

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
EXECUTIVE (Centerwide) COMMITTEE of the Faculty and Professional Staff
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, January 12, 2015
4:00 PM – 5:00PM

Attending:

Presiding Officer	Stephan Rinnert, MD
Secretary & University Faculty Senator	Henry Flax, EdD
Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions	Angela Griffin, PT, PhD
Presiding Officer, College of Nursing	Veronica Arikian, RN
Presiding Officer, School of Graduate Studies	Nicholas Penington, PhD
Presiding Officer, School of Public Health	Daniel Ehlke, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Public Health	Paul Landsbergis, PhD, EdD, MPH
University Faculty Senator	Kathleen Powderly, PhD
University Faculty Senator	Helen Durkin, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Virginia Anderson, MD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Mathew Foley, MD

Unable to Attend:

Past Presiding Officer & University Faculty Senator	Miriam Vincent, MD, PhD, JD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Health Related Professions	Kenneth Martinucci, MS
Presiding Officer, College of Medicine	Allen Norin, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine	Clinton Brown, MD
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Nursing	Sandra Maldonado, RN
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Graduate Studies	John Kubie, PhD
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Farhad Haeri, DPT
Alternate University Faculty Senator	Steven Kang, MD
Recording Secretary	Migdalia Gaston

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Mathew Foley moved; Kathy Powderly seconded; the approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2014 as submitted; motion carried.

Constituent Reports:

The College of Health Related Professions – Dr. Griffin reported that the total enrollment is 406 students. Faculty are preparing for the new semester. They are planning to attend the January 28th Centerwide meeting. Dr. Rinnert asked about the number of faculty in CHRP. Dr. Griffin will get back to him with that number. On February 25th, Dr. Merlino will address the CHRP Faculty Assembly.

The College of Medicine – Dr. Powderly reported that Dr. Merlino attended the most recent Executive Committee meeting. There were questions regarding the Dean's search committee. It was reported that the request for faculty governance representation to meet with the candidates was denied by Dr. Lazzaro, chair of the search committee. It was noted that Dr. Joks, immediate past presiding officer of the COM, is a member of the search committee. There was discussion regarding the need for a dean with research background. Dr. Rinnert recommended that Dr. Joks report to the COM Executive Committee on the qualifications of the finalists.

The College of Nursing – Dr. Arikian reported that Dr. Maldonado has resigned from the College. She was the presiding officer elect, as well as a member of the University Faculty Senate Student Life Committee. Dr. Nancy Giordano has been elected presiding officer elect for the Spring 2015 semester. Dr. Arikian noted that the College has suffered a decline in graduate applications, except for the Nurse Anesthesia program to date. The RN-BS program faces competition from the CUNY programs. Dr. Anderson

questioned Dr. Arikian about the Accelerated Nursing program, its tuition cost and the placement record for its graduates.

The lack of an online option may be a cause for the decline. Prime is a problematic online system; Blackboard is much better. Dr. Arikian will contact Donald Lemke and/or Greg Conyers to discuss software options.

Dr. Flax volunteered to contact colleagues on the University Faculty Senate and through UUP about the online nursing programs at Delhi and Empire State colleges, as well as any admissions declines these institutions have seen with their nursing applicants.

The School of Graduate Studies – Dr. Penington reported that, due to the holidays, things have been quiet in the SGS. The Executive Committee hosts a general meeting of the faculty in mid-semester. The Secretary of the Executive Committee has resigned; Dr. Ming Zhang was selected to replace her. A survey of the faculty is underway regarding increasing graduate student stipends from \$27,500 per person to \$30,000. Once students move to a lab, her/his cost is borne by the PI / Researcher in charge of the lab.

The School of Public Health – Dr. Ehlke reported that the Executive Committee of the faculty met on December 11th. Its next meeting will be in March or April 2015. The body will not be ready to meet after the Centerwide Faculty meeting on January 28th. At the December meeting, the president and dean reported on the progress of the new building.

There is a need for advising for SPH students who are taking courses without their advisors' approvals. Dr. Flax recommended that Dr. Ehlke contact Ms. Leslie Hope in the Office of the Registrar to discuss stops available in the Banner system to prevent this. This issue was mentioned to problematic across colleges. It was suggested that we invite the Registrar to an upcoming Centerwide Committee meeting to discuss this issue. Student enrollment is c. 280.

University Faculty Senate Report –

Dr. Flax reported on the 168th Plenary meeting of the SUNY University Faculty Senate held at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, October 23-25, 2014. He shared information regarding the Health Science Sector meeting with Trustee John Murad, Chair of the Board of Trustees Academic Medical Centers Committee, as well as the Health Sciences Sector Report, its questions to the Chancellor and her responses and a précis of the resolutions passed by the body.

He also reported on the joint meeting of the CUNY / SUNY / FCCC Executive Committees on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

In preparation for the 169th Plenary meeting of the SUNY University Faculty Senate at SUNY Farmingdale, January 22-24, 2015, Dr. Flax solicited agenda items for the Health Sciences Sector Agenda, including:

Online Nursing Programs (not just courses)

Online SPH Programs

Research collaborations between U Albany (LaTour) and Downstate (Durkin & Joks)

New Business –

The Centerwide faculty and professional staff meeting will be held on January 28th. It will be a joint meeting with a University Faculty Senate report, then COM and the other colleges will meet individually as desired. We need to solicit nominations for UFS committees. We need to address the lack of positions available at UHB for clinical placements for CHRP and Nursing students.

Dr. Penington moved to adjourn, Dr. Griffin seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Flax, Ed.D.,
Secretary