

## Present:

Presiding Officer	Nicholas Penington Ph.D.
Presiding Officer Elect	Alexander Schwartzman M.D.
Presiding Officer, Med. Sch.	Haseeb Siddiqi Ph.D.
Presiding Officer Elect, Med. Sch.	Ramaswamy Viswanathan M.D.
Presiding Officer Elect, CHRP	Vikram Pagpatan MS, OTR/L, ATP
Presiding Officer, Sch. Pub. Health	Aimee Afable-Munsuz Ph.D.
University Faculty Senator	Anika Daniels-Osaze Ed.D.
University Faculty Senator	Brigitte Desport DPS
University Faculty Senator	Ninfa Mehta M.D.
University Faculty Senator (Alternate)	Laura Martello-Rooney Ph.D.
University Faculty Senator (Alternate)	Alithia Alleyne CMHFA
Student Assembly, Coll. Med.	Timothy Morello MD Ph.D Cand.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:05 PM. An update was provided on the SUNY Plenary at Potsdam but the discussion of the Resolutions will be kept until our May 15th meeting after the Semi-Annual meeting scheduled for May 10th. A question was asked of the Chancellor from the CGLs sector regarding perceived misapplication of Research Misconduct cases at Downstate. A question was also asked from the Health Science Sector (Alt. Senator Alleyne) asking the Chancellor how we could assist her in raising more money for the sector and commending the Chancellor on her efforts to restore DSRIP funding to the hospitals and pay raise funding for SUNY in General.

The issue of Parking was brought up by Dr. Viswanathan and a discussion ensued. It is generally thought to be a Union issue but several questions were raised regarding whether those with reserved spaces will be given special treatment. The student representative (Mr. Morello) mentioned that the students who park in the multistory lot were as upset as other Union members who have been told that they cannot park until a deal has been reached with the Union. Mr. Pagpatan asked whether

the police have been informed that when the lot closes there will be perhaps 400 extra cars on the streets around Downstate looking for spots.

There will be Town Hall meetings with the two final candidates for SVPR on Tuesday 23rd April and Tuesday 30th April at 2:00 PM in BSB LH 6. We were informed by Dr. Haseeb Siddiqui that there is to be a search for the new head of DCM where faculty Governance should be represented, preferably by a representative of Med. School governance as they are the ones who interact most with the DCM.

There will be a forum on campus to discuss whether we will stop our subscriptions to Elsevier Journals since they have doubled their charges over a relatively short period. Iliad (inter-library loan) should be able to allow us to get papers the next day if we take out the more expensive subscription. This will still be a lot cheaper as we will only pay each time a paper is requested.

“There was a preliminary discussion of the proposed name change for Downstate. This only really affects the Formal name which is still “Health Science Center at Brooklyn.” It is proposed to change this to “Downstate Health Sciences University.” This would become the formal name on stationary etc. We will still probably be known around about as Downstate Medical Center. It was viewed as mostly a consolidation of our confusing naming history. The reasoning behind it is that our name does not communicate that we are more than a hospital we are a University Center as well. The Alumni might weigh in on this issue but the Alumni Association has been told and they did not object. Other versions would be Downstate Health and Downstate Hospital Center to refer to the hospital.”

It was agreed that our ratification of SUNY Bylaws ballot would go out at least 5 days before the end of the month.

At 4:30 Mr. Jelanie Deshong the Government liaison for Downstate addressed the Committee. He told us about his efforts in Albany and D.C. to increase our hospital operations budget. He has been working on getting 75 million dollars for a new garage. Another project that he is working with the President on is a new Women’s and Children’s Pavilion to serve our growing and changing population.