CAS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014
3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences, Room 122

In Attendance: Marlene Belfort, Rajani Bhatia, Alexander Buyantuev, Kristen Corbosiero, Duncan Cumming, Teresa Ebert, Lisa Fuller, Danny Goodwin, Adam Gordon (Recorder), Colin Henck, Lan Huynh, Joshua Isralowitz, Oleg Lunin, Matthew Matsaganis, Karin Reinhold, Alexandre Tchernev, Dan S. White, TC Yang, Baris Yoruk, Liming Zhou.

Not in attendance: Susan Blood, Charles Hartman, Gregory Lnenicka, Ewan McNay, Colbert Nepaulsingh, Maksim Royzen, Oscar Williams, Edelgard Wulfert

1. Call to Order

Chair Reinhold called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes for 9/10/2014 Council Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by M. Belfort, seconded by O. Lunin. The meeting minutes for September 10, 2014 were approved with two abstentions.

3. Chair’s Report

Chair Reinhold noted that committee assignments had been made, and that council members’ stated preferences were taken into account when doing so. She also made a series of announcements, and gave a report from the Council of Chairs:

A. Announcements:
   • Art exhibition Mary Reid Kelley: Working Objects and Videos at the University Art Museum, Fine Arts Building. This exhibition marks the first time this critically-acclaimed artist presents the finely crafted and researched costumes, objects, and drawings that are key to her inventive video process, which fuses live performance, drawing, sculpture, costume design, and digital media. Exhibition open until Oct 18, 2014.

   • UAlbany Conference Support Award requests with letter of support from Dept. Chair due 10/10/14 (AS 217, original plus 5 copies) http://www.albany.edu/osp/assets/Conference_Award_Application.pdf

   • UAlbany Journal Support Award requests with letter of support from Dept. Chair due 10/10/14 (AS-217, original plus 5 copies) http://www.albany.edu/osp/assets/Journal_Support_Award_Application.pdf

   • Homecoming/Family/Reunion Weekend is October 10-12, 2014 (Homecoming - Family & Reunion Weekend)
**Homecoming Events:**

- UAlbany’s annual *Reaching Higher, Achieving More* luncheon showcases Hollywood writer and producer Marc Guggenheim ’92 as its featured speaker. A Long Island native, Guggenheim is known for a large body of work, including the films Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters and Green Lantern, video game *Call of Duty 3*, and TV’s "Eli Stone," "Law & Order," and CW’s "Arrow". Following the luncheon, Guggenheim will be signing his new novel, *Overwatch*. This is a free event and open to the public with pre-registration.

- The Great Dane Pre-Game highlights Saturday’s events, bringing an anticipated 2,000 fans to campus. Homecoming-goers are invited to tailgate behind Bob Ford Field before UAlbany Football (4-1) takes on the University of Richmond (3-2) at 3:30 p.m. The $20 event package includes a lunch buffet, t-shirt and game ticket.

- After the game, at 8 p.m. Saturday, the UAlbany Programming Board will present a stand-up comedy routine by Dave Coulier in the Campus Center Ballroom. Best known for portraying Joey on the ABC sitcom “Full House,” Coulier has developed a successful career as a comedian, impressionist, television and voice actor, and T.V. host. UAlbany students can pick up a maximum of four free tickets in the Campus Center lobby from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6 and Tuesday, Oct. 7. UAlbany faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends are welcome to attend. If remaining, tickets will be available to the general public at the door.

- Additional events include a campus bus and walking tour, alumni wine-tasting at the newly renovated main fountain, Rockefeller College alumni panel discussion on the Russia-Ukraine crisis, various student performances and class reunions, tours of UAlbany’s RNA Institute and Art Museum and a special honoring of more than 4,000 alumni, faculty and staff who have served in the U.S. Military.

• Graduate and Professional School Fair 2014 is 10/15/14, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., SEFCU Arena ([http://www.albany.edu/discovergradschool/](http://www.albany.edu/discovergradschool/)). Your departments must be ready for this event representing your program.

• Sabbatical reports due in CAS Dean’s office by 11/1/14 for sabbaticals taken in spring 2014 or full academic year (fall 2013-spring 2014). Faculty members should send reports via e-mail to Steve Galime at sgalime@albany.edu with a copy to their Department Chair and support staff member.

• CAS Conference Travel Fund Program applications due 11/3/14 (AS-217, original plus 3 copies) [http://www.albany.edu/cas/assets/14-15_Travel_Award_Program_Application.doc](http://www.albany.edu/cas/assets/14-15_Travel_Award_Program_Application.doc)

• SAVE THE DATE: Twelfth Annual College Faculty Dinner is 11/4/14 (6:00 p.m., Treviso by Mallozzi's (Italian American Community Center).

• SAVE THE DATE: Full CAS Faculty Meeting is 12/3/14 (3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., CC 375).

• Course Action Forms and Curricular Proposals are due no later than 2/27/15. Please submit program related proposals before the last day of classes in the fall semester (12/9/14). Bear in mind
scheduling registration dates when specifying the effective semester for proposals. Please use the updated Course Action Form and UPPC Campus Impact Statement and send proposals to Cindy Endres at cendres@albany.edu.

B. Report from Council of Chairs:

Linda Krzykowski, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Engagement, is looking for professors to submit proposals to teach a Freshmen Seminar. These are one-credit team-taught courses, and professors who teach one will each be paid $1,000.

Her office is also looking to strengthen the research learning components of undergraduate education. They are highlighting where it is happening, and they want to find more pathways to engage students in research.

L. Krzykowski also discussed the *Food for Thought* program, in which her office pays for students to take a professor out to lunch. Linda mentioned that professors can also initiate and ask students to lunch. The idea is to establish mentoring relationships for the students and strengthen students’ connection with their major and faculty.

In addition, primary and secondary faculty mentors are sought for *Living-Learning Communities*, a program in which student live together and are grouped according to themes. These living communities have faculty mentors who either teach a class and or meet with students once a week for lunch, dinner, or to run a workshop.

4. Senate Report

Alexandre Tchernev gave the following report from the University Senate Meeting of Monday, September 29, 2014:

The items on the agenda included the President’s Report, the Interim Provost’s Report, the Vice President for Strategic Partnership’s Report, the Senate Chair’s Report, followed by the reports of the various committees, and by New Business. As this was the first Senate meeting for the 2014–2015 year, there was not much new business, and most of the committee reports were in the same mode. However, there were items of significant interest in the President’s Report, and in the Vice President for Strategic Partnership’s Report, and in the answers they gave to questions afterwards.

The President’s Report focused almost entirely on the ongoing discussions between the University at Albany and Albany Law about possible academic affiliation/alliance. He highlighted the following reasons to investigate this seriously:

- Opportunity to expand strategically into new programs;
- New interdisciplinary opportunities;
- Affordable cost for students.
There had just been a vote in the Board of Trustees of Albany Law that would help put the exploratory discussions on a new official level and possibly allow for reaching a decision by end of year on whether such a move is agreeable to both institutions, and if so, to begin implementation so that it can be completed by Fall 2015. In an answer to questions about what the expected financial impact such a move would have on the budget, President Jones stated that this has not yet been determined.

Interim Provost Tim Mulcahy stressed in his report that he has no intention of applying for the permanent Provost position, nor would he accept the position if nominated for it.

Vice President for Strategic Partnership Susan Phillips addressed in her report the issues arising in the transition of CNSE away from UAlbany and into the merger with SUNY IT. The new entity will have the new name SUNY Polytechnic Institute, and it still needs approvals from State ED and Middle States accreditation before it can operate normally. She also discussed questions about the possible alliance with SUNY–Downstate (SUNY Health Sciences at Brooklyn). The discussions with them are on identifying whether there are going to be “academic synergies,” and mainly this is about research integration.

5. Dean’s Report

Dean Wulfert was unable to attend the meeting and notified Chair Reinhold that she had nothing new to report.

6. Committee Reports

Nominating (from Alexandre Tcherney):

The committee had nothing new to report.

Tenure and Promotion:

No chair has yet been selected for this committee. The committee had nothing to report otherwise.

Faculty Development (from Liming Zhou):

Twenty-five FRAP A proposals were received. The first panel review of the proposals will be held on Friday, October 10.

Academic Planning (from Lisa Fuller):

The committee had nothing new to report.

Academic Programs (from Marlene Belfort):

Since the beginning of the semester, the APC has reviewed 9 proposals, representing a mix of new courses (ANT), revisions to existing courses (ATM), modifications to a minor (JRL), and changes in prerequisites for existing courses (BIO). Seven of the actions were approved immediately, whereas
two proposals required modification in response to questions raised by the committee and communicated by Matthew Matsaganis. These involved a fairly substantial revision to the History’s Department M.A. with a concentration in Public History. These two revised proposals were later also approved.

Academic Support (from Duncan Cumming):

The committee had nothing new to report.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

8. New Business

There was no new business to address.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by A. Tchernev, seconded by M. Belfort. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Adam Gordon