



Senate Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Present: Mark Sullivan, Cheri Rossi, Alice Krause, Genevieve Salerno, Shannon Shoemaker, Doug Holub, Shelly Jones, Nazely Kurkjian, Lindsay Walker, Laurie Jones, Simon Purdy, Lou Reyes Jr., Beth Boyd, Daniel Gashler, Dan Davis, Lori Tremblay, Lisa Tessier, Kristy Fitch, Yassir Semmar, Michael Tweed, Jason Cash, Leslie Barger, Erin Wagner, Brigid Finn-Maguire, David Brower, Joyce Shim, John Padovani, Ralph Perez, Robb Munro, Doug Gulotty, Brett Meckel, Chelsea Mathieu, Lori Ciafardoni, Mary Wake, Max Dehne

Proxies: Cheri Rossi proxy for Misty Fields

Meeting called to order at: 4:32 PM.

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute.

Approval of October 30, 2023 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve by Shelly J second by Lori T.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 21 yes, 0 no. Minutes approved.

Updates: Interim Provost David Brower -- Chief Academic Officers Conference in Cooperstown. Concerns brewing across the system, some financial-based, like ours. Thinking about how to work collaboratively. SUNY Transfer Task Force discussed. Dr. Bonderoff and Lisa Tessier are reps for this. Seems like a logical approach as it relates to making sure we are doing everything we can to ensure that seamless transfer between colleges happens. Concurrent enrollment working group. Right of first refusal? Service areas across SUNY that further enhance courses that we offer through college and high school curriculums.

Grants and transfer task force. Sector meetings valuable because we can see what other folks are doing on similar campuses. Cannabis on campuses, looking to explore this. Different campuses can have different offerings surrounding this. One campus offers cultivation, another offers processing, another offers distribution. Main focus of many conversations is Micron (semi conductor chip company proposing moving into Syracuse area). Micron is proposing 10,000 jobs in Central New York in that company alone which means a boom in other areas as well. Onondaga has been realistic in what it can do and would like to collaborate with us. Roundtable discussions for prior learning and microcredentials. Online instruction committee, met with today. That group will be reporting directly to Provost's office. Looking into possibility of high flex. Collaboration continues with VP Mark Sullivan with Trellis Consulting initiative. Being hosted through SUNY. Improvement of enrollment and improvement on retention. Cambridge

International opportunity for us to collegiate level credit for courses completed at high schools around the world. Friday submitted proposal for additional money from Transformation Funds because we are working with Oneonta so we may be eligible for this money. Next academic forum will be Wednesday in Centennial at 3 pm. In person and online. One item is the Bronco Reboot program.

E-Board: Alice K. -- Met this last Friday. Meeting with David B. before Academic Open Forum. Convened faculty search committee working group. Lindsay Walker will lead that group moving forward. Coming up with guidelines for faculty searches. Making good progress and having good discussions. Shared gov award committee commenced Monday and will be meeting again tomorrow. Working on categorizing a lot of the evidence.

Elections: Cheri R. --- As you all may recall, a time period for elections is in May and November. We are a little behind at the moment. We have not forgotten about it although we have fallen a little behind 2 at large faculty and 1 at large staff positions open. Please encourage people to run for these.

Alice K.: Some of these are partial terms as well.

Old Business

Budget & Planning Committee Non-Academic Senator Rep – Cheri Rossi (Operations Committee) No nominees.

Alice K. We will keep this on the agenda so people know that there is still an opening until it is filled.

UFS-Endorsed FCCC Resolution "Supporting Students and Faculty Faced with Rising Ideological and Anti-Intellectual Attacks on Academic Freedom" – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee): Supporting academic freedom. Talks about its importance and addresses the responsibility piece that we talked about in this body on an earlier discussion. Talks about tenure and other matters in relation to speaking freely.

Alice K.: Motion to endorse.

Motion made by Doug H., second by Erin W.

Discussion: None.

Vote taken 20 y, 0 no. Motion passes.

New Business

APAC Non-Academic Senator Rep – Academic Programs Assessment Committee. Alice K.

-- Meant to look at our programs in a holistic way and keep them viable. Simon P. serves as faculty rep and we have a space for a staff rep as well. Is there anyone who would like to serve on this committee? Cheri did we receive any volunteers.

Cheri R.: No

Alice K.: If you would like to serve on this committee please let us know.

UFS Plenary Report – Lisa Tessier (UFS Senator) o UFS Resolutions – Lisa Tessier (Resolutions Committee) Adjuncts can provide good things to our campuses but they are not required to do service work or serve on functions that Faculty members are. This can effect adjunct faculty ratio. Also discussed course loads and funding for lab support. Spoken about syllabus addressing students needs which is already on our uniform course syllabus. Might want to think about addressing other needs as well. Civic discourse and engagement fellowship details to be unrolled! Hoping to see some engagement from our campus. STRIVE. Economic development and upward mobility also discussed. Recognized the need to partner with businesses and work with industry in order to get help with updating our labs and equipment. When Comprehensives asked if there will be closing of campuses, he said ‘no’. But he does think we should be more strategic with what we are offering and should not be offering the same things across all of our campuses.

Nov 2024 conference for public higher education as a public good. Themes will fit with that larger heading. Academic Freedom committee made with faculty. Brightspace, time of faculty to switch over. Has anyone done a cost benefit analysis of this? SUNY said no they did not. Searching for new VP and secretary. Call for nominations went out for this. UFS president spoke with us, mentioned there will be student conference in Syracuse. CUNY and UUP spoke with us as well. Implementation in Potsdam was not fully considered, still dialoguing about that. Excelsior White Paper and admission process. Academic Freedom toolkit.

Alice K.: Questions? If you want to look over anything please look at this. Reach out to Lisa and notes will be available on the share drive!

Lisa T.: Financial Resolution. Asking for UFS president to be able to work with system to advocate for more support for SUNY and CUNY.

Alice K.: As Lisa mentioned not all of these resolutions made it to the floor for a vote. Any questions? Please bring this back to your colleagues for endorsement next senate meeting.

Lisa T.: Microcredentials support. This one is supporting the work to date for bringing forward microcredentailing. Reinforcing need for shared governance. Some hiccups on other campuses regarding involvement with shared gov so some emphasis on that. Also assessment on how these are used. Are courses meeting PLOs as well. Equity for funding and financial aid.

Alice K.: Please bring this back.

Lisa T.: Final one was brought from the floor. Senators account from Potsdam about financial stability plan that hit the newspapers had not really been vetted and didn't come from faculty or anyone in a shared governance setting. Potsdam has asked for a freezing of their financial stability plan. Asking for Shared Governance is used and that data is used and sound.

Alice K. Any questions on this resolution. Please bring these back to your colleagues in your areas. They will be voted on next meeting. Any new business? Nazely has asked to be recognized. Asked to speak on a couple of issues. Very timely. Retention council.

Nazely K.: Retention Council revival. Different structure and focus. Primary purpose of this group is to work together to implement the SEL plan. Steering Committee with five working groups. Dr. Brower sent out call for volunteers from faculty and got lots of responses. We would like to get two senators on this committee as well. In terms of goals of this group, two of these goals are build new and enhance retention initiatives, increase retention by 2% each year over the next three years.

Alice K. Any volunteers to serve on steering committee? Leslie are you volunteering?

Leslie B.: Yes.

Alice K.: Leslie has volunteered to serve on this. Cheri do you have time to set up a poll. Simon P. are you volunteering too?

Simon P.: Yes.

Alice K.: Ok Cheri will work on getting those up. Any other volunteers? No. Ok. Nazely please continue.

Nazely.: Chancellor King revealed campus sustainability plan to be submitted to governor. Budget season is coming quickly and SUNY wants to all the information ready for the Spring. SUNY wants plan to have analysis of trajectory and strength, how enhancements can support growth.

Lisa T.: Is your intention to share this back after that date. Will people be able to view this guiding document once it is completed.

Nazely K.: I don't see why not.

Alice K.: Any other questions for Nazely? We will now do our votes.

Cheri R.: We are ready.

Alice K.: Thanks for offering to be part of the retention council Simon and Leslie!

Announcements

Cheri R. -- Chancellor Award Committee needs a chair for a distinguished teaching professor committee. We don't usually get nominations for distinguished and this year we did so we need to put together a committee. Please pass the word along.

Alice K. Have all of the nominees been alerted yet?

Cheri R. They are still being vetted by HR.

Alice K. You don't have to be a senator to chair this committee. Please let cheri or lori c. know if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.