

MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 29, 2013

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order by Prof. Alistair Lees at 11:50 a.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Lees notified the body that Prof. Owen Lynch of Anthropology and Prof. Douglas Green of Electrical Engineering passed away. As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to their families on behalf of the Senate.
3. Reports
 - a) Provost Donald Nieman – Pharmacy School – Provost Nieman gave an overview of the process of developing the proposal to add a pharmacy school at BU and the rationale for this proposal.

We concluded that pharmacy is a good fit for BU's academic profile.

There is much concern regarding the financial problems with Long Island College Hospital; SUNY needs to make up for the loss of \$89 million for the fiscal year.

Events -- Proposals for Conversations in the Disciplines are coming out in January. The Innovative Exploration Forum on Undergraduate Research will be held in New York in April 1. All campuses are urged to participate. SUNY Voices Conference on Shared Governance will be held in Albany April 23-24.

Prof. Howard Brown, History – Prof. Brown noted that with seamless transfer we are not just dealing with general education courses. We would be allocating automatic transfer hours into new programs if 70% of the course content is the same, no matter what work was done by the student. Therefore three-credit courses at other institutions will become transferable to BU as a four-credit course. We should be concerned; Prof. Brown asked for an update from Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Prof. Donald Loewen.

Prof. Loewen noted that there have been meetings in Albany and there will be opportunities to comment and to question these equivalencies. We want our transfer students to succeed. The University Centers plan to work together in informing the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Zimpher about the issues and challenges we see as this moves forward.

Rosmarie Morewedge, German and Russian – Prof. Morewedge informed the body that while at SUNY Maritime, several campus governance leaders spoke to the Chancellor about these issues, but the Chancellor directed them to the SUNY interim provost. CGL's will discuss these issues with the SUNY interim provost.

4. New business

Annual reports of 2012-2013 Faculty Senate standing committees and others.

Budget Review – Prof. N. Richard Naslund gave highlights of the budget review process. The 2011-2012 budget is in the black, as is the 2012-2013 budget. Capital plan is now a statewide plan; there is the same amount of money but a lot more people are competing for funds for critical maintenance and new initiatives. We have had good success in the capital plan in years past, but this may change under the new regime.

to increase faculty input into the budget process before the budget gets approved and we are working with administration to find ways to merge into this process.

Prof. Lees thanked Prof. Naslund for chairing this committee.

Bylaws – There were no questions on this report. Thank you to Prof. Douglas Summerville for chairing this committee.

Convocations – There were no questions on this report. Thank you to Prof. Serdar Atav for chairing the committee.

EPPC – Sara Reiter reported that EPPC looks at new programs and changes to programs as part of its committee charge. In 2012, the committee discussed how these changes should be handled with the principle that faculty maintain oversight over the curriculum. Thank you for Prof. Reiter for chairing this committee.

UUCG – Prof. Sara Reiter reported for chair Prof. Mark Reisinger – UUCG looks at general education proposals and general education designations on a weekly basis. UUCG has been involved with the Center for Civic Engagement in tagging courses that have the community service component. The CCE is developing a process for tagging these courses. UUCG also oversees all UNIV (University wide), Scholars, and Global Studies courses, having more involvement when the courses are taught by non-faculty members as in the new freshman experience course. Faculty submitting for general education designations for G courses find the requirements hard to understand. The UUCG hosted a workshop on G courses for interested faculty. The UUCG also hosted a workshop for faculty involved with submitting C courses and plans to propose revised guidelines for C offerings. Thank you to Prof. Reiter for the report and to Prof. Reisinger for chairing this committee.

EOP – Randall Edouard reported for chair Prof. John Frazier – The EOP program is an academic program and is provided support from the Provost Office and the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. This year the EOP program was approved for 135 incoming freshmen and we brought in 139. Students come in the summer and we are pleased that all 139 students successfully completed the program. All classes in the summer are credit bearing classes (math, writing initiative, geography, human development). BU is the only EOP program in SUNY that provides credit bearing courses for all our courses in summer. The performance of our students is very high -- 3.42 GPA in summer 2013. We are very proud of results. Thank you to Mr. Edouard for his report and thank you to Prof. John Frazier for chairing the committee.

IAC – There were no questions on this report. Thank you to Prof. Michael Lewis for chairing this committee.

Library – There were no questions on this report. Thank you to Prof. Pamela Stewart Fahs for chairing the committee.

Professional Standards – There was no business conducted by this committee in 2012-2013. Thank you to Prof. Marilyn Gaddis Rose for chairing this committee.

