

Present:

Presiding Officer	Nicholas Penington Ph.D.
Presiding Officer Elect	Alexander Schwartzman M.D.
Presiding Officer Elect, Med. Sch.	Ramaswamy Viswanathan M.D.
Presiding Officer, Grad. Sch.	Katherine Perkins Ph.D.
Presiding Officer Elect, Sch. Pub. Health	Elizabeth Helzner Ph.D.
University Faculty Senator	Anika Daniels-Osaze Ed.D.
University Faculty Senator (Alternate)	Laura Martello-Rooney Ph.D.
Student Assembly, Coll. Med.	Timothy Morello MD Ph.D Cand.

A quorum was not achieved due to a conflict with the CHRP Convocation (Awards Ceremony and Reception) so no official business was conducted. However, a useful discussion did occur and the meeting was brought to order at 4.11PM.

Those present approved the minutes of March and April with corrections. An appeal by email for more approvals will be made to make the quorum for this.

A discussion of the formation of a subcommittee in accordance with our current bylaws occurred. The committee is called “The Committee of the Faculty and Professional Staff Personnel Policies” this will deal with modification in the policy on research misconduct relating to initial assessment. Volunteers received so far were Haseeb Siddiqi (COM,) Bob Wong (GS) and Mr. Kevin O’Mara (University Counsel). Elizabeth Helzner said she would ask Paul Landsbergis from (PH). Volunteers are needed from Nursing and CHRP (Nicholas Penington would *be ex officio*).

A discussion occurred about the possibility of splitting the Semi-Annual Centerwide Meeting off from the COM Semi-Annual. The feeling was expressed that it gives the wrong impression about the equality of the Schools at Downstate. In addition, it would allow us to have the first half-hour of our meeting to deal with business of the Schools and in the second portion Dr. Riley would arrive and deliver his address. This will be revisited the next time a quorum is achieved.

A discussion about how to improve the profile of the Centerwide on campus occurred next. The idea of an “Ice Cream Social to meet your Senators” was floated. There could also be an appeal for Downstate employees to register their email addresses by sending them to [centerwidegovernance@downstate.edu](mailto:centerwidegovernance@downstate.edu) for a newsletter.

It was decided to create a flyer to advertise the election for Centerwide Secretary and to send an email to Downstate Communications and Marketing. This election should occur before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The suggestion was made to skip August as a month for the Centerwide meetings. This will be revisited next meeting in June.

List of Committee members on SUNY University Senate Committees:

Alex Schwartzman Head of the Health Sector

Alithia Alleyne Communications

Laura Martello-Rooney Graduate Research

Katherine Powderly Ethics

Dr. Penington said he would report to SUNY who the CGL and Senators were for 2019/2020 – Done (N.P.)

Elizabeth Helzner raised the issue of locks on classrooms that are needed to help deal with an active shooter situation. A resolution on this seems in order; one that could then be brought to the UFS. Central SUNY funds for this, to protect our students, would seem to be justified.

Ramaswamy Viswanathan brought up the issue of cardiac defibrillators at the semi-Annual meeting and also again at this meeting. This equipment should be available in public spaces in the school. This will require follow up at the next meeting as will the issue of Lactation rooms (not just in the hospital).

As more and more pressing issues are being brought up at these meetings it is felt that we need a way of communicating better with the administration, more frequently than twice a year when we meet the President. It was suggested that we write to the President via Ms. Reina Alfred and also to Dr. Keydron Guinn (who it was suggested should visit and address this committee).

The meeting was adjourned at 5.00 PM.