

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 19, 2013

Prof. Alistair Lees (Department of Chemistry) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. 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.

Questions and answers:

Prof. Richard Naslund, Geological Sciences – Is there a plan to have a research experience for all STEM students? Will this be a senior thesis, an opportunity or a requirement? President Stenger responded that the proposal is for a freshman or sophomore experience with integration into an existing lab experience (i.e. chemistry, physics) in a lab with sophisticated equipment.

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

The second Faculty Senate meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order by Prof. Lees at 12:28 p.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 meeting as submitted. On show of hands, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Lees notified the body that Prof. Susan Peters, Theatre, passed away. As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to her family on behalf of the Senate.
3. Reports
Prof. Howard Brown, Chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee, reported on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee's work for the 2013 fall semester.
 - The FSEC met with Provost Nieman, Vice Provost McGoff, and Interim Dean Strehle to discuss the Letter of Intent for the Pharmacy School and the Pharm D degree.
 - The FSEC identified faculty members for the Vice President for Advancement search committee. For a search committee of this nature, we follow the procedure set in 1989 by former Provost Votruba that the majority of the committee will be faculty members.
 - FSEC was consulted regarding the conversion of Susan Strehle from interim to permanent Dean of the Graduate School. FSEC questioned what circumventing the search process means. The FSEC recommended a permanent appointment until June of 2016 at which time the Graduate School would be in a good position to be searching for a new dean.
 - The FSEC met with Diane Butler, Director of the Art Museum, to learn about the many innovations in the Art Museum. They also met with Gary Pedro, Executive Director of the Anderson Center for the Performing Arts. Gary outlined his plans for broadening the audience for signature events, including moving away from opera which doesn't sell as well, and including more ballad and jazz events.
 - The chair of the Budget Review Committee now attends FSEC meetings as a non-voting ex-officio member. We would like to develop a budget review process. We will review

the charge of the Budget Review Committee which is out of date and develop an integrated process of reviewing the budget with administration.

- FSEC reviewed and asked for revisions to a number of Faculty Senate committee reports. Certain committees are performing remarkable service and some committees need revitalized service.
- FSEC reviewed language in the Faculty Staff Handbook and agreed on the following language:

Faculty Responsibility for Assessment

Participation in assessment, including assessment of General Education and assessment of the unit's graduate and undergraduate programs, is considered to be part of the normal duties of each member of the faculty. Dissemination of detailed information concerning the assessment process is the responsibility of the Provost's Office, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, and the unit's dean.

Wording can be found in the Faculty Staff Handbook as shown:

<http://www2.binghamton.edu/academics/provost/faculty-staff-handbook/handbook-iv.html#C10>

- FSEC met with Prof. James Pitarresi regarding the Center for Learning and Teaching.
- FSEC met with Vice Provost Donald Loewen regarding the new task force on core competencies for undergraduate students. This will be distinct from gen ed courses and will include experiences that students would aim to achieve. This is still in the development stage.
- FSEC met with Vice Provost Don Loewen and Dean Anne McCall on seamless transfer. The seamless transfer program will emphasize transfer pathways designed at the SUNY System level to make it easy for students to move from campus to campus within the same major and to get credit for pre-approved courses. Receiving campuses would need to accept credit without question which has caused concern and pushback. We still want to preserve the distinctiveness and rigor of our courses. Representatives from departments at all campuses will be involved to review proposed courses. This process will be complicated and time consuming.
- FSEC met with JoAnn Navarro, interim Chief Information Officer. Her first priority as CIO is to implement appropriate changes as suggested by the ITS task force. JoAnn will be identifying organizational weaknesses. The first thing JoAnn wishes to do is improve communications from and within ITS. An executive advisory board, a technical advisory board (replacement of the former AISRC), and an innovations group to focus on academic aspects of I/T are being formed.
- Next week, FSEC will be meeting with Vice Provost Starke to discuss the admissions process and its status and the issues seen with the seamless transfer program.
- FSEC will also be meeting with President Stenger to discuss BU's response to Governor Cuomo's START-UP NY proposal.

Question from Prof. Tom Sinclair, CCPA – With the reorganization of ITS, the issues that faculty have with the ITS system, and the importance of ITS in the University's strategic plan, how will the new executive process integrate faculty input?

President Stenger noted that the executive advisory board will not have a role in this, and that the technical advisory board will endorse innovative projects. The importance of the concierge service and new communications office is that it will be a department's

point of contact if they are not satisfied with a response, have a concern regarding hardware or software, or need help with needed resources. We will also be trying to tap graduate students in Computer Science to assist who could also be support staff.

4. Approval of degree candidates

A motion was made and seconded to approve the list of degree candidates. The list was approved by a vote of 37 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Present: Josephine Allen, Jeffrey Baker, Mark Blumler, Donald Boros, Gisela Brinker-Gabler, Howard Brown, Subimal Chatterjee, Manas Chatterji, Yulong Chen, Jungyun Cho, Scott Craver, Jill Dixon, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey, Mathew Johnson, Celia Klin, Christopher Knapp, Les Lander, Anne Larrivee, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Patrick Madden, Aja Martinez, Robert Mess, Pamela Mischen, Rosemarie Morewedge, H. Richard Naslund, Donald Nieman, Robert Palmer, Florenz Plassmann, Sara Reiter, Pamela Sandoval, Daryl Santos, Thomas Sinclair, Diane Sommerville, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Eugene Stevens, Gary Truce, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Jill Yaples

Excused: Sharon Bryant, Vincent Grenier, Sandra Michael, Solomon Polachek

Absent: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh, Allan Arkush, David Bartine, John Baust, Jonathan Biggers, Christopher Bishop, George Catalano, Zu-yan Chen, Joseph Church, David Clark, Derrick Conyers, Magdalena Czubak, Marilyn Desmond, Frederic Deyo, Deborah Elliston, Salvador Fajardo, Samantha Fox, Ross Geoghegan, Douglas Glick, Charles Goodman, Jennifer Gordon, Surinder Kahai, Ji-Song Ku, Ricardo Laremont, Stephen Levy, Thomas McDonough, Neil Christian Pages, Seungbae Park, Dale Tomich, Deanne Westerman, Charles Westgate, David Wilson, Thomas Wilson