks. Other changes down the line could include Oracle, Banner, and Blackboard.
    - Strategic Enrollment Management – Chancellor Zimpher is quoted "...we will invest in our campuses to start or expand programs identified by the state as being "high need" in fields like nursing, nanotechnology, and information technology. And we'll roll those priorities into our performance-based allocation model, holding not only the system, but our individual campuses, responsible for delivering on this promise as well." There will or will not be an impact on us.
    - Open SUNY – Chancellor Zimpher is proposing an extensive online learning environment. Again, perhaps no direct impact on us, but there could develop issues around faculty ownership of course materials.

- b) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies and University Faculty Senator) reported on other items from the January 26-28 University Faculty Senate Plenary meeting at Cornell.
- The Board of Trustees passed a new set of Guidelines for Presidential Searches. Of particular note for the four University Centers is an explicit provision for what is termed “representational searches” (closed searches by another name). However, thanks in no small part to the efforts by the BU Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Chancellor agreed to wording which explicitly provides that “other designated members of the college community will be invited to meet with the semi-finalist candidates under strict rules of confidentiality”. The UFS is calling this the “Binghamton Solution”.
  - One of the key elements of the transfer mobility process as it now exists (without the Chancellor’s new wording) is that campuses are required to accept grades of C in core classes toward a major and not require re-taking similar classes at the receiving campuses. It will be necessary to fall into line on this whether we like it or not.
  - SUNY Budget -- The Executive (Governor’s) budget proposal requests flat State funding for SUNY (both good and bad—no cuts, but no inflationary increases). We understand that there is no money in the budget for Binghamton or Albany’s SUNY2020 plans, including no authorization for higher out-of-State tuition. That may get fixed when our plan is approved. Authorization *is* included to spend the agreed-upon undergraduate in-state tuition increases. No money for salary increases, if they occur, except for some funds for the CSEA and PEF contracts.

Question from Prof. Rosmarie Morewedge (German and Russian Studies) – What is concept of shared services? Prof. Peter Knuepfer answered that this is still vague. There will be broad uniformity of computer systems, for example. There is talk about consolidating backroom services on a regional basis. Shared presidencies are not off the table, but there has not been as much discussion.

4. Resolution regarding revision of foreign language requirements for 2012  
Motion was made by Sara Maximiek (Libraries), seconded by Rosmarie Morewedge (German and Russian Studies). After no discussion, motion was approved by a vote of 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
5. Resolution regarding Faculty By-laws changes relative to the Department of Health and Wellness  
Motion was made by Randall McGuire (Anthropology), seconded by Thomas Sinclair (Public Administration). After no discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
6. Resolution regarding Faculty By-laws changes relative to SUNY Faculty Senate  
Motion was made by Mark Blumler (Geography), seconded by Weixing Zhu (Biological Sciences). After no discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

After no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Present: Anne Bailey, Erin Barrett, Tammara Behonick, Mark Blumler, Anne Brady, James Burns, Frank Cardullo, Scott Craver, Jill Dixon, Kaitlyn Flately, Jennifer Gordon, Peter Knuepfer, Richard Lee, Alistair Lees, Harold Lewis, Sarah Maximiek, Marcin

Mazur, Thomas McDonough, Randall McGuire, Jean-Pierre Mileur, Rosmarie Morewedge, H. Richard Naslund, Thomas O'Connor, Carolyn Pierce, Solomon Polachek, Curt Pueschel, Christine Reiber, Erin Rushton, Karen Salvage, Pamela Sandoval, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Jim Stark, Harvey Stenger, Susan Strehle, Gary Truce, Wendy Wall, Zili Yang, Nan Zhou, Weixing Zhu

Excused: Vincent Grenier, Kimberly Jaussi, Gale Spencer, Karl Wilson, Melissa Zinkin

Absent: Tania Alameda-Lawson, Laura Anderson, Karen Barzman, Christopher Bishop, George Catalano, Lubna Chaudhry, Eric Cotts, Donette Francis, Peter Gerhardstein, Christof Grewer, J. David Hacker, William Haver, Sonja Kim, Kelly Kinney, David Klotzkin, Jonathan Krasno, Michael Lewis, Debi Mishra, Stephen Ortiz, Seungbae Park, Patrick Regan, Karin Sauer, Lisa Savage, John Starks, Lisa Tessman, Kelly Wemette, Lijun Yin,