

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
COLLEGE AT OLD WESTBURY

Full Faculty Senate Meeting

Friday, September 23, 2022

12:30 p.m. - 2:45 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

### I. Call to Order

- **Roster of Senators Present:** Jennie D'Ambroise (CHAIR), Lisa Chin (VCHAIR | ATLSAS3), 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), Bonnie Eannone (FY| PROFESSIONAL2), Alireza Ebrahimi (FRRC), Linval Frazer (APEL), Keisha Goode (ATLSAS2 | ALT SY), Eric Hagan (VA), Curtis Holland (SY), Amy Hsu (TLRC), Svetlana Jovic (PY), Jon Kleinman (Professional1), Martha Livingston (PH), Joseph Manfredi (AS), Xavier Marechaux (AE), 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:** Catherine Bernard (ALT VA), Solomon Chak (ALT BS), Patrick O'Brien (ATL SOB),
- **Non-voting Members:** Timothy Sams (PRES), Duncan Quarless (PROV/SVP), Jeffrey Fischer-Smith (VPIA), Jo-Ann Robinson (VPEXEC), Martha Santana (CFO), Shalei Simms (DSOB), Diana Sukhram (DSOE), Cheryl Wilson (DSAS),
- **Visitors:** Ozgur Akgun, Veronica Ambrose, Jermaine Archer, Betty Barbari, Zulema Cabail, Patrick Cadet, , Carolyn Cocca, Danielle Collins, Jesse Curran, , Thomas Delgiudice, , Laura Gallagher, Ruomei Gao, Barbara Hillery, Stephanie Iaccarino, Peter Ikeler, Denee Jenkins, Ambeeka Jewnandan, Youngjim Kim, , Gary Levanti, Dinorah Martinez, Manya Mascareno, Yogesh More, Rose Muzio, Yumi Nicholson, Diana Papademas, Lisa Payton, Kinning Poon, , Elizabeth Schmermund, Steven P. Siena, Jeanne Shimizu, Samara Smith, Sarah Smith, Blidi Stemm, Sarah Taiclet, James Cribbs, Sheyi Oladipo, Jody Cardinal, Michael Kavic (APROV), Cris Notaro (DSTU), Fred Fleisher, Joanne Spadaro, Camille Jones, L. Karyotakis, Stephanie Schneider, Amanda Frisken, Nicole Seiben, Deepa Jani Shanthi Konkoth, Rachel Kalish, Shebuti Rayana, Hyewon Yi
- **Roster of Senators Absent:** Kimberly Cox (SGA1), Rachel Littenberg (PROFESSIONAL3), Jillian Crocker (ARPT), Lina Gilic (ATL SOE | EE), Laurence Krause (PEL), Angel Lara (ML), Janay Jackson (SGA3), Roger Mayer (AC), Sierrah Brown (SGA2), Bright Emenike (CP)

### II. Approval of Minutes for April 22, 2022

- Did not circulate before, so will be approved at a later meeting

### **III. Faculty Senate Chair's Report (J. D'Ambroise)**

- Appointments to committees
  1. PRODiG: no self-nominations during open period
    - a) Fred Millan, Jasmine Mitchell, Deepa Jani (continuing) & Sylvie Kande (new) 1-year position
  2. CAP
    - a) Anissa Lynch appointed to fill vacancy
- Update about Presidential Committees: concerns about reducing redundancy
  1. Met with JoAnn Robinson
  2. Faculty Experience Committee seen as redundant with IT governance and Full-Time Faculty Task Force
  3. Student Experience Committee also may be redundant, but didn't have time to discuss
- Chair's statement: Money available from governor's office for new hires. Consultation with CAP and PBC. Faculty have some concerns about how consultation was conducted. Want faculty to be looped in to the process earlier when initiatives like this come from the state
  1. Jeffery Fischer-Smith: how do you want calls for proposals from outside funders shared? Or is this not pertinent
    - a) Jennie: depends on whether it has an impact on curriculum. Depends on the nature of the proposal
  2. Tim Sams: "in principle I don't have a problem with anything that you've outlined there"
  3. Mike Kavic: from the research ops side, we do want to publicize these opportunities to the campus

### **IV. President's Report (T. Sams)**

- The funding from Hochul
  1. Some enrollment focused for student retention and support
  2. Some for new hires
    - a) Unclear if the funding is permanent, so not going to offer these jobs as TT
      - (1) Purpose is to diversify faculty
- Social justice center
  1. Building in woodlands
- Meeting with SGA leadership
  1. Food is improved
  2. Concerns
    - a) Part support
    - b) Too many classes cancelled/moved remote
    - c) Desire more/better faculty support (advising)

### **V. Provost's Report (D. Quarless)**

- OW model being rolled out
  1. Institutional effectiveness involved in this: James Cribbs
- Office of institutional advancement has new dir: Shanthi Konkoth
- Blended modality being phased out

### **VI. UUP Report (M. Livingston)**

- Concern that admin is anti-work from home, telecommuting. Cancelling blended is part of that
  1. Telecommuting is one of the new contract priorities
- Contract negotiations going on

- Decision to drop the in class masking mandate the day before classes started was concerning. Responses are mixed from faculty survey about this
  1. Lorenz: can we see the data on the survey?
  2. Martha: yes

#### **VII. Title IX Office Report (Stephanie Iaccarino)**

- Proposed new regulations to change Title IX
- If a student comes to you, it's not your job to investigate the situation. Report it to the Title IX office: [tix@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:tix@oldwestbury.edu). 418-H campus center: 516-876-2740
  1. Sarah Smith: there is criticism of mandatory reporting and how it takes autonomy away from victim, but DOE requires it. It used to be that campuses could get creative about **who** is a mandatory reporter. Do the new guidelines force faculty to be mandatory reporters or is that campus/system-specific?
  2. Stephanie: that is in the federal law, not something in the proposed new regulations, the final rule could change. I have a feeling the status quo (about reporting obligations) will remain bc of the Cleary Act

#### **VIII. Questions for Chief Siena**

- Last faculty senate: Siena provided an active shooter training
- Did receive questions about safety in classrooms, exit routes, etc. They've been sent to Chief Siena and are being considered. If you have any concerns about safety, please reach out to Chief Siena or Jennie if you want your concern to be anonymous

#### **IX. Introduction to Faculty Governance**

- Can shorten because we don't have any new faculty
- Faculty senate website has info about individual committees ([sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate](https://sites.google.com/site/oldwestburyfacultysenate))
- ITGAC and PBC currently operating as presidential committee, but we hope to turn into
- Invitation to any committee chair to speak up if they have particular concerns:
  1. Maureen Dolan: Green committee-Green NY state climate council: connected to some of the funds that the governor announced (Exec Order 22)
    - a) Telecommuting study is part of this: how much energy do we save by telecommuting?
    - b) Governor accelerated targets for SUNY and state agencies for 100% renewable electricity supply by 2030
  2. Alirezi Ebrahimi: new chair for FRRC: Youngjoo Kim
    - a) FUAC: we have a lot of nominations coming in
    - b) Lorenz: if anybody is looking to nominate someone, do so as soon as possible
    - c) Only set number of potential nominations to move forward with, this will be the most competitive in years
    - d) Finalizing award guidelines with SUNY's guidelines and will disseminate this info to people who are nominees and nominators so they can put their file together in accordance with the guidelines
  3. Joanne Spadaro: Ad Hoc OER committee
    - a) Event coming up on 10/27: Veronika Dolar leading session about open pedagogy
  4. Jeanne Shimizu

- a) Barbera Hillery is now the person you contact in the event you have difficulties with interfolio
- b) Jill is going on sabbatical in the Spring and Jeanne will be chair in her place in the spring

**X. SGA Report (Kimberly Cox)**

- SGA week w open forum. Wed. Brunch a lot of students came out, Thursday had a party, Friday going to round 1. Seeing a lot of students come out to different events. More engagement than last year
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