

## Faculty Senate Plenary (January 20-21, 2023)

Online

### President's Report (Keith Landa):

- Discussed search for new chancellor John King and the executive leadership team he is building.
- Discussed various presidential searches underway across the system.
- Discussed budget situation; less prominent place for SUNY in the governor's state of the state address; did mention cascading enrollment program for students applying to multiple institutions, suggests more coherent planning for the system.

### SUNY Budget Advocacy (Josh Sager, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business):

- Examined 4 budget priorities for the chancellor (see slides)

### Provost's Report (Shadi Sandvik):

- Discussed various academic initiatives including call for DEISJ Fellows program
- Brightspace implementation update
- Discuss Open Access policy, Microcredential update
- Discuss SUNY Data Strategy

### Board of Trustees Chair Merryl Tisch:

- Discussed the chancellor's search; outlined his strengths as a candidate

### Chancellor John King:

- Described his background and his family in Brooklyn emphasizing their commitment to public education. How school provided structure in his life as his father suffered Alzheimers and both parents died when he was young.
- Outlined his career in NYC and federal government in education with the main theme being his commitment to expanding opportunities for people.
- 4 pillars for him
  - o Student success (emphasized different sectors having role); access, support for students
  - o Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (part of his "life's work"); will make institutions and system more effective; it is everybody's job to promote this goal.
  - o Promoting research and scholarship
  - o Promoting economic growth, development, etc.. ; will also benefit our students
- Q & A
  - o University Centers
    - Asked about Chancellor King's commitment to shared governance, what processes he may create to implement it, etc..
    - Some discussion of broad challenges facing campuses and students
    - Discussed demographic challenges and enrollment; not much new said
  - o CGL's
    - Sandra Rezac (Platt) described shared governance across the system and the virtues of good shared governance versus the alternative.
    - Asked to create a working group with chancellor to discuss ways to promote shared governance, especially in areas where there is pushback from various administrations.
    - The Chancellor said he was happy to meet with CGL's and emphasized how the new provost (a search will be taking place soon) will play a critical role in advancing shared governance.
    - He also mentioned need for more collaboration between campuses that share regional interests, etc..
  - o Comprehensives
    - General give and take about the role comps play in the system, importance of them giving students more opportunities, reaching first generation students, etc..
    - Chancellor discussed his commitment to liberal arts (showed a framed replica of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on his wall, etc..)
  - o Ag & Tech Sector
    - Basically introduced the sector to the chancellor

- Specialized and Statutory Colleges
  - Discussed unique nature of the sector, range of programs, etc.
- Health Sector
- General Q & A
  - Chancellor outlined how SUNY would promote green technology, sustainability, etc.. Impact of climate refugees going forward;

UUP (Fred Kowal):

- Discussed advocacy efforts to gain more resources to address budget shortfalls at 19 SUNY institutions, efforts to double the funds from last year to hire faculty, healthcare sector (as always). Pushing for more mental health resources for students, staff, faculty.
- Kowal is heartened by growing advocacy partnership between UUP and SUNY to lobby for more resources.
- Kowal thinks state budget is in a good place thus a good time to obtain more resources.
- Contract negotiations – currently three issues outstanding (fortunately not healthcare)
  - Telecommuting
  - Job security (state demands would erode tenure)
  - Pay (state insisting on CSEA levels; UUP wants more)
  - Kowal optimistic we can get a contract by June but it is going to take a lot of work

Resolutions:

📄 **P&A:** "[193-01-1 Restoration of Conversations in the Disciplines Grant Program](#)"

- To request SUNY to reinstate the funding for the Conversations in the Disciplines and the Office of the Provost meet with the UFS Programs and Awards Committee to define the direction of the program.
- For: 46 / Against: 0

📄 **OP:** "193-02-1 Best Practices for Administrative Searches at the Assistant Dean Level and Above"

- This resolution arrived late and required a vote to bring to floor for consideration; The vote for consideration passed
- To request the SUNY Chancellor to direct and encourage campus presidents to publish guidelines, include governance representation on search committees, and for SUNY to archive guidelines for best practice referral.
- A vote was held and passed to move this resolution back to the UFS Operations committee.

📄 **UG:** "[A Resolution Honoring Norm Goodman](#)"

- It was announced that the Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee passed an internal resolution in honor of Norm Goodman. As an internal committee resolution, no vote was required by the UFS.