STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

COLLEGE AT OLD WESTBURY

### Faculty Senate Meeting

### Friday, September 9, 2022

### 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Documents for this meeting and calendar of meetings are available at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate/archive>

# MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

* **Roster of Senators Present**: Jennie D'Ambroise (CHAIR), Lisa Chin (VCHAIR | ALTSAS3), Maureen Dolan (PARL | ALT MACS), Kyle Anderson (SECTRS | HP), Danielle Lee (ECATL1|LEC), Runi Mukherji (USEN| ATLSAS1), Dana Sinclair (ECATL2 | LI | APPC), Renu Balyan (MACS), Rachel Littenberg Brown (PROFESSIONAL3), Kimberly Cox (SGA1), Jillian Crocker (ARPT), Bonnie Eannone (FY| PROFESSIONAL2), Alireza Ebrahimi (FRRC), Lina Gilic (ATL SOE | EE), Keisha Goode (ATLSAS2 | ALT SY), Eric Hagan (VA), Curtis Holland (SY), Svetlana Jovic (PY), Jon Kleinman (Professional1), Laurence Krause (PEL), Angel Lara (ML), Martha Livingston (PH), Joseph Manfredi (AS), Renee Markowicz (SOE CE), Lorenz Neuwirth (FUAC), Christos Noutsos (BS|USENALT), Jessica Williams (EN), Sara Williamson (MMF|N&E), Ryoko Yamamoto (CAP)
* **Alternate Senators Present**: Solomon Chak (ALT BS), Christa Devirgilio (ALT LI), Robert Mevissen (ALT HP),
  + **Non-voting Members**: Duncan Quarless (PROV/SVP), Jeffrey Fischer-Smith (VPIA), Jo-Ann Robinson (VPEXEC), Martha Santana (CFO), Diana Sukhram (DSOE), Cheryl Wilson (DSAS)
  + **Visitors**: Ozgur Akgun, Laura Angyal, Jermaine Archer, Betty Berbari, Zulema Cabail, Patrick Cadet, Olivia Carrera-Lazo, Danielle Collins, Jesse Curran, Thomas Delgiudice, Gail DiSabatino, John Estes, Joshua Fyman, Gail Gillian, Ruomei Gao, Julio Gonzalez, Ricky Guerra, Patty Harris, Stephanie Iaccarino, Kaitlin Janes, Denee Jenkins, Ambeeka Jewnandan, Anne Marie Jimenez, Annette Johnson, Camille Jones, Ludia Karyotakis, Michael Kavic, Mohamed Khalefa, Youngjoo Kim, Mike Kinane, Anthony Kostick, Malini Kumar, Pat Lettini, Gary Levanti, Kathleen Lieblich, Ray Maggiore, Dinorah Martinez, Manya Mascareno, Tricia McLaughlin, Fred Millan, Yogesh More, Yumi Nicholson, Cris Notaro, Sheyi Oladipo, Veronica Patterson, Lisa Payton, Frank Pizzardi, Kinning Poon, Lisandra Ramos, Shebuti Rayana, Rafat Sada, Elizabeth Schmermund, Chelsea Shields-Más, Jeanne Shimizu, Steven P. Siena, Blidi Stemm, Timothy Strout, Sarah Taiclet, David Tomanio, Shiyama Vijayendran, Angela Wambugu Cobb, Sydney Williams
  + **Roster of Senators Absent:** Seirrah Brown (SGA2), Bright Emenike (CP), Linval Frazer (APEL), Amy Hsu (TLRC), Janay Jackson (SGA3), Xavier Marechaux (AE), Roger Mayer (AC),

1. **Approval of Minutes for June 3, 2022**
   * Minutes approved by unanimous consent
2. **Approval of Senate & Full Faculty Meeting Schedule 5 minutes** 
   * schedule approved by unanimous consent
3. **Faculty Senate Chair’s Report (J. D’Ambroise)**
   * Bylaws review and committee practices are ongoing
     1. Policy committee with EC and President’s office
   * Membership of committees and resolutions passed included
   * Presented to FS to receive report – accepted with no objections
     1. Vacancies
        1. 3 vacancies in the PRODiG Committee (deadlines today)
        2. Nominations and Elections – new committee (Sara Williams Chair)
        3. LEC – Laura Angyal was appointed
     2. Thanked Strategic Planning Committee and process
     3. Concerns about masks – please respond to link in email
        1. Talk with Martha Livingston about masks
     4. Getting a safety training from Chief Sienna
4. **President’s Report (president cannot attend)**
   * University status (M. Kinane)
     1. Board of regents in NY changed definition of college vs. university – universities just need 3 graduate programs in distinct areas of study
     2. Question whether this will affect our brand – University seems more prestigious than college
        1. Perhaps this will help enrollment
        2. Changes will include name change, seal, formal documents, checking with vendor (Barnes and Noble),
     3. Timeline is going to reflect an input period for faculty
        1. Through next Friday, feedback is open
     4. Questions
        1. Would schools be called “college” like at other schools?
           1. Potentially
        2. Comment: this may be confusing considering we’re part of the SUNY system
   * Campus-wide calendar (D. Jenkins)
     1. Comprehensive calendar to highlight major events on campus
     2. Adding calendar – will get updates immediately to your account (Outlook, Google, Apple)
     3. Questions/concerns:
        1. Who gets to add events? Only events open to all will go on the calendar
           1. Yes, too cluttered if it’s not open to all
           2. Follow up: this may lose its utility if something is useful to all but may come against other events
           3. Jennie: this is an ongoing conversation, so trying to make sure this is
5. **Provost’s Report (D. Quarless)**
   * Announcements
     1. Public Heath proposed name change – bachelors
     2. Heard from SUNY Provost on Black Studies – requires some minor revisions
     3. Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies at SUNY and hopefully move to State Ed soon
     4. Curriculum matters/distance modality – Bachelors of Professional Studies at State Ed now
     5. Logistics
        1. excellent faculty, some who have secured extramural funding, congratulate/acknowledge later
        2. Criminology lauded nation-wide
        3. New student convocation on Sept 29th
     6. SUNY – New funding (July 28) – empower SUNY to distribute funds
        1. Two categories – governor wants to bolster enrollment
           1. Recognize SUNY affordable and address workplace training/development
           2. $53 M for faculty $60 M for enrollment initiatives
        2. OW has over $1 M proposals for enrollment
           1. Enrollment management ($200,000)
           2. OW Model ($75,000)
           3. DEI/Multicultural Center ($75,000)
           4. Social Justice Center – organizing ($25,000)
           5. Faculty and Staff Housing in AV ($925,000)
        3. Response to concerns about Humanities excluded:
           1. Wanted to align response based on what was being put out
        4. Of the $53 M for new faculty, $1M for OW
           1. Diversify faculty
           2. Social Justice fellows
           3. OW considerations (mission, OW Model, PRODiG Model, performance)
     7. Provost will meet with Budget Committee (and/or meet with CAP) and hopefully resolve the matter
     8. Questions:
        1. Kyle Anderson: You picked these five areas to align with priorities (that OW is hearing and those on campus) – whose priorities are you talking about? And social Justice Fellows in “Key Areas” – which areas?
           1. Heard about through Women, Gender, and Sexuality and Black Studies, the RFP committee/scoring of initiatives, CAP’s requests regarding hiring priorities
        2. Ryoko Yammamoto: These new positions don’t reflect CAP recommendations
           1. Yes, CAP has recommended faculty lines (some which include STEM related, mental health, SPED from School of Ed) in previous years, so this includes prior recommendations
           2. Performing arts – not just governance/CAP, but through other processes (RFP, and Budget Process)
6. **Resolution on EC Elections**
   * Read proposed changes – new At-Large position for technology, and expanded eligibility to include alternate senators for EC positions, and bylaws working committee’s work to revise the bylaws
   * Clarification: we need to endorse action taken by prior senate
     1. Resolution passed with unanimous consent
7. **Nomination and Election of EC members** 
   * Summary of roles review
   * Election of Vice-Chair
     1. Lisa Chin self-nominated (seconded)
        1. 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
   * Election of Secretary-Treasurer
     1. Kyle Anderson self-nominated (seconded)
        1. Unopposed nominee was elected by acclamation, without objection
   * Election of At-Large Representative to the EC
     1. Danielle Lee self-nominated
        1. Unopposed nominee was elected by acclamation, without objection
   * Election of Second At-Large Representative to the EC
     1. Email sent for vote tallies
     2. Dana Sinclair (self-nominated)
        1. 13 favor
     3. Jessica Williams (self-nominated)
        1. 12 in favor
     4. Dana Sinclair is continuing her role as Second At-Large Rep
8. **UUP Report (M. Livingston)**
   * State-wide negotiations for contracts in full swing – want to take action sooner
     1. Postcard campaign
     2. Want to show solidarity with adjuncts
     3. Talk about telecommuting
   * Campaign
   * General Membership meeting – Thurs, Sept 22 (Common Hour)
   * Major issues
     1. UUP working to update professional performance programs, many professionals working on old programs
     2. After cancelling sections, now some departments being asked to raise course caps bc we have more enrollment than expected
9. **Safety Training (Chief Siena)**
   * This training will be provided to all faculty and staff on campus
10. **FUAC annual report (L. Neuwirth)**
    * Thanked committee members
    * Pointed out ways to improve transparency, awareness, and submission (Interfolio)
    * Excited that there were lots of people interested in submitting
    * Vote to accept FUAC annual report
      1. Accepted by acclamation
11. **APPC annual report (D. Sinclair)**
    * Tasked with rewriting the resolution regarding CR/NC
    * Academic hearings committee
      1. Tried to determine how to make online hearings experience efficient
      2. Found ways to make this work on Zoom with breakout rooms
    * Give students a chance to meet with student success
12. **SGA Report (K. Cox)**
    * SGA running well – had successful week with 300 students coming to events
    * Working on SGA week and more events
13. **Sharing of Concerns/Announcements**
    * Kyle Anderson: Bookstore is pushing software (Bartleby.com) – told to subscribe (like Grammarly). Essay writing is helpful in thinking, revising, academic integrity. This system may allow students to more easily plagiarize if the software demonstrates where they’d be reported
      1. No oversight at the bookstore regarding campus-wide policies
      2. How should or could we respond
      3. Responses:
         1. Yes, this is concerning, how do we address?
         2. Duncan Quarless: yes, there is a contract that allows them to operate on campus, and the bookstore operates like a bookstore (outside selling our books), they can sell what they like
         3. Auxiliary Services Cooperation is there to find partners to help campus
         4. Send messages to Jennie with concerns
14. **Adjournment**