ESF Academic Governance Meeting

3 November 2020
ESF Academic Governance Agenda

1. Welcome / Call to Order/Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Past Minutes
3. Executive Chair Report (5 min)
4. Officer-in-Charge Report – J.Rufo / D.Newman (20 min)
   a. Spring semester planning
   b. Commencement
5. Committee Reports
   a. Research - J.Stella (5min)
   b. Curriculum – E.Bevilacqua (3min)
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6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. General Good and Welfare
   a. Communication Process for Campus COVID Updates – S.Specchio (10min)
9. Adjourn
Executive Chair Report
Gary M Scott
Vice President for Research Search Committee
Call for Nominations
SUNY Board of Trustees Meeting

■ Announcement of Public Meeting
  – Tuesday, November 17, 2020 (In conjunction with the November 17, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting)
  – Zoom Video Conference (details will be emailed to registered participants)

■ Purpose
  – The purpose of the State University of New York Board of Trustees Public Hearing is to receive testimony and statements from concerned individuals about University issues.

■ Presidential Announcements???
Vice President for Research Search Committee
Call for Nominations

- **Needed**
  - 3 faculty members
  - 1 staff member

- **Process and timeline**
  - *Request for nominations* (by 9 November)
  - *Voting via Qualtrics* (by 16 November)
  - *Candidates selected by AGEC* (17 November AGEC meeting)
  - *Report of membership* (December AG meeting)

Nominations to fill the seats allocated for faculty, staff, and students will be solicited through an open call to the College Community. Elections will be held to inform the Executive Committee of Academic Governance. The Executive Committee of Academic Governance is then charged with ensuring balance and diversity on the committee while respecting the preferences of the membership reflected in the votes. The recommended membership of the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee of Academic Governance and the College Administration for approval. The final membership of the committee will be reported at a College-wide Academic Governance Meeting. -Per the Standing Rules of ESF Academic Governance.
Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee

- Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Committee of AG
- Charged with reviewing and updating the bylaws and standing rules

  - Neal Abrams
  - Ray Appleby
  - David Newman
  - Aaron Rounds
  - Gary Scott
  - Matt Smith
UFS Resolutions
Importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis (86-05-1)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNY University Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor remind campus presidents of the importance of maintaining good shared governance practices and timely communication at all times, including during times of crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate requests that Campus Governance Leaders on each campus ensure that the appropriate shared governance structures and bylaws are in place to expedite shared governance work during crisis situations, within or outside of the traditional academic calendar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate requests that Campus Governance Leaders review the attached suggestions for effective shared governance practices, and work with local governance bodies and administration to adopt those that they believe would be appropriate for their campuses.

http://www.sunyufs.us/fall-2020-post-plenary-report.html
UFS Resolutions

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SUGGESTIONS:

Work with local campus administration to establish faculty governance representation on local President’s Cabinets, Provosts Cabinets, budget committees, or other administrative decision-making bodies, if this does not already exist. If this is established as normal practice, it will ensure continuity during an emergency situation.

Work with local campus administration to establish expectations for faculty governance representation on committees or task forces that may be created for emergencies.

Review bylaws to ensure that they allow for:

- Actions by executive committees on behalf of governance bodies between regularly scheduled meetings and during breaks in the academic calendar.
- Special meetings by governance bodies when necessary.
- Remote governance body meetings, when in-person meetings are not possible.
- Mechanisms for secure and accurate voting during remote governance body meetings. This would include elections of governance leaders.
- Clearly defined terms of office for elected governance leaders.
UFS Resolutions
Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum (186-01-1)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UFS calls upon campus governance bodies to work with those in charge of curriculum to develop and implement (or expand upon) courses or course content that focus specifically on issues of Racial Equity and Social Justice (in addition to other courses focusing on the broad category of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS calls upon campus governance bodies to work with those in charge of programming to develop and implement (or expand upon) Racial Equity and Social Justice co-curricular or extracurricular programming consisting of forums, workshops, guest lectures, etc. open to and inclusive of the entire campus community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to educate all our undergraduate as well as graduate students, faculty, staff, and administrators on the workings and impact of systemic racism, UFS calls upon campus governance bodies to develop strategies to maximize participation in the academic curriculum on Racial Equity and Social Justice as well as in the activities of the all-campus programming on the subject.

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Encouragement to Vote

- Please get out to vote

Officer in Charge Report

Joseph Rufo
David Newman
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Report by Committee on Curriculum

Academic Governance meeting

Nov. 02, 2020
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Committee on Curriculum

Information only (https://www.esf.edu/coc/)

- Approved New Courses
  - EST 608 Environmental Advocacy Campaigns and Conflict Resolution

- In queue
  - ERE 533 Ecological Modeling (New course)

- Reminder
  - Curriculum Proposal deadline: January 15, 2021
  - Course Proposal deadline: March 1, 2021
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New senator orientation Thursday 10/15 12-1pm

- Campus faculty/staff can serve on UFS standing committees – don’t need to be senators or CGLs
- Useful websites - sunyufs.us updated routinely
  - system.suny.edu/facultysenate archive, historic

Sector meetings 10/15 7-9pm

- Specialized/Statutory sector – developed questions/issues for our 5 minutes with chancellor at general meeting, 1 sentence introduction of ESF to chancellor
President’s Report – UFS President Gwen Kay, SUNY Oswego

- New SUNY Chancellor
- 9 SUNY presidential searches were conducted this year, 2 will be next year
- SUNY Online Advisory Committee – trying to help capture 40-50K NYS residents who go out of state for their online education
- Some concerns across SUNY – COVID19 and response made without shared governance, budget, Spring calendar, possible program deactivations
- UFS has 10 committees (charges at system.suny.edu/facultysenate) and 3 relatively new ad hocs – Pandemic, Black Lives Matter and University Police
General meeting 10/16 8:30am-4:30pm

Provost’s Report – SUNY Provost Tod Laursen

- SUNY enrollment down 5.7%, which is less than expected. Retention really saved us so kudos to the individual campuses
- SUNY ONLINE – is an online/remote learning initiative. Pilot phase nearly complete.
- No immediate plans to restart study abroad programs. Hoping SUNY ONLINE might help for the immediate future.
- Spring ’21 schedule – One size does not fit all, aware of links to other institutions (like ESF’s to SU), no F2F before 2/1 with all necessary instruction prior to then occurring remotely, no long breaks (such as week-long Spring break) so as to not promote travel
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Board of Trustee visit – Chair SUNY BoT Merryl Tisch

- Opened with COVID challenges
- Addressed “deep emotion and concern” related to the process to appoint the new chancellor, gave her reasons for the manner in which it was done
- Apologized to those who may have been upset or insulted as that was not the intention
- Was an interim considered? Yes but wanted the leader to lead, not be handcuffed by the interim title.
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Discussion with the Chancellor – Jim Malatras
  o Discussed a number of challenges
  o Outlined a number of positives (no pun intended, SUNY’s positive COVID rate is 0.55%, which is better than the State’s. Colleges and students ARE getting it right.)
  o Issued a couple of challenges to UFS and shared governance in general

PRODiG update - Initiative to increase faculty diversity on all SUNY Campuses

1st Amendment, Academic Freedom and Inclusion – presented by SUNY Counsel
General Meeting 10/17 8:30-11am

Committee reports

Resolution/amendment voting – details at http://www.sunyufs.us/proposed-resolutions.html

- Racial Equity and Social Justice Curriculum – revised on website by 10/23
- Vote of No Confidence in Politically Appointed Members of SUNY Board of Trustees – 82% for, 9% against, 9% abstain
- Importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis – 100% in favor
- Failure of shared governance at the University at Albany regarding program change – postponed until Winter plenary

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