

178th Plenary Session
Report Summary of Activity & Discussion.
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- Committee Reports; see Report enclosed: University Centers
- concern for hollowing out the arts, humanities, and social sciences on campuses.
 - encouraged how the Chancellor has spoken about science and engineering projects, corresponding corporate partnerships, and technologies like AI that incorporate the arts, humanities, and social sciences.
 - interested in articulating specifics regarding initiatives for social science and humanities to better participate in this research and develop a vision for equitable research collaborations between STEM fields and the arts, humanities, and social sciences.
 - interest in assessing the value of arts, humanities, and social sciences in the STEM fields. One suggestion, produce a White Paper on the topic.

Resolutions; see report enclosed, e.g.
Veteran Rank Acknowledgement at graduation,
ad hoc communications committee,
New Award for non-tenure track faculty (same as other categories), etc.
Election; Keith Landa (current interim VP), and Fred Walter
Discussion Topic; Freedom of Speech SUNY wide

Provosts Report; discussion of micro-credentials, Badging
(Stony Brook is currently at the forefront of this program/process),

Chancellors Attendance; via Zoom due to her recovery from current
personal health issues. Answered questions,

Notes from the CGL sector meeting:

(FMW attended in the absence of Ed F. and Nancy)

- there was discussion of how faculty review administrators. Our procedure of annual evaluations seems to be among the most comprehensive in the SUNY system. There are campuses where the administration sanitizes the evaluations prior to releasing a summary to the community.
- On some campuses the Senates have access to all the COACHE survey data, and work with the administration to interpret and understand it. Fredonia in particular seems to have a transparent process.
- Senate participation by staff varies widely between campuses. On some campuses staff do not seem to be aware that they are allowed to participate in the UFS (this is distinct from the

question of how staff feed into the campus senates - SBU is at one extreme of having approximate equality between faculty and professional staff; most campuses have faculty senates, while Buffalo has both faculty and staff senates.)

- On some campuses staff have difficulty getting release time for service on senate committees, of on the UFS senate.

Dr. Fred Walter

HSC Report from plenary

4/19 evening meeting; The group met and discussed budget, the fact that the Chancellor would be zooming in for Friday meeting, issues with Downstate, some campuses had issues with faculty malpractice. It was reported that Stony Brook was not part of faculty malpractice for the past year.

4/20 morning meeting, Dr. Azziz met with group. Dr. Ricardo Azziz currently serves as Chief Officer of Academic Health and Hospital Affairs, State University of New York (SUNY) System Administration, the largest university system in the nation. The group asked for clarification of Dr. Azziz's role and this was clarified to include:

Overseeing hospitals, providing support, to academic health, health professions, and student wellness. A provost fellow is looking at data around health sectors.

There are programs underway or occurring on campuses related to sexual violence policy and using student telepsych on campuses without counseling and psychological services center. Dr. Azziz will attend future plenaries or send a representative.

59/64 campuses have health professions which highlights the need to have a Chief Officer of AH&HA

The office of Academic Health and Hospital Affairs has:
twice a year retreats, wants to create work groups that create synergy and save money and resources, such as procurement of supplies SUNY wide.

Dr. Susan L. Glodstein,

University Centers Report and Chancellor Q&A from Committee Chair Walter...

Issues, Concerns:

The University Centers discussed a number of issues that were of common concern during its meeting at the plenary. Among them, there was a concern for the hollowing out of the arts, humanities, and social sciences on our campuses. The sector has been encouraged how the Chancellor has spoken eloquently about science and engineering projects, corresponding corporate partnerships, and technologies like AI that incorporate the arts, humanities, and social sciences. This sector is interested in articulating specifics regarding initiatives for how social science and humanities to better participate in this research and develop broad visions for equitable research collaborations between STEM fields and the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Tied to the above is the sector's interest in assessing the value of arts, humanities, and social sciences in the STEM fields. One suggestion was to produce a White Paper on the topic.

Chancellor Q&A:

1) Given budget is being based more on a tuition model, we are concerned with the ways our research is being impacted by the following conditions:

- Workload increase/creep related to teaching is negatively effecting research, how would you like us to work together to strengthen research success and a mutually supportive research and teaching environment?
- To demonstrate your commitment to research, will you restore the research incentives line item to the budget?
- What can we do with you to develop protocols for how Overhead funds redistributed?

Chancellor Johnson responded to the first and third sub-questions that these are issues that should be decided upon at the local campus level and best not determined by a one-size fits all campuses. She did not respond to the second sub-question.

2) Give the international nature of research and scholarship, what can SUNY do to promote SUNY research and increase graduate enrollment? No response.

Committee Reports

(Keith Landa, Vice President SUNY Senate)

Governance

The committee chair used some anonymous polling to get feedback from the body. The new election procedures with time for question and answer with the candidates was well received. Members of the body provided feedback that our bylaws and guidelines are somewhat obscure, and there was confusion about the processes involved in campus consultations and visitations around shared governance issues. Given the focus at this plenary discussing how and when to request consultation and visitation processes, members expressed the sense that they would be more likely to avail themselves of assistance from the Executive Committee, should issues of shared governance arise on their campuses.

Actions completed or underway by the Governance Committee this year include: revising and updating the UFS Bylaws and Guidelines; updating the Governance Handbook; working with SUNY Council on Assessment to develop a rubric to assess shared governance; the resolution on CGL sign-off on program changes adopted in the Winter Plenary; and researching issues around unequal access to legal counsel in campus governance issues, which has resulted in the resolution requesting the establishment of an Office of Ombuds Services.

Graduate and Research

The committee chair presented highlights the "[*Final Report on the Graduate Fellowship Incentive Program*](#)". This program was created in response to a UFS resolution from 2015, and provided a budget of \$40,000 per year for two years to provide incentives and assistance for graduate students to write and submit research grants. Over the two years of the program, 164 students participated in the grant-writing training, and 40 received incentive funding for submitting grant proposals. Eight proposals were funded, totalling over \$700,000. This represents a solid return on the \$80,000 allocated to the program, and although the current program has expired, the committee is looking for ways to resume it in the future.

In other activities, the committee has a subcommittee jointly with the Operations Committee to look at best practices and policies around interprofessional education. This is a critical component of curriculum in many disciplines, where instruction mirrors the types of professional collaborations that students will experience in medical and other fields. This subcommittee has submitted a Conversations in the Disciplines proposal on interprofessional education. Also, the recent format for the Graduate Research Day has been to include visits to state legislators along with the opportunity to share research with graduate students from around the system, and this approach will be used again for the upcoming graduate research day.

Programs and Awards

The committee is presenting two resolutions to expand the eligibility for the Faculty Service award and the Scholarship and Creative Activities award to include full-time non-tenure track faculty. Full-time non-tenure track faculty are already eligible for the Faculty Teaching award; these resolutions will make all three awards uniform in their availability to faculty.

The committee received 23 Conversations in the Disciplines applications totalling \$110,000; they were able to fund 11 proposals, given the \$40,000 available. Announcement of the awards is waiting final approval from SUNY. The committee is developing a proposal to increase funding for the Conversations in the Disciplines program, given the number and quality of proposals that are being submitted.

The full committee reports are at:

- Communications: https://docs.google.com/document/d/18PdNWyb1oeCJAxri9MKGN1S_JxjrG8-lgGdTrKnE-FD8/edit?usp=sharing
- EID: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ARYWr5OzDqO_ogDjCozTpDnyhp4cH1NZZ_GuDFAVM1Kc/edit?usp=sharing
- Ethics: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16EhfzBlxSgMMa9Lq6Ewg_grjhiSiya-NC8CqJGxnjXM/edit?usp=sharing
- Governance: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1osJ7WT57Vox3N3wMhNsL6sI56T_WnyeB8JQCGP4CNyV4/edit?usp=sharing
- Graduate &
Research: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dLB5J_OlhVtwyqrW3NA2Jr9V0Ifnw_z6Ln0RqAIJl6k/edit?usp=sharing
- Operations: https://docs.google.com/document/d/13EB91CQvXHaXCakTdq7fPnLG4sd_U7pUKZRfKf8sYR0/edit?usp=sharing
- Student
Life: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iD9uhtDJIZm0R5_CsURRUHrS_jjvpYeCNC_TZvdoiqdw/edit?usp=sharing
- Undergraduate: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DQKSkSmFOV9kiuzTDhY6VPBK_56AVRPSofRW00er_qkg/edit?usp=sharing

My overview of the resolutions is available for viewing or download

here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ThFIW9gG266e09pxOnUjppqGSWp4t1NpZ_wNhHetKxRk/edit?usp=sharing

Here are the results of the resolutions, along with links to the final text of each:

Presentation and Voting of Proposed Resolutions

Five resolutions were presented for action at the Spring 2018 Plenary:

- The [*“Resolution requesting the creation of a SUNY Office of Ombuds Services”*](#) (Governance Committee) requested that the Chancellor establish an Office of Ombuds Services; that the office be a resource for education on shared governance and provide peace building and conflict resolution services; and that the office be available to SUNY system, UFS, campus administrations, and campus senates. The resolution was referred back to committee by a vote of 27 to 20, with 2 abstentions.
- The resolution [*“Inclusion of Non-Tenured and Non-Tenure Track Faculty for the Chancellor’s Award in Faculty Service”*](#) (Programs and Awards Committee) requested that the criteria for the Faculty Service Award be adjusted to include full-time non-tenure track faculty. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 48 to 2, with no abstentions.
- The resolution [*“Inclusion of Non-Tenured and Non-Tenure Track Faculty for the Chancellor’s Award in Scholarship and Creative Activities”*](#) (Program and Awards Committee) requested that the criteria for the Scholarship and Creative Activities Award be adjusted to include full-time non-tenure track faculty. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 47 to 1, with no abstentions.
- The resolution [*“SUNY-wide commencement policy when announcing the names of those students who hold current United States military rank at their commencement ceremony”*](#) (Student Life Committee) requested that graduating students who hold current or retired military rank be afforded the opportunity to have their military title included if names are announced to the audience at commencement or if names are included in a commencement ceremony program. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 36 to 6, with 5 abstentions.
- The resolution [*“To Establish the University Faculty Senate Communications Committee”*](#) (Communications Ad-Hoc Committee) requested that the ad-hoc communications committee be made a regular standing committee of the Senate. The resolution was adopted 42 to 5, with 1 abstention.

Here are the election results:

Elections

The election for Vice President / Secretary was held under the revised processes adopted at the Winter Plenary that included time in the agenda for a question and answer session with the candidates. Two candidates stood for election: Frederick Walter, from Stony Brook; and Keith Landa, from Purchase College. Questions were asked of the candidates Friday morning by the Sector Reps, and the election was held Saturday morning. Landa was elected 32 to 16 over Walter, for the 2018-2020 term.

The following Sector Representatives were elected for the coming year:

- Campus Governance Leaders: Dominic Licata
- Colleges of Technology: Barat Wolfe
- Health Science Sector: Phil Glick
- Specialized and Statutory Colleges: Kelley Donaghy
- University Centers: Barry Jones
- Comprehensive Colleges: Bruce Simon