President’s Report – Kat Slye

This report was done using the reporting template created by the W&B committee.

Executive Summary:
Most of the things I have done over this last month have been related to the State LAD that is happening on March 8th in addition to my regular duties of approving purchase requests and communication. I have been communicating with the treasurer about a new printer contract; it looks like we will be able to come in under budget, have less cost per print, and have two printers to avoid printer backlogs in the uptown office. There is a contract for you to review in the documents for the meeting for one printer so we can get it in the office in March to alleviate some of the pressure off the dying printer but being able to use it through the life of the lease. I also met with Mike Christakis and we talked about how to change orientation. I called an e-board budget meeting to review the budget. We held two based upon availability. Caitlin identified some discrepancies in the ledger (our UAS account statement) vs. the treasurer’s report, where the treasurer had more money listed as spent in certain lines and had errors in the amount received so far this year (about $30,000). I am working on a reconciliation of these documents to find where the errors occurred and to ensure we have a correct budget. This is designed to be a check on the treasurer’s numbers, who has also done a reconciliation.

Liaising
- Lad Outreach with our speakers to finalize times and get talking points to put in our LAD packets for volunteers.
- I reached out to more people about volunteering for the LAD
- I worked with the office of government relations to set up the meetings for our LAD.
- Attended the Pizza with the Senate Team Event and we talked about the internationalization of the school and the need for TESL TAs in the writing center.
- Contacted Elizabeth Conrad about getting more access to the all grad student listserv to make announcements as an effort of equity and inclusion as suggested by the Judicial Board. She said we can absolutely use it more often but we just have to be judicious and strategic about what we put out. Announcements for grants, RGSOs, and open positions should be going out over this in addition to our listserv, and Beth said those types of announcements are definitely fine to put out. We will be sure to utilize this mechanism going forward for these announcements, combining into one message whenever possible so as to avoid sending too many.

Oversight
- I met with the Lead OM since I was not available when all the OMs were to have their meeting. She updated me on the offices. We have had some items stolen from the downtown campus – paper, coffee maker, and stapler – so we are looking into increasing security, possibly a keypad. The East campus is having some computer problems, but our IT person is working on it and currently there is one computer that works; we will
probably reduce that campus to one computer since the other has some USB connection problems that will need to be fixed and is outside the scope of what our IT person can do.

- I got the webmaster to make the needed changes to officers and other information on the website. If you see any missing information or errors, please e-mail Ritika at gsait@albany.edu.

**Programming / training**

- I attended three RGSO trainings to answer questions and assist the Vice President.
- I worked with our Programming Chair and the GSEU to cohost the Valentine’s Event

**Meetings**

- I met with Mike Christakis. We have finalized the date for the president’s forum, March 22nd but are still waiting on a time. Provost Stellar and Mike will be at the Assembly meeting on March 4th at 6pm to answer our questions and have a dialogue with us. We will be sending out a survey that our programming chair is developing with Dough Sweet in the office of student involvement to gather information about advocacy and student experience on campus. We are also starting to work on revamping our orientation to make it a 1-day sort of “retreat” that will provide resources and an opportunity to get acquainted with the University outside their department. I am talking/meeting with Amani, Lisa, and Caitlin to get brainstorming about how this should look. If you have ideas, please e-mail me.
- I attended the February Senate Meeting and updated my report about the Assembly’s actions on passing the Ban the Box Resolution.
- I attended the SEC meeting and my report of that meeting is included in the Lead Senator’s report.
- I met with Mary Ellen Malia and Lisa Cassidy to discuss the GSA involvement in the Power Dialogue Event. We will be providing money for refreshments and maybe a workshop.
- I called an e-board budget meeting to review the budget. We held two based upon availability. Caitlin identified some discrepancies in the ledger (our UAS account statement) vs. the treasurer’s report, where the treasurer had more money listed as spent in certain lines and had errors in the amount received so far this year (about $30,000). I am working on a reconciliation of these documents to find where the errors occurred and to ensure we have a correct budget.
- I called a regular e-board meeting for right before the Assembly meeting.

**Information management**

- I wrote a report for the SEC meeting and the March Senate Meeting.
- I continued work on the informational packet for the State LAD.
- I complied this report.
I continued to work on the GSA Brain project that was started last semester. It is an attempt to capture all institutional knowledge from current e-board to ensure smooth transition and so that important information and key contacts do not get lost in turn over.

**Recruitment / outreach contributions**
- I helped with social media outreach for the Valentine’s event with GSEU and tried to get people to write valentines even if they could not attend the event itself.
- I also tried to get more LAD volunteers through social media.

**Financial activity**
- I approved payroll, RGSO reimbursements, and office bills.
- I am working on a reconciliation of the UAS Ledger, the MyInvolvement System, and our Officer’s tracking to ensure we have correct numbers in our budget. I will have an update for the Assembly by the meeting. This is as a check on the treasurer’s reconciliation to ensure we have correct numbers.
- I have been communicating with the treasurer about a new printer contract; it looks like we will be able to come in under budget, have less cost per print, and have two printers to avoid printer backlogs in the uptown office. There is a contract for you to review for one printer so we can get it in the office in March to alleviate some of the pressure off the dying printer but being able to use it through the life of the lease. We will get the second printer in June/July once our lease is up on the older machine.

**Planning and Executing Yearly Plan**
- Work mentioned above on the LAD.
- I am also working on getting people to attend the SUNY SA Conference and the NAGPS Regional Conference and National LAD. I am utilizing the logic in the stipend proposal by starting by asking the e-board then I will move to RGSO leadership.
- I continued to work on the GSA Brain, as explained above, to ensure institutional memory is not lost.

**Vice President – Hirah Mir**

**Executive Summary:** There are a total of 30 RGSOs this semester, five of which are new! I have sent the list of updated RGSO leadership and new RGSOs to Elizabeth Conrad at Student Involvement. As of 2/23/16, Student Involvement informed me that they have not had a chance to provide new RGSOs/leaders with access to their finances and accounts, but will complete this task soon.

**Liaising:**
- Coordinated a collaboration between GSA Programming and the Future Faculty Leadership Council (FFLC), a graduate student group on campus that provides professional development in scholarly productivity in and beyond graduate school.
- The Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) participated in the RGSO training program. The GSEU reached out to each attending RGSO about their groups/department/programs knowledge of the union. RGSO leaders volunteered to help inform their student colleagues about their union rights and help build union membership through the Union Card Signage Campaign.
- Served as a proxy for EI Chair Amani Edwards at an impromptu meeting called President Jones to speak about CDTA incident. Spoke to another attendee, Robert Miller, about collaborating with the GSA to creating a manual with strategies for Universities to use to respond to similar events.
- Reached out to the National Congress of Black Women (NCBW) UAlbany chapter to ask about what the GSA can do to help promote their cause. The NCBW is the group who organized the #DefendBlackGirlsUAlbany rally.
- Communicated with Elizabeth Conrad in the Student Involvement Office. The last time I communicated with her was 2/23/16 when I went to her office and asked about her progress with providing new RGSOs and new RGSO leaders with MyInvolvement access. Her secretary spoke to Elizabeth and informed me that she has not yet gotten to the task but will complete it soon.

Programming/ Training:
- Twenty-nine RGSOs have been trained in total. Three Returning and three New RGSO trainings were scheduled and took place before the February assembly meeting. Four make-up trainings were scheduled for RGSOs that could not make it to those trainings.

Meetings:
- The RGSO Committee communicated only through email this semester. The RGSO subcommittees approved a total of eight events this semester. One event form is currently under review and two others event forms are waiting for review.
- The RGSO subcommittees have also been working on the issue of honorarium. The subcommittee has been tasked with developing and evaluating criteria that will help make better decision about which quest speakers should get honorarium and how much. This is related to the Judicial Boards ruling that there needs to be a rubric or clearer criteria for evaluating event forms in general.

Information Management:
- The Assembly Sign-In sheet has been updated with the names of representative and alternate representatives for new RGSOs, returning RGSOs, and departments for the Fall 2016 semester.
- The Vice President tracking document has also been updated with records of RGSO funds allotment and spending, submitted reimbursements, and Assembly attendance up until this point.
- The document tracking RGSO committee participation is also updated. RGSOs are currently making inquiries and providing information about their committee participation and the document is updated accordingly.
- Amend the RGSO Guidelines:
  - Current: Online reimbursement requests must include the following: 1. Filled out purchase request 2. Upload blank document in the document field (or whatever you want to upload, like a flyer, for institutional memory)
  - New: Online reimbursement requests must include the following: 1. Filled out purchase request 2. Upload invoice (if relevant) or blank document in the document field (or whatever you want to upload, like a flyer, for institutional memory. 3. E-mail gsavp@albany.edu the purchase request number if you upload an invoice and there are no hardcopies to submit to the Vice President in the GSA office.

**Recruitment / Outreach Contributions:**
- Connected a student in the Educational Psychology and Methodology doctoral program with current e-board members to discuss running for e-board positions for next year.
- Connected GSA Senate with interested graduate student, who is now a GSA council representative.
- Posted event information and pictures on GSA Facebook page. Live-tweeted from the #DefendBlackGirlsUAAlbany rally.

**Financial Activity:**
- $24,291.27 total have been allocated to RGSOs. There is $15,508.73 remaining in the RGSO budget. These funds have yet to be allocated. (See Table 1)

*Table 1: Allocation of RGSO Funds up Until 2/23/16*

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Strategic Plan Progress:

- **Continue to improve and refine RGSO training:** RGSOs who attended the scheduled *Returning* RGSO trainings participated in a collaborative activity where they analyzed their RGSO’s needs, products, allies, predators, etc. This activity was adapted from an activity used at last semester’s Social Permaculture event. Through this activity, individuals were able to note strengths and weaknesses of their own and others’ student organizations. They were able to consult one another and see examples of things that worked well or could work better for other RGSOs. This training differed from the Fall 2015 training. The GSEU also played a major role at the Spring trainings and was able to provide RGSOs with information about GA/TA union rights.

- **RGSO Committee does research into transition tools and tips:** RGSO Vice Chair Robin Brennan provided updates on her research on transition documents for RGSO leadership.

Next Steps:

- Send updated research to RGSO transition subcommittee to begin working on transition document to give to RGSO leaders. Draft a beginning transition document (modeled off of the GSA Brain Project) on Google Docs and share with committee.

- Facilitate the development of a rubric/criteria or a more detailed checklist for evaluating event forms within the RGSO subcommittees. Draft a rubric/checklist using the existing RGSO guidelines and share with committee for their feedback.

- Track event card submissions.

- A better way of tracking committee participation needs to be created. The points systems should be revisited.

- The RGSO Guidelines do not mention much about losing recognition. More detailed information about how a group loses recognition should be added.
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**Equity and Inclusion – Amani Edwards**

We are still calling for volunteers for the Diversity Conference that will be held on April 23rd. Please let me know if you are interested. Also, we have set a date for our panel concerning Black women's physical and mental safety. The panel will be held on March 24th. We are still working on the location, but it will be on the uptown campus at 7pm that day. After taking the suggestions from then Judicial Board, we have discussed some of the discrepancies within our governing documents and will share them with you now (begin sharing discrepancies).

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**Programming Chair – Lisa Cassidy**

**Summary**
**February Events**

**PhD Forum Series**

The Doctoral Student Discussion Forums have been well attended thus far with about 15-20 students at each event. University Libraries has gotten very positive feedback. There are still forums left, for those who may be interested (see upcoming events below).

**Valentine’s Day Event (Feb 15)**

About 30 graduate students participated in sending Valentines to President Jones asking for higher TA/GTA wages and to act on the outcomes of the Blue Ribbon Panel.

**Pizza with the Advocacy Team**

There was a lively discussion at the event concerning international student support and adding TA lines through Education for the Writing Center for ESL.

**Surviving Graduate School (Feb 26)**

**Upcoming Events**

**Doctoral Student Discussion Forums**

- **February 29**: Humanities Discussion, 1-2:30pm in the Standish Room of the Science Library (3rd Floor) – Strategies for completing your dissertation.
- **February 29**: Social Sciences Discussion, 3-4:30pm in the Standish Room of the Science Library – Choosing a dissertation topic.
- **March 7**: Social Sciences Discussion, 3-4:30pm in the Standish Room of the Science Library – Strategies for completing your dissertation

**Elections: Keep a look out of Call for candidates, candidate forums, and the finalized date for GSA E-board elections.**

**April 5** - Power Dialogue: The GSA will be helping put together the Power Dialogue event. These discussions will be occurring all over the country in response to the Executive Order that mandates each state to develop a Clean Power Plan to accomplish goals set at the climate negotiations in Paris. Richard Kaufman, the Chairman of Energy and Finance for NYS and a member of the Governor’s Executive Cabinet, will be coming to have an open dialogue about his plans to implement the Clean Power Plan with students. Additionally, Jared Snyder, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Air Resources, Climate Change, and Energy at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will also be there to speak on his plans. This is a full day event.

  - 2-4pm: Student Poster Session in the Campus Center Ballroom. The poster session will be for students that have any sort of environmental research that they would like to present. If you are interested in submitting a poster, please email GSAprog@albany.edu.
  - 4-6pm: Student led workshops in the Assembly Hall, Fireside Lounge, and Campus Center Ballroom. So far there is a workshop planned describing the Clean Power Plan and what it means. We also have a collaboration between the Sustainability and Public Health RGSOs who will be putting on a workshop addressing the implications of the CPP on environmental justice. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please email me at GSAprog@albany.edu.
  - 6pm: Dinner available
7:30-9pm: Richard Kaufman and Jared Snyder give their presentations followed by a time for questions with selected university representatives. The event will end with questions being opened to the whole audience. The event will be webcasted if you cannot make it!

April 15 - CEHC Ethics and Justice in Disaster Setting

The GSA is funding the speaker, Sheri Fink to come and speak on this topic. Sheri Fink, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist does work on the kinds of ethical decisions that emergency managers and health care providers face in the midst of disasters and other health crises. She has written about the people who were working in the hospitals in the wake of hurricane Katrina, as well as those dealing with the ebola crisis, and many other important topics. She has a PhD in neuroscience, is an MD, and now writes for the New York Times. She is perhaps best known for her book 5 Days at Memorial.

Sheri Fink will be making a classroom visit and we are still looking for classes that would be suitable. If you know of any courses in which her visit would be relevant, please email GSAProg@albany.edu.

April 21 – Earth and Wellness Day

Join us from 11am – 1:30pm for Recreation, Relaxation, and Rejuvenation (The three Rs!). There will be exhibitors, demonstrations, relaxation lounge, and a student poster session to enjoy.

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ITLAL and FFLC: I have been corresponding with Dima Kassab from ITLAL and Hirah Mir, our VP and also on the FFLC to help with the Surviving Graduate School Event for February 26. University Libraries: I am working with Yu-hui from University Libraries to help put on the Doctoral Dissertation Discussion Forums. GSA is providing food. Office of Sustainability: In addition to Programming Chair, I am also Grounds Chair on the Sustainability Council and have been speaking with Mary Ellen Mallia, the Director of the Office of Sustainability on how the GSA can contribute to the Power Dialogue and Earth and Wellness Day. Sustainability and Public Health RGSOs: Collaborating on a student led workshop for the Power Dialogue. CEHC: Met with Elizabeth Gray from the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity to offer support in planning for the event on Equity and Justice in the Context of Disasters. Sitting on EI committee to help with crosstalk between Programming and Equity and Inclusion.

Programming and Training

PhD Forums: When ordering from Sodexo, the number of people they say an item will feed is an overestimate. I had to double the order for things like fruit trays and cookie platters. Valentine’s Day Event: Getting the Office Managers to promote events throughout the day has really helped with attendance. Bringing special attention to food we are providing is definitely
very persuasive. I also noticed that handing out flyers at the Assembly meetings for representatives to distribute has also been somewhat effective.

Meetings
February 2: With Dima Kassab from ITLAL about potential collaborations
February 4: Meeting with Kat Slye and Mary Ellen Mallia about GSA contribution to Power Dialogues
February 4: Meeting with Elizabeth Gray about CEHC forum with Sheri Fink
February 4: Meeting with Yu-hui from University Libraries about Doctoral Student Discussions
February 4: Meeting with Sustainability RGSO (Erin and Natalie) and ISSS (Valerie Swenson) about collaboration on event meant to help support international students.
February 12: Met with Caitlin about Elections
February 12: Equity and Inclusion committee meeting
February 18: Met with Sustainability and Public health RGSOs about workshop for Power Dialogue.
February 19: Met with Ben (Public Relations Director) to talk about semester’s events.
February 22: Budget meeting

Recruitment/outreach contributions
I’ve had two students approach me about being on my committee. Two students asking about the Garden Initiative that I advertised through the list-serv and on social media.

Financial Activity
See budget report.

Strategic Plan Agenda
Under Goal 1: Outreach to the graduate student body to enhance participation in the GSA and further GSA goals.
1. Enhance RGSO interaction
   a. I have gotten two RGSOs to collaborate on a workshop for the Power Dialogue.
2. Utilize Public Relation Director
   a. Met with Ben to help with outreach and collaborations for events.

Under Goal 2: Foster a culture of activism and advocacy within the GSA
1. Have had monthly advocacy topics at Assembly meetings and set up advocacy corner in the GSA office so that this opportunity is available to more students.
2. Assisting with planning of State LAD.
3. Valentines Day event to advocate at the University level.

Under Goal 3: Provide supportive programs for graduate students
1. Reduce stress and manage time
2. Bolster the GSA’s connection by collaborating with other entities on campus.
   a. Met/collaborated with ITLAL/FFLC, University Libraries, Office of Sustainability, and CEHC.

Grants Chair – John Stovall
For the March meeting, the grants committee is completing its evaluations at this point and is track to submit award letters in early March. Therefore, if you have reimbursement material to submit (or any feedback, questions, or comments), please do so to the Grants chair at gsagrant@albany.edu.

University Council Rep – Caitlin Janiszewski
University Council Report – This meeting was held on February 19th in New York City and I was unable to attend in person but called into the meeting. At times I experienced some difficulty hearing what was being said on the phone. This is a partial report which I will update for the next few Assembly reports through the use of the draft meeting minutes and also the PowerPoint slides of the presentations given. There are some areas in this report where I leave a _____ blank spot which are pieces of information I will obtain in the coming weeks. I apologize for the incomplete report.

President’s Report:
*Note – I write the President’s report and anyone else’s updates according to the their perspective. The statements in the report do not reflect my own opinions or the opinions expressed by the GSA leadership.

Critical issues –
1. The unofficial 5th stake which is beginning to guide our strategic planning is the undergraduate experience.
   a. We will pursue an aggressive enrollment management strategy.
   b. Convocation seemed to help. Freshman seem more (cocky?) self-confident than upper classman.
   c. Goal is to get 1st and 2nd year retention from 81% to 91%
   d. UAAdvantage plan received 1.5 million of the 1.9 million request from SUNY Excels to pursue these high impact strategies. This includes things like the Blackstone Launch Pad, new undergraduate research initiatives, etc. Research part is important because strong
relationships with faculty are key. It’s the most important type of out of classroom opportunity we should offer.

2- Hiring – only one new person. Simeon Ananou began 3 weeks ago (CIO).

3- Legislative priorities.
   a. Expanding government relations team by restoring director of community relationships. We have to think through the lens of community engagement when thinking about government relations.
   b. Also hiring director of _____ relations.
   c. Top priority is the renovation of the building often referred to as the Schuyler Building. The President has asked that we start to refer to it as the Engineering building until a donor renames it. We need 60 million to renovate this building and our strategy is to ask for 20 million a year starting this year. There will be a news conference about this next week.
   d. Extension of SUNY 2020 is the other top priority because we need it to fund our projects. President thanked SUNY SA President Tom Mastro and University Council rep Marc Cohen for their testimony to the legislature. The legislature was blown away that students would advocate for this strategy.

4- CEHC – governor announced in the executive budget that the ETEC building on the Harriman Campus will be funded. It will hold atmospheric sciences, Nesonet project, National Weather Service, etc.

5- East Campus – in order to create a more synergistic relationship with our community partners and greater visibility to prospective and current students we are rebranding East Campus the Health Sciences Campus. Health Sciences is a sweet spot for expansion. Continue long relationship with Wadsworth Lab, Regeneron, and looking at possible relationships with Albany Med or Downstate Medical.

There was a question about a NYS economic development grant (500 million) we applied for by Councilwoman Caldwell. We did not get the grant and she asked about other opportunities and collaborations.

Answer – We (the capital region) did not win the grant but listed as top performers and we will be getting close to 100 million so we are going to chose 2 or 3 catalytic ideas from the initial proposal to invest in and build on. There is also a 50 million dollar grant we can go for on top of that.

Went into Executive Session to discuss an incident which could not be part of the public meeting.

New Business Items:

Much of this discussion I did not hear well. I will provide an update at the next Assembly meeting.
b. Legislative Agenda Overview - Sheila Seery, Associate Vice President for Government Relations

- Tuesday event - press conference for Schuyler building (Engineering Building). Mark Eagan will be speaking at it. We should have a good cross section of community and business leaders.
- Changes in government relations structure if actually going back to a more traditional model. We did launch a new website which has our events and a summary of the Executive Budget.
- Bad news – they took back the 250,000 for atmospheric sciences last year – but we are asking again and ramping the request up to 500,000.
- Schuyler building was bought with 4 million. Decided to put Engineering and Applied Sciences there. Just got confirmation from the architects that this is possible. 20 million seems like a reasonable first ask. We feel our ask for critical maintenance and projects like this are strong because our students are more likely to stay and work in NYS so we are providing for a need. Also, we believe that students of color and women are more likely to go into engineering at our University than others because we have more diversity overall. We think this means we will be contributing to diversity in the field of engineering. Also hope to create a community space in the building. With 20 million we believe we can open the building got business.
- Stand With SUNY Campaign. The legislature seems to be wary of raising tuition. Suggests that this is not necessarily an ask for tuition to go up but to empower the BOT to set predictable tuition increases. Executive budget also cuts 450 million for CUNY so this hole is an important consideration. Assembly won’t allow that to happen we don’t think. So in which direction will they divert resources?

b. Strategic Planning - Leanne Wirkkula, Chief of Staff - left off of revised agenda.

d. SUNY Performance Fund Results – James Stellar, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

- 11 proposals went through. 3 have been funded
- EOP program one, UAAdvantage, and _____.
- UAAdvantage - second wave of it in the fall will build an analytic model to help understand students might have risk factors given their profiles - matching student academic profiles to usage of blackboard and swiping in to eat.

e. Enrollment Management – James Stellar, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

- There is a handout I can provide at a later date.
- 7% increase in freshman applications for next year to date
- 2% in transfer
• Out of state up 6% (translates to more tuition)
• Best advocate we have for ourselves are our current students and keeping them happy.
• Newest element is increase in international students - entered agreement with China to get 100 new students from them.

Next meeting May 13th - commencement weekend

**UAS Board Rep – Dylan Card**

- Prices for meal plans for the 2016-2017 school year have been finalized and approved by the board. A general increase of just below 4% has been added to all the meal plans including Apartment and Commuter plans.
- Commuter and Apartment meal plans now include swipes for the Patroon Room
- Plans are still being worked on for the Campus Center West Side expansion as to which retail options will be available. As announced by UAS Starbucks will be one of the 21 vendors in the Campus center when the renovations are complete.
- The Services Committee will be reviewing the contract with the Barnes and Nobles and will be looking for input on other possible bookstore options students would like to see.

**Lead Senator – Nakissa Jahanbani**

**RECOMMENDATIONS ROAD MAP**

I would recommend that you take a closer look at the following:

- The use of the library third floor as a transition space (LISC I)
- Discussions of the University’s Strategic Plan (University Senate II, UPPC February I)
- The President’s comments on the recent incident on the CDTA bus (University Senate III, SEC III)
- Suggestions for some changes to the East Campus, per President Jones’ external reviewer for the University’s Health Sciences and Biological Initiatives (University Senate IV)
- The university’s applied learning proposal process (GAC IV, SEC I)
- The Blue Ribbon panels (SEC II, SEC III)
- What does the CIO about Dropbox v. OneDrive and what it means for intellectual property protection (LISC IV)

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**KAT SLYE, GSA PRESIDENT**

I. The provost report was answering our questions:
II. Updates on the Blue Ribbon Panels
   • GTA – they realize they need better communication so they will be doing that soon
   • Contingent – there will be a senate forum about this in April; there are complicated aspects that will take years to implement but others are easier such as hiring people for at least two classes so they can get benefits

III. Bus Incident
   • Waiting on the DA to act; it is out of the UPD and University’s hands
   • As the videos and interviews revealed, the tenure of the incident might be different than initially thought but we are waiting on the DA and video footage analysis from the crime lab
   • This has not affected applications – up by 7% - but more parents are asking tour guides if the campus is safe and the President has also gotten such queries

IV. Chair Report
   • At a meeting with Kevin Williams about the GTA blue ribbon panel report, they decided they will give a report at some point about implementation
   • There is an ongoing conversation about how to ensure emeritus faculty involvement in the University Senate; they need to create a mechanism so that this participation continues when those who are currently making it happen are no longer here

V. There was also a discussion of about how the senate loses quorum before the voting business occurs and how to solve that problem. There were many suggestions:
   • We can easily change the agenda at the beginning of every meeting to put voting on new programs or other new business before reports to ensure we do not lose quorum
   • Reminder sent to Chairs and Senators not to schedule their classes during the time the senate meets
   • Change the time of the senate to a “dead” time for teaching so people are less likely to have a course
   • Have a blackout sometime on Monday (or another day if it is better) when no classes are scheduled to schedule senate and other events during so that faculty and students have the time free; this would involve talking to the registrar to see if this is even possible
I. Dean's report:

• National conversation about graduate schools symposium, the future of the dissertation conversation; idea to change that as it takes students too much time to complete.
• Change from traditional model, conversation now and ideally get the departments involved about what it should be done.
• Recruitment strategies to increase graduate student minority population, Marlene Belfort from Biology is participating and helping increase diversity and participated with the Dean in recruitment trips in January.
• International health and human rights graduate certificate: Move online the distance education program fully online; has been proposed and approved before by GAC now just getting feedback from GAC prior to sending to SUNY system for final approval.

II. Update from secretary:

NYS has mandate that graduate programs for teaching now include an admission test as part of the application, school of Ed has not started implementing this change and it applies to 200+ programs at SUNY Albany. Legislature stated the changes.

III. Curriculum committee update:

• Applied chemistry in forensic sciences, number of credits for core courses change to add one credit and added new classes, evaluated and approved the changes. Students can now have more elective credits, allows for flexibility.
• Seeking more details for the proposal for public sector managements as a certificate to be eliminated so that it does not compete with non-profit administration certificate, offers the same certificate.
• Physics proposal still in the works and revisions. Waiting on the department for more information before it can be fully revised by the committee.
   The committee approved the recommendation to approve the applied chemistry program proposed.

IV. Notes on applied learning proposal:
Senate wants feedback from the GAC on applied learning
- Applied learning is a priority to the university
- Most of the focus has been in undergraduate, now looking at the graduate program courses
  are focused on applied learning.
- Courses that have internships are considered as applied learning, research components as well; separate from the dissertation research as part of PhD requirements.

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT (CAA)
HENRY CURTIS, SENATOR

1. APRC’s report on the East Asian Study’s departmental review was passed. There were a few items that may become actionable in the future. The department is looking to establish a major in Korean Studies as well as a M.A. in East Asian Studies. APRC isn’t tasked with commenting on these types of issues though. Rather, we look at whether or not the department is meeting established learning objectives. These issues may be something that the Senate has to consider in the foreseeable future.

2. GEAC submitted three reports that were passed: Mathematics in University at High School, Challenges in the 21st Century in UHS, and Challenges in the 21st Century in UAlbany. Each report found that the courses meeting those GenEd categories met their established learning objectives.

3. After reviewing these reports, we established future meeting dates. CAA as a whole will meet sometime during the week of March 21st. GEAC will meet on March 11th. APRC will meet February 26th.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
CAITLIN JANISZEWSKI, SENATOR

I. Consulted with chair of CPCA on ombudsperson. CPCA is concerned its meant to target CPCA? Raised question about whether there is enough need, how many cases? These offices were called for by Senate legislation but there is no undergraduate one. Reference in 2007 says they would work on it but didn't. Spoke to Betty Shadrick about graduate one. Two emeritus distinguished professors work on this together. They provide advice about resources and concerns. They handle about 5-6 cases a year. AND NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THEM. Reports are filed but not sure where. She also said that she doesn't think that it should be put together with other ombuds objectives. Karin concerned because they only seem to provide resources that they are not acting as an advocate. They refer people to resources but they don't act as an advocate. How do we frame this? Does it perform its role?
II. Council on Administrative Review & Evaluation (CARE) amendment

- Conducted informal poll through fellow council chairs about CARE amendment:
  - "Is it a good idea for there to be an enhanced governance role in evaluation of administration?"
  - 25-28 responses originally and then a survey monkey 325 responses - strongly in support 7-1.
  - Worked with Senate leaders to revise and read things clearly.
  - GOV voted on it and it went to SEC.
  - Met with Provost and Wirikula - surprise was expressed - which surprised us.
    Summoned to meeting with the President this past Monday. That meeting was frank and honest discussion - President and others expressed concern that amendment as written was "not gonna go"?
  - We have to be able to negotiate in order for any Senate role to go forward in evaluation. Agreed on a schedule of meetings to define the "appropriate role" of faculty in review and evaluation (language from middle states). Will have something concrete to bring to the Senate by the end of the semester. Needs to be feasible. Needs to be agreed upon. What should be the group of people involved in this discussion as we move forward? Don't want the discussion to only involve a few individuals. GOV and members from GOV should be connected to these discussions. Who is defining what the appropriate role is? Helene - what are the objections this time?

1. Terrible surprise? On July 2nd this came up and also in reports to the Senate and SEC twice in fall.

2. Need to be able to separate aspects of evaluation that deal with personnel vs. units. Wouldn't want tenure cases available to everyone.

3. Concern about repetition and evaluation of units, which overlapped but were separate from other evaluations. But we are walking away hopeful about finding that "appropriate role". Resistance in English dept. regarding evaluation of the chair was that it could become a witch hunt. Was witch hunt a concern for the President? We have taken pains to say this is not about personalities but units.

III. Committee Reports

Liaison - busy - senate website introduction should be complete by end of the semester. Brainstormed changes to the website but might be long term changes - has to do with user friendliness and attractiveness. Also, elections are coming up. Need to put together a slate of candidates and time out elections. Have to work on breakdown to figure out how many senators
are needed. Sustainability forum, academic freedom forum, contingent faculty one. Setting dates now.

Assessment (To be coordinated with visitor in 4)

Joel Bloom, Institutional Research, liaison with Assessment committee - met in December and put final touches on the survey. Couple of items needed streamlining. Needed to figure out which questions branches to what.

- Expect the questions to also be about shared governance - a few were missing through the routing.
- We need to push the survey; that is the big thing.
- Leanne is going to be looped in to finalize things.

IV. Old Business

a. Update: CAA: proposed Amendment - Caitlin: don't give away oversight - asked Henry how the general education assessment committee could have teeth. Concern regarding oversight has been re-iterated.
b. Update: CARE: Council on Administrative Review & Evaluation - Kat has a question about students not being on academic unit review committees - this will be re-visited. More than just senate leadership needs to be a part of conversations going forward.
c. Update: Ombudsperson proposal - broaden the scope or not?
d. UPPC Committees:
   a. Resource Analysis and Planning (Nakissa) and
   b. University Facilities (Erin). I put both student and faculty names forward. Waiting on everyone else to contribute.
e. Update: Housekeeping amendments - next meeting.
f. Questions for Provost and President at Senate meetings - sent a message out.

New Business

- President advisory committee on security? - Deanna Mancini - 3 faculty members to serve on campus security advisory committee. Do this via email.
- Student representation on / population of Strategic Planning Steering Committee. I suggested we inquire before its suddenly thrown on us.
Notes for 2/11/16 (1pm - 3pm) Council on Research Meeting

Notes:
• Quorum was not met (1 person short) so no votes taken
  o Decided to allow voting on all topics discussed via e-mail
• Discussed changes for Journal Support Award Application/Instructions wording
  o Emphasize new editors
  o No limit on how many awards faculty could have concurrently
• Discussed Changes to FRAP Application/Instructions
  o Application requirements for individuals applying for new FRAP’s with open FRAP’s
  o FRAP’s funded this year by IFR (?) Money not ICR (indirect cost return)
  o Add verbiage to FRAP award letter requiring recipients to review future FRAP’s if needed
• Benevolent Grant Discussion
  o Change wording to allow amended application after deadline for two reasons:
    ▪ IRB Approval received
    ▪ Dissertation Committee Proposal Approval
  o Add wording to ask consequences if applicant gets partial funding/no funding

Summary: Biggest agenda items were the reports from Rebecca Mugridge (Interim Dean, Libraries) and Simeon Ananou (new VP/CIO, ITS). The next LISC meeting is to be held March 28, 2016.

I. Libraries Report – Rebecca Mugridge (Interim Dean of Libraries)
Update on the Office of Campus Planning’s proposal for 3rd floor of the library:

• 3rd floor has over 30,00 ft² that they would like to use for University units not part of the library, but related to some library services (EOP, Writing Center, etc).
• Moving the books from the 3rd floor would take a ½ million books out of the library to storage, where they would need to be retrieved. This means they would need to staff people for retrieval services.
• These books circulate heavily, about 20%. Books include A-L classification, which covers a lot of disciplines and would put a lot of students and faculty at a disadvantage (no browsability).
• Rebecca has proposed several other options for where these offices could go, instead of the 3rd floor:
  o Take bound journals from the basement of the Science Library, which people mostly prefer electronically. Move these to compact storage, which frees up space for offices in the basement. Downfall – no windows down there.
  o Similar alternative to that: take bound journals from 2nd floor of Science Library and move them to compact shelving in basement, put the offices on this floor. Has benefit of windows and connection to Campus Center!
  o Move bound journals up from basement of main library (these DO NOT circulate), put them into storage, move offices up, put 3rd floor books down, and you have a net gain of space. Will help go with the plan to renovate the whole building, which ideally will be down top down (easiest for HVAC).

• The Office of Campus Planning is considering these proposals and investigating them. The original proposal, however, is still on the table. They are going to present 3-4 options to the University Facilities Planning Council.
• Time table: uncertain, they are investigating the options still so we do not know when they will propose to the University Facilities Planning Council. Will not be immediate though.
• Rebecca is going to email the LISC her proposal plans so we can review them ourselves.

II. Update on library faculty searches:
• Currently interviewing for evening associate (allows library to stay open late hours)
• Reference librarian search is underway
• Interactive media center position search is going to go live soon
• 4 more searches coming up in the next 4 weeks

III. Other:
• Appointing a Library Hours Task Force in response to Student Advisory Board request for more hours open. Their recommendations will go into effect this fall.
• Student Advisory Board is being led by 2 librarians instead of the Dean of Libraries
• Feb. 8th Student Advisory Board had discussion on Information Commons Center Splash Page, got feedback and will go back to drawing board with ITS on this one.
• 3 Conversations in Standish coming up this semester: Rabi Musah, James Stellar, and Rick Fogarty
• Rebecca reminded us that she shared an article about why faculty should choose to use our Scholar Archive institutional repository over sources such as academia.edu or research gate.

IV. ITS Report – Simeon Ananou (VP/CIO, ITS):
• Simeon Ananou has been hired as our new CIO!
• He feels the University has great untapped potential, one example being OneDrive.
• He feels OneDrive is being underutilized, so expect promotional material via email and other table set ups in the coming months.
• He is conducting a report on how much Dropbox is getting used by the University.
  o Dropbox does NOT protect intellectual property when you put something on there, whereas we have an agreement with OneDrive that the IP is ours. It helps protect our research!!
• University network has been upgraded from 1GB to 10GB.
• Plans to strengthen the information security are underway through awareness, not punitive measures.
• He’s hoping to use data analytics to understand student behavior on campus in an effort to help boost student success.
• Very interested in engaging the student community

UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND POLICY COUNCIL (UPPC)
NAKISSA JAHANBANI

UPPC – JANUARY

I. James Van Voorst, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided an update on the university’s fiscal situation.

• Retention
  o Not bringing in enough international and graduate students as projected.
  o Currently working on better numbers for freshman and transfer numbers.
  o Longitudinal study of retention within and across academic years.
• Assessments
  o UAlbany leading school in assessments (c/o Christakis, Vice President for Student Affairs)
  o Van Voorst to come back to UPPC with Provost and Christakis regarding assessments.
• Compact budgeting
  o Governor provided SUNY with $18 million, SUNY Chancellor added $82 million to that and put out a call for compact budgeting proposals (summer 2015).
    ▪ Also called the Performance Improvement Proposals (PIP), or SUNY Excels.
• Update on the SUNY executive budget
  o Extension of SUNY 2020 with adjustments:
    ▪ Maintenance of effort
• SUNY Board approved to raise tuition without limit (previously was capped at $300 increase annually)
  o Increase from this has to go to Faculty Support or TAP (previously was not stipulated where the extra funds from the tuition increase would go to).
  o Another one-time $18 million promised for PIPs (see above).
    ▪ Compact budgeting process will be the same, but ultimately up to the Provost.
    ▪ Highlights President Jones’ four stakes: 1) health and safety, 2) impact, 3) collaboration, etc.
  o Minimum wage will be raised to $15; phased in by 2021.
  o Union contracts will be negotiated over the next year.
  o $3 million available to assist students to implement sustainability programs.

II. Department of Mathematics and Statistics present proposal for a new MS in Data Science.

• Only three US academic departments offer a similar degree in Data Science.
• Experts for this degree exist in the department already, which is positioned well to take on this degree.
• Foresee placements in Wall Street, state organizations, etc. after completion of degree.
• Degree to be completed in two years, but no penalty if not completed in time.
• Graduate students will be unfunded.
• Enrollment
  o (c. 30 students).
  o 80% will be from own BS
• Practicum is promised in this degree, but, when asked, presenters did not have tangible possibilities for where these will be, mentioned they are “all set” and have “no problems”.
  o This is something for the GAC representatives to follow up on.
• Did not incorporate facilities for data sets, but plan to work with the U Buffalo for remote computing as well as the present data-computing center hosted at U Albany.
• Some typos and issues with costs for hiring new, tenure-track faculty in Program Expenses.
  o These numbers do not factor in raises.
  o Modest costs (c. $55,000) for development of 12 new courses.
• Despite various (minor) issues, it pass with some conditions.
I. Provost's Report

- RFP for search firm for Dean for CEHC
  - Candidates may be practitioners, academics, blends
- **Strategic plan**
  - Steering committee - search/planning underway
    - Originally wanted it to be done by Jan next yr, but now will be behind
    - Will from 10 working groups
    - Advisory committee - connect steering to community
  - Includes the previous plan (which is finished), the four stakes by President Jones, accreditation reports
  - 10 groups write, put together as draft
  - Sometime in spring term
  - For five years
  - Metrics
    - Retention to graduation
    - Redefined from last strategic plan
    - Add: Calculate if students get jobs or not
    - Using the “Middle Stakes" report (by President Jones)
  - Working with Chongqing University (China)- bring 100 4th year UG engineering students
  - Harvey Charles, other UA faculty will go to China to teach some courses in their first three years; help with some acculturation
    - Some unspecific measures to help acculturation once they're here
- Honors College
  - Got a search firm for the dean of the honors college
  - Wants to use the use big data analytics to see how majors apply to job placement

II. VP of Finance and Administration, James Van Voorst

- 2015-16 revenue and expenditure presentation
- Source of university funds
  - Tuition, dormitory, UAF, state tax support
  - CFP Income (IFR's) - income fund reimbursable - overhead fees, student fees
  - Rate of tuition set by the board of trustees
  - Department IFR - department overheads
- Campus financial plan - largest: tuition (41%), state tax support (19%), CFP income (IFR) (17%), dormitory income (18%), indirect cost (RF) (5%)
  - These are the dollars that come in
- Appropriation aforementioned money (campus financial plan by division) - appropriated
• Trying to make a case that UA is affordable, and an expensive education isn't always a better one; possibly linking up with Marketing Services
• Revenue history
  ◦ Tuition and state support
• Impactful items - university initiatives/compact decisions
  ◦ SUNY 2020 extension
  ◦ Predictable tuition - got support from SUNYSA (but not just in lieu of maintenance of effort)
  ◦ Maintenance of effort
  ◦ Enrollment
  ◦ Operational efficiency (i.e. Properly staffed to provide the services needed)
  ◦ Expanded investment and performance fund (chancellor's initiative to make money available for certain things (trucks))
  ◦ SUNY initiatives
  ◦ Unseen
• Compact process results:
  ◦ Capital request for Schuyler building - will not be funded
  ◦ Global college - not funded
  ◦ These were things moving forward in anyways; just reaching out to an additional pot of money
• This report will be available to the Senate

III. Chair’s Report

• Will have members on committees in two weeks (UPPC subcommittees)
o Introduction of new CIO; background in educational technology and IT
- Visiting Chongqing university in China to formalize exchange relationship
- Around the world, engineering degrees are popular; want to use it as a way to bring in more engineering students
- Working on the Strategic Plan
  - Wanted to present first few steps at this meeting, but will do so at the next Senate meeting
  - Focuses:
    - Online learning
    - "Internationalization" - bringing in international students and doing international work
  - Wanted to great a space to have a discussion about the plan; instead of "please take it and read it"
- Hiring a lot
- Emphasis on diversity through clustering hiring process
- Thank you for good work in considering CEHC
  - Will be coming before you for documents; already have in front of some committees; have to work quickly; so far, senate has been terrific; can offer major in the fall 2016 semester
- Questions
  - Petri from Communications - What will be happened to the department of information studies?
    - Stellar response: conversation with dean meeting tomorrow; but no plans to remove the department; hoping to find a place for them that is acceptable to them; please ask again next month
  - School of Business faculty - how about bringing international students that need a lot of support; needs to be done at the department or college level; what kind of support do you think of ramping up as you bring these students in?
    - Should do this where it makes sense; wants to strengthen ISSS; need resources, which will come from tuition, to help students; tremendous efficiencies here that we can gain; getting to 20,000 that can give us the resources
    - Then, at 20,000 - UA is bigger, higher ranked, and can expand again
  - Jim Collins – when will strategic plan ask for people on working groups for Strategic Plan
    - Stellar - soon
    - Jim Collins, Cynthia Fox
    - 15-18 people - form an advisory council and a series of working groups
      - One top issue is diversity

III. President's Report — Dr. Robert Jones
Earlier today, testimony before joint committee on budget (NYS legislative)

CDTA Bus Incident
- Involved in engagement
- Investigation, DA's office
- "Behind the scenes" version
  - Top priority
  - Pulled together small team as managers of this critically important issues and VP of Communications & Christakis - leading this effort
  - Situation like this moves extremely rapidly (via social media)
  - Campus safety is our highest priority
    - No recent specific threat against any member of our community
  - Those with safety concerns, call University Police
- Friday afternoon - DA briefed community members
  - News media, student leaders, academic leadership
  - There is no evidence of a male on female violence, no evidence on over racial epithets, emphasized that the community needs to be patient and refrain from passing judgment and remain calm and stay safe; still an ongoing investigation
  - Will not give the video to the news media at this time
- Appreciates UA Police and DA thorough investigation; proud of the way students handled themselves; demonstrates commitment to diversity
- Students will be held responsible for their behavior on our student conduct code
- Federal laws prohibit discussing specifics; if student does not behave appropriately, triggers the conduct review process
- Whatever transpired on that bus is an abhorration; it does not define this university
- Encourages all to keep talking with each other - in classroom, on campus, on social media; some comments on social media and responses to emails have been very disappointing to him and the value of diversity and inclusion; goes to show that we still have some work to do as a university community
  - This is a learning opportunity to face issues that most communities do not want to address; may make ppl uncomfortable but a lot can be learned
- Questions?
  - Michael Jerison asks if fights on buses are common and if that's under consideration for the investigation
    - Jones mentions trying to gather information about previous fights on buses
  - Jim Collins highlights the divisive community in ALbany - both on racial and SES lines
    - "There are more people of color in my classes than there are on my faculty"
    - Jones: many move from low SES to middle class due to the education
they receive here
  ▪ There's additional work for us to do
  ▪ It's not about the numbers (40% of students are of color); it's not
    the entirety of what we must do to advance this campus

  • Michael Jerison: question about the MOU with Islamic Azad University - What
    kinds of exchanges that will be likely to occur; benefits to UA; a religious
    University in 1980 after the revolution in Iran; any measures of academic
    freedom for this relationship; separation between church and state

  • President Jones: signed an agreement with Islamic Azad University;
    academic MOU; providing opportunities for free exchange visits
    scholars and students; broaden our international offerings; in the
    interest of academic freedom, don't get into the issues of what's on a
    university's website; religious differences and perspectives are clearly
    there; tremendous pop to educate students in a thoughtful way in
    programs we have core strength; international education is a two-way
    street

  • Response: Kamiar Alaei, what we have been doing before is "health
    diplomacy"; 70% of population below 25 years of age; part of the
    initiative that the US DOS is interested in; UA leader in open dialogue;
    meet with senior staff at US DOS; important to keep the door open
    between faculty and students

IV. Report on Health Sciences and Biological Initiatives—Vice President Laura Schweitzer

  • External reviewer, at the request of President Jones - of Health Sciences and Biological
    Initiatives
  • Three areas of focus:
    ▪ 1) Maximally deploying the assets on East Campus
      ▪ Students, faculty, Cancer Center; aggregation of health care related businesses
        that no one knows about
    ▪ 2) Work VP Diaz to develop health science related research (vs. life sciences)
      ▪ Health sciences - health and disease oriented; sub component of life sciences
      ▪ Life sciences - broader term - includes basic sciences related to biology, plant,
        etc.
    ▪ 3) Strengthening academic networks in the health sciences
  • Focus: increase enrollment to help the university do the best it can
    ▪ Many incoming freshman want to be doctors/incoming interest in medicine; vast
      majority will not be doctors
  • Request to University Senate
    ▪ Need to start talking about health sciences
    ▪ Launching a new website, push out to the faculty
Consider it a first pass; offer feedback
Physical space that is identified as a health science campus
Many Research 1 institutions have a number of health science campuses
  • Want to rename East Campus as the Health Science Campus
  • Does not mean that all health sciences of UA will go on just at that campus;
    similar in other universities
  • Brand; a name; a place to point to
  • Engage faculty on all three campuses involved in health sciences
  • Anything else we can do? Seminar series, etc. that can be branded as "Health
    Sciences" events
  • Strengthening health sciences at UA could help reach President's goal of 20,000
    by 2020
  • Illicit help of webmaster, make accessible for ppl with visual disabilities

V. Senate Chair’s Report – Cynthia Fox

  • Spring faculty meeting - Tuesday, April 26th at 3 PM; conversation format like last fall
  • Item G - Council on Administrative Review proposed
  • Jim, Joette, and Cynthia meeting with Dianne Merkela
  • For University Senate to review the administration
  • Item I - Start Up NY

VI. Other Reports

A. SUNY Senators’ Report - J. Philippe Abraham, John Schmidt, Walter Little

  1. Chancellor spoke on the budget; state support down 3.5%; affects state operating
     campuses;
  2. Minimum wage in the SUNY system; encouraged them to advocate as individuals;
  3. Applied Learning initiative; Feb 15 - first reporting, campuses let SUNY know what
     they're doing; later more data collection and specific initiatives; each campus expected to
     do something but in own way; Steller encouraging of how to do this in own way
  4. PIP awards - UA awarded 1.5M for data collection, intervention, rented ion program
     and 0.25 M for a joint data collection initiative
  5. Two resolutions on gender inclusive

B. Graduate Student Organization Report – Katherine Slye, President

  1. Friday, legislative body passed a ban the box resolution on college applications; it will
     be passed onto multiple bodies - SUNY student assembly and the Chancellor's Office
C. Student Association Report – Jarius Jemmott, President

1. Under a lot of internal restructuring; new financial manager and office manager
2. New SA positions
3. Sexuality Month for Middle Earth

D. Council/Committee Chair Reports [NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT]

Approval of Changes in Council Memberships

[Adjourned due to lack of quorum]

NOT IN THIS REPORT:

• UNIVERSITY LIFE COUNCIL (ULC)
• UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC COUNCIL (UAC)