

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. FA Chair's Report – Liz Schmitt

In Memoriam: Dr. Peter Rosenbaum, Professor of Biology, passed away unexpectedly in July. Rick Back, his colleague in Biology, has kindly agreed to say a few words.

Rick noted that Peter spent 35 years on campus, many of those in FA on PPC and representing BIO. He retired in January. Peter was gracious with his time, valued family, was a founding member of Rice Creek Associates, and was committed to fieldwork. Peter worked to conserve land in trusts here in Central NY.

Liz concluded by noting that Peter's mentors were the authors of our original Bylaws, and this gave him a great appreciation for the role of share governance.

Meeting Modality: I have a Zoom URL for the semester, and I have reserved 105 Lanigan. With more information about vaccination, positivity rates, etc. I will make rolling decisions about meetings. While a Hy-flex modality might seem like a solution, I am not sure how well that will work in practice.

Our Zoom URL does not require authentication due to NYS open meetings laws.

General Faculty Meeting, 9/13: The President will give her report, so I would encourage you to send me any particular areas of concern you would like her to address.

At this time, I am still conferring with the President over the modality for 9/13 FA and General Meetings

Presidential Search: The search process for our new president is underway. On 8/23, I sent out a call for nominations and thank many of you for your enthusiastic responses. At this stage I have candidates from all 6 units. The nomination deadline is 8/31, 5 pm. I hope to get a ballot out later this week.

I am charged with running the selection of the faculty candidates with the broad input of faculty. I am not charged with selecting other members. Under the guidelines of the Board of Trustees the committee composition includes:

- 4- College Council Members (includes College Council Chair)

- 6-Elected F/T Faculty Representatives
- 1-Student Representative
- 1-College Foundation Representative
- 1-Professional OR Support Staff
- 1-Chancellor Liaison (non-voting)
- 1-Alumni Representative
- 1-Academic Dean
- 1-Chancellor Designated SUNY President or Senior Staff
- 1-College Staff Liaison (non-voting)

I received some inquiries about professional staff representatives, and have directed those to Ellen McCloskey, who is the college staff liaison to the search.

Dean of SOE: Congratulations and welcome to Laura Spenceley, interim dean of SOE. We will commence a search for a SOE Dean once the Presidential Search Committee is selected.

Review of Academic Officers

Under Appendix A of the Bylaws, there are four administrators up for review:
Jill Pippin, Dean of EL (holdover from 2020-21)
Sarah Weisman, Director of the Library
Scott Furlong, Provost
Kristen Eichhorn, Dean of Graduate Studies

Given the other business of the college this year, four reviews are not sustainable. It is my intention to direct PPC to move forward with reviews for Jill and Sarah, and wait a year for the others. Please reach out with any concerns you have about this.

Resolutions

Please take note of two resolutions for assembly action:
Resolution 202109-1, Commendation to the Commencement Ceremonies Committee
Resolution 202109-2, Support for the UFS Resolution on Black Lives Matter

SET Reminder

CTS will no longer support scantron teaching evaluations. While we await recommendations from our Ad Hoc committee, departments can continue with online evaluations or an AEFIS pilot might be possible.

Curriculum Software

We are moving to purchase a software solution for course/program routing and archiving. **CurricuLog** is the chosen package due to its link with our other systems. We'll be working now to implement the contract, doing the tech groundwork to get it connected to our systems, etc. We will likely be able to utilize the tool as intended in about a year.

New Members

Welcome to our new members. I would refer you to the FA website as a source for documents, agenda and minutes along with the assembly-list. The list is also open to anyone how would like to receive messages, just send me an email. The key role of the representative is to report back to the department, so faculty are aware of what is going on and changes to programs and policies that affect them.

Coming up—here is some of the upcoming business for FA this semester:

9/27 -- report on MSCHE

10/11 -- Title IX presentation, TF on Assessment Practices

10/25--Career Services,

November -- Ad Hoc on SETs

October/November -- Academic Affairs revised policies on online courses, hybrid, hyflex

Library Announcement--Sarah Weisman

Sarah announced that updated photographs of recent Chancellor's Award winners and Distinguished Professors are now on display in the library

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces

- No reports this meeting.

V. Elections

Liz reminded the body that only FA reps have voting rights

Personnel Policies Council

Vice Chair/FA: **OPEN**

FA Seat: **OPEN**

At large seats (21-23): Karen Sime (BIO) Laura Harris (Library)

Academic Policies Council

FA Seat (21-23): Craig Delancey

At large seats: Jennifer Fogel and Zoe Miseiwick

Priorities and Planning

CLAS Humanities: **OPEN**

CLAS SS: **OPEN**

Library: Zachary Vickery

SOB: Dean Crawford

SOE seat (19-22): **OPEN**

SOE seat (20-23): **OPEN**

General Education

CLAS SS: Charlene Harris

Library: Michelle Bishop

SCMA: Serenity Sutherland

SOE: Ritu Radhakrishnan

Information Technology Council

2 FA seats (21-23): **OPEN**

At large seats (21-23): Dave Sargeant and Mark Springston

Graduate Council

CLAS: Isabelle Bichindaritz

SCMA: OPEN

Library: Laura Harris

Grad Voting Faculty: Carol Willard

Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Library: Erin Kovalsky

SOB: Victoria Chiu

SCMA: Donna Greene

SOE: Amy Bidwell

Research Council

CLAS STEM: Thomas Brown

SOE: Najah Zaeed

Campus Concept Committee

CLAS: Evelyn Clark Benavides

SOE: **OPEN**

Voting faculty: Uyi Usuanalele

Aux. Services Board

Michelle Bandla (21-24)

Student Association Senate

Elizabeth Schmitt

VI. New Business.

Eve moved to waive the two-week rule to discussion FA Resolution 1, S. Abraham seconded
Passed 70%.

Liz read the motion commending the 2021 Commencement Committee, and volunteers and support services who made the event special. Passed with 85%

Liz opened the floor for questions to the Provost. There were discussions about surveillance testing for vaccinated people.

Liz noted that many units on campus are down employees. She warned against compassion fatigue. Everyone on campus is being asked to do more with less

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM

The next meeting will be 9/13/21 at 3:00 pm Modality TBD