



Academic Governance

College-Wide Meeting
21 January 2020

ATTENDING:

FACULTY: Neal Abrams, Colin Beier, Eddie Bevilacqua, Biljana Bujanovic, Avik Chatterjee, Janine DeBaise, Theodore Dibble, Shannon Farrell, Melissa Fierke, Jacqueline Frair, John Hassett, Douglas Johnston, Gyu Leem, Rachel Leibowitz, Sharon Moran, Nehan Naim, Christopher Nowak, Ruth Owens, Lindi Quackenbush, Mohamed Razkenari, Gary Scott, Matthew Smith, David Sonnenfeld, Werner Stavenhagen, Mark Teece, John Wagner, Jill Weiss, Benette Whitmore, Ruth Yanai, Chang Geun Yoo

ADMINISTRATION: David Amberg, Maureen Fellows, Anne Lombard, David Newman, Neil Ringler, Scott Shannon

USA/GSA: Andrew Meeshaw, Katherine Miller, Lexi Chipules, Katherine Miller

PROFESSIONAL STAFF: Ray Appleby, Christopher Baycura, Brian Boothryd, Anthony Chefalo, Laura Crandall, Casey Duffy, Heather Engelman, Terry Ettinger, Sophie Gublo-Jantzen, Aaron Knight, Patrick McHale, Karen Moore, Jonathan Owens, Joe Pagcaliwagan, Aaron Rounds, Katherina Searing, Mark Storrings, Erin Tochelli, Mary Triano

VISITORS: Brandon Murphy, Ashley Gouger, Jennifer Keating, Jenn Fazio, John Turbeville, Kailyn Wright, Lizette Rivera, Cameron Daley, Patricia Henson

MINUTES:

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order 11:02am. Acknowledgment of where we stand on ancestral Haudenosaunee lands.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to accept, seconded. Minutes approved by consent.

3. Reports

a. Executive Chair

Spent two days at SUNY Albany at University Faculty Senate plenary. ESF does not currently have a delegate on the floor of the UFS. Our alternate Senator could not attend, but will be able to attend the UFS plenary in April. UFS - a single resolution passed asking for Gov. Cuomo to increase SUNY and CUNY budget, related fiscal supports. Link to passed resolution is in slide deck. Templates were prepared to send letters of support for this resolution, for individuals as well as CGLs. AGECE will consider whether CGL should send a letter for ESF.

Plenary demonstrated that ESF is not alone in SUNY in many of the issues we are facing.

We will be having elections upcoming for vacancies in AG: Executive Chair, Secretary, University Faculty Senator, Alternate Senator.

AGECE met with BoT Chair Matt Marko, discussed search procedure for ESF's next president. Still in process of RFP for search firm. Probably a year away from appointing new president. This will be a 'closed' or 'representational' search which means the candidate's identities are kept confidential throughout the search process. It is believed (by SUNY) that this will improve the candidate pool.

b. Interim Provost

Class scheduling: with Marshall offline, a number of classes will be offered at SU, starting in the fall. They have offered to share space for large lecture courses. But not everything will fit. For the next two years, we will have to eliminate the Tue-Thur 11-12:30 College ('Common') Hour. We need this time to offer courses. AG approved the schedule reset and College/Common Hour, and I am asking for a reprieve from that model for two years during Marshall reno.

Terry Ettinger: some LA students are expressing serious concerns about studio space, how have things been communicated to students spending most/all of their time in Marshall?

David Newman: we are still negotiating LA studio spaces, but we know they will be off-campus for a period of two years, we are looking at transportation and other logistics to minimize the impact on students. Doug Johnston has been closely involved and once things are finalized, it will be communicated to students and campus community. The designers, faculty, and administration that are involved in the Marshall renovation project are prioritizing actions that minimize impacts on students.

c. Interim President

Reminder about 'Living document' pertaining to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity initiatives and action items. Progress made so far is good, want to open up the document to feedback.

Currently housed on the page where we have announcements around the bias incidents on SU's campus last fall semester.

Welcome to new members of our community, notable for diversifying our faculty and staff. Obste Therasme (SRM), Cynthia Downs (EFB, PRODIG), Erika Majunder (FCH), Alex Arthukin (FCH), Julia Burton (SRM), Joshua Drew (EFB), Deepak Khumar (PBE), Mohamed Reskanari (SRM), Endong Wang (SRM), Stephanie Speccio (VP Comm & Marketing), other admin staff... (see email). The addition of VP Communication achieves gender equity on the Executive Cabinet.

Announcing the reorganization of certain administrative functions at College. Don Artz and Office of Academic Finance staff will move under supervision of VP Research, who will assume role of RF Campus Operations Manager. Shelby Woods move to Business Affairs. Will charge VP Nomura to conduct deep audit of processes to identify ways to reduce/streamline faculty shadow work.

4. Old Business

N/A

5. New Business

a. Ad-hoc Nominating Cmte for Presidential Search: we have some nominations, these are viewable online. Need more nominations - we need balance and diversity on the AG representatives to the search, this starts with a larger and more diverse candidate pool. This is especially important given that it is a closed search - if you want to meet the candidates, your best bet is to be on the search committee.

b. Committee Reports

i. Curriculum

Bevilacqua: Course proposal deadline is March 1.

ii. Research

Daley on behalf of Stella: McStennis junior faculty grants have been selected and recipients notified.

iii. IQAS

No report.

Daley: Gratitude to all those coordinating / assisting with HLS Faculty Mentoring Colloquium

iv. Library

Smith: Elsevier update, they are engaging with more urgency recently, at this point we have to be careful about what is publicly released. Feel free to talk with me privately if you want to learn more. No complaints yet about Wiley access, seems we right-sized that subscription.

v. UFS Senator

- vi. SUNY UFS Senate
- vii. Student Life

Tochelli: we are selecting our campus nominee Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, send nominations to Dean Lombard, check email for details. Thursday Feb 6th - guest speaker (name?), presentation on indigenous issues, inclusion in higher-ed

- viii. Awards

- c. From the floor

Ettinger: question about campus engagement with local lawmakers, re: budget

Amberg: we continuously engage with local elected officials, general recognition that this is a very difficult budget year

Fellows: we have legislative agenda we are pushing during this budget cycle, specific projects, issues we are supporting, for the first time we are being requested by SUNY to vet our project requests and legislative contacts through SUNY Gov Relations. A lot of activity behind the scenes.

6. General Good and Welfare

Sophie Gublo-Jantzen, Middle States Re-accreditation: 187 partial or complete survey responses, 89 non-responses. Results from the survey are being compiled and will be reported to Exec Cabinet.

Daley: received some preliminary results from survey re: December commencement, will share with the Provost and with AGECE at next meeting.

Sue Fassler, Campus Recycling Operations Status: (Powerpoint slides will be available on AG website) We have a semester's worth of data to evaluate progress so far. ESF has stated goal of becoming zero waste by 2025. 2018-19: 66% landfill, 34% recycling and compost -- which is 1% below average for country.

Sue and others carried out full campus audit of bins and processes. For example, Illick had 28 types of bins, none of them labeled. Inconsistent signage, and procedures of grounds and custodial staff, impedes success. We purchased all new hallway bins, we replaced them all with consistent bins. Replaced individual office bins with mini-bins with no plastic liners. Educational displays, updated website, held workshops (need more participation), student 'trash talkers' who have volunteered to police bin usage. Results: Reduced trash collection to three times a week, retained five day a week recycling. We have 25 65-gallon carts in composting per week. Within one semester, garbage decreased 27%, recycling increased 101%. Diversion is 40% now, will be 48% by end of semester if we hold current trend. So we'll be halfway towards zero waste after one academic year. Lots more auditing and research happening. Going to make available compostable plates, cups and bowls, at cost of \$0.80 per person. Sustainability Champions Program - spread the word! Sessions for faculty, staff and students. Huge kudos to custodial staff who have embraced this work and made it happen!

Chris Nowak: changed Department name from Department of Forest & Natural Resources Management (FNRM) to The Sustainable Resources Management (SRM) Department, informed all of the necessary offices, but wanted to spread the word. Came from a year and a

half process, many stakeholders, our department has changed its name 11 times in over 100 years.

Brandon Murphy, Open Academy: thanks to everyone who attending HLS Colloquium please give us your feedback; one year SUNY grant opportunity (\$10-60K) for innovations in teaching, due Feb 23rd; OIDE will be offering workshops; OA will be offering workshops. All of these events are posted in the College calendar.

Daley: We plan to continue to hold next year's (AY 20-21) AG College-Wide meetings on Tues 11-12:20, do we have general agreement on this? Yes, by general consent.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Approved by consent 12:08pm.