

Centerwide Committee Meeting

Wednesday February 20th, 2019. 4.00 PM

Attendees:

Presiding Officer	Nicholas Penington, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect	Alexander Schwartzman, MD.
Past Presiding Officer	Rauno Joks, MD
Presiding Officer, College of Health Related Professions	Loraine Antoine, PT DPT
Presiding Officer Elect, College of Medicine	Ramaswamy Viswanathan, MD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Graduate Studies	Bob Wong, PhD
Presiding Officer Elect, School of Public Health	Elizabeth Helzner, PhD
University Faculty Senator	Anika Daniels-Osaze, Ed.D
University Faculty Senator	Laura Martello-Rooney, Ph.D
University Faculty Senator	Alithia Alleyne, CMHFA
Student Assembly (Coll of Medicine)	Timothy Morello, MD PhD Candidate

The Centerwide Committee of the Faculty and Professional Staff was brought to order at 4 PM. It was decided that we met the quorum of 11 members. The first order of business was the discussion and approval of the minutes of the November, December and January minutes. These minutes were approved with minor corrections although the minutes of January the 16th meeting were embargoed for sensitive content.

The next topic was a discussion of the ratification of the amendments to University Faculty Senate Bylaws which we have to vote on before May 1st. There was discussion about whether we were a "State Operated" or "Statutory" campus. It turns out we are neither but we fall within the 34 campuses that are required to ratify these changes to the University Senate Bylaws because we are a "University Center" thirty-four campuses are described by these categories and the remaining colleges are Community Colleges that do not have to vote. It was discussed how the Presiding Officer would meet with Human Resources to discuss whether there were any updates to the list of eligible voters that will need to be polled for this ratification process.

A further point of discussion was whether or not we should pass a resolution of support and forward this to the Senate and the NY Legislature to provide a statement of support for the University Senate's motion which requested a continued "Maintenance of Effort" and funding at previous higher levels for SUNY and CUNY. This motion was voted on and it was passed. In addition, it was agreed that we should write a letter to the New York State Legislature to provide a statement of support for the University Senate's motion which requested maintenance of effort and the funding for SUNY and CUNY.