CAS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016
3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences, Room 122


Not in attendance: Rui Liu, Oscar Williams, Tse-Chuan Yang.

1. Call to Order

Chair Chen called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2016

There was no motion to approve minutes from May 4th meeting given that it is a new committee term.

3. Chair’s Report

Chair Chen announced that this is the first meeting of the academic year, there is not a Chair’s report at this time.

4. Senate Report

No report

5. Dean’s Report

Dean Wulfert announced that Provost Stellar has been appointed as Interim President. President Jones’ last day is September 25, 2016. Provost Stellar will officially begin as Interim President effective October 1st.

Dean Wulfert stated that according to SUNY Provost Cartwright a presidential search for UAlbany will be initiated in the near future. The intention is to have a new President in place prior to Chancellor Zimpher stepping down in June of 2017. The Dean noted that with President Jones’ departure and Provost Stellar’s appointment as Interim President, it will be necessary to appoint an Interim Provost. Although these are significant changes at the level of the upper administration, the University’s business and the teaching of our students will continue as usual thanks to the permanence of our faculty.

The University goal remains to increase the student body to 20,000 by the year 2020. CAS will carry its share because presently approximately 60% of undergraduates major in the College; in addition, CAS offers close to 80% of the Gen Ed courses and approximately 50% of the doctoral level education.
6. Committee Reports

No committees have met; no other reports.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

Election of a Recorder for 2016-17

Chair Chen called for nominations for a recorder for 2016-2017. Chaina Porter self-nominated. There were no other nominations. Chaina Porter was elected CAS Faculty Council Recorder for 2016-2017 by acclamation.

Committee Assignments

Academic Planning has been asked to help Program Academic Support committee in the past. We are seeking ways to more evenly distribute the work load amongst the committees. Doing so may require a re-categorization or a re-organization of the committee tasks. A proposal was made to also split the Programs committee into sub-committees.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Chair Chen, seconded by Chaina Porter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Minutes submitted by Chaina Porter
CAS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2016, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences Room 122


Not in attendance: Carlos Balsas, Helen Elam, Jan Halamek, Janell Hobson, Alyssa Morey

1. Call to Order

Chair Chen called the meeting to order at 3:33pm

2. Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Nathan Powers, seconded by Oliver Elison Timm. The minutes for the September 14, 2016, Faculty Council Meeting were approved.

3. Chair’s Report [Fan Pen Chen]

There were two Council of the Chairs meetings since our last Faculty Council meeting, one on September 21 and another on October 5.

9/21/16 - Steve Galime and Marie Rabideau from the Dean’s Office talked about the discretionary awards process and the tenure and promotion procedures. A special guest, the new Associate VP for Research, Satyen Kumar, made a presentation for supporting research and scholarship, proposal writing, faculty collaborations and incentivizing initiatives that lead to funding. A-VPR did not address funding for research in the Humanities but focused mainly on science and social science departments and the typical funding sources (NSF, NIH). During the discussion, a Humanities scholar expressed a desire that the VPR’s office also promotes funding information for Humanities departments. Funding sources such as private foundations, NEH and NEA were briefly mentioned.

10/5/16 – Associate Dean John Delano gave an excellent report on Rising Juniors and student retention. The issue of student retention continues to be an important topic because of its direct relationship to the University’s financial situation.

4. Senate Report [Caro-Beth Stewart]

As the Senate meeting was the first one in this academic year, most of the Senate Council Chairs had nothing to report. A major matter discussed at the meeting was the search for a new President. It was stated that the University is looking for a President who will support our current visions in terms of the new colleges and increasing the student population by the year 2020. It was also mentioned that the efforts will be made to move the presidential search ahead in a timely fashion as the search committee chair, Michael Castellana, had expressed hope that a new president would be in place in the summer of 2017.
5. Dean’s Report [Dean Edelgard Wulfert]:

The Dean elaborated on Chair Chen’s comments regarding AVPR Satyen Kumar’s presentation at the Chair’s Council. She had reminded him before the meeting of the diversity of disciplines in the College and had expected Dr. Kumar to address funding opportunities also for the arts and humanities, which unfortunately did not occur.

Dean Wulfert pointed out that Rich Becker and Winsome Foderingham from the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations have been very helpful in assisting faculty from non-science departments with grant applications to foundations. She emphasized that grants are not essential in these disciplines, but are nevertheless welcome because they allow faculty to create projects that without external funding would not be feasible (e.g., Adam Frelin’s Breathing Lights). Faculty in the humanities and arts also benefit from the FRAP mechanism that is funded from Indirect Cost Return generated by grants awarded to science and social science faculty.

The College held a reception for the part-time faculty the second year in a row. The reception is a tangible sign that the College values its part-time faculty and the faculty and chairs in attendance seemed to enjoy the occasion.

The University has been making efforts to improve student retention because failing to meet enrollment targets has a detrimental effect on the University’s financial health. Historically, UAlbany has the lowest retention rate of the four University Centers. In the recent past, the first-year retention rate was about 81%. The good news is that in the current year the retention rate has improved by roughly 3% to 84%.

The Council discussed why the number may have risen since last year, pointing out the need to identify at-risk students and then to support those who need assistance. It was mentioned that the Director of Advisement Services, Joanne Malatesta, can direct faculty to the right office if assistance for a student is needed. It is important that faculty not ignore student problems but engage offices on campus who can help.

Dean Wulfert mentioned that currently several deans searches are underway. She is a member of the search committee for a dean for the new College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cyber Security, and the search is moving forward. Dean Wulfert chairs the search committee for a new dean for the Business School. She also chairs the search committee for a new Director of the Art Museum. In addition, a new dean search will begin in the near future for the School of Public Health. There has been a near complete turnover in academic deans in the last two years with only Dean Wulfert and Dean Bangert-Drowns from the School of Education remaining.

Dean Wulfert encouraged everyone to attend the CAS Dinner on November 3rd.

6. Committee Reports

Nominating: Nothing to report

Tenure and Promotion: The committee is reviewing 11 cases, 8 tenure cases and 3 promotions to full professor. The cases will be reviewed beginning the 1st week in November.
Faculty Development: 10 FRAP-A submissions. Award suggestions will be submitted on Friday.

Academic Planning: Nothing to report

Academic Programs – The committee has received a number of course related changes and to date has approved them all.

Academic Support – Nothing to report.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Councilor Elison Timm suggested that CAS support a lecture series that facilitates collaborations between departments.

The Dean stated that with such a diverse college it may prove difficult to find speakers with interests that cut across several disciplines, but she is willing to provide support for such an endeavor. She encouraged the faculty to spearhead efforts and present their ideas to her.

9. Adjournment

Chair Chen adjourned the meeting at 4:27pm.

Minutes submitted by: Chaina Porter
CAS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 122

In attendance: Mitch Aso, James Boswell, Fan Pen Chen, Helen Elam, Oliver Elison Timm, Boris Godfarb, Jan Halamek, Rui Li, Zhongwen Liang, Edward Mayer, Veronica Perez Rodriguez, Chaina Porter, Brian Rose, Megan Solon, Caro-Beth Stewart, Edelgard Wulfert, Mehmet Yigit, Yiming Ying, Albin Zak

Not in attendance: Carlos Balsas, Janell Hobson, Alexander Khmaladze, Alyssa Morey, Nathan Powers, David Wagner, Oscar Williams

1. Call to Order

Chair Chen called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Albin Zak, 2nd by Rui Li. The minutes of the October 19, 2016, Faculty Council meeting were approved.

3. Chair’s Report (Council of Chair’s Meeting) [Fan Pen Chen]

Michael Christakis, Vice President for Student Affairs, gave a presentation on the services provided by his office. They include: Counseling and Psychological Services; Student Health Services; Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence; Student CARE Services (the Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation Team); Disability Resource Center. Of special interest is the use of a new platform that enable the Advisor, RA, and Critical Writing Instructor of every freshman of the Class of 2019 to work as a team for each student.

Harvey Charles, Dean and Vice-Provost of International Education of the Center for International Education and Global Strategy, gave the second report. He emphasized the importance of globalization and the need to internationalize the university. Strategies he mentioned include revisiting the curriculum of every discipline to ensure the inclusion of internationalization; the hiring or cultivation of faculty with international teaching and research interests; supporting incentives and infrastructure that encourage the same; the application for Fulbright grants, etc. He sponsors a workshop on Fulbright grants once a year and offered to match interested faculty with international visiting scholars and help with identifying grant opportunities for international exchanges.

4. Senate Report [Provided by Chris Pastore]

Interim Provost Wheeler discussed changes in senior administration, enrollment and retention, and new academic programs. He stated that the University is growing programs and heading in the right direction, but to stay headed in the right direction, the University needs to understand student retention better.

Senate Chair Collins stated that the University governance survey had a lot of responders, though many had negative things to say about governance and administration.

Three items were brought to a vote and all passed: Charter Amendment 151603A: Clarification of responsibilities of CAA; Resolution 161702R: Resolution on Attacks on Academic Freedom; and Resolution 161703: Resolution on Student Representation in Governance. The Report on University Brand Campaign was tabled.
5. **Dean’s Report** [Dean Edelgard Wulfert]

There has not yet been a Chair’s Council meeting this semester nor meetings with the Interim President or Interim Provost; therefore there is nothing to report related to those sources.

On December 9th and 10th there is a Concert of Ideas Event. This is being offered as part of the strategic planning process. One aspect will be to use music for brainstorming to stimulate creative thoughts and ideas of the participants. Dean Wulfert extends an invitation to all faculty members, particularly junior faculty, to attend and provide input into the future direction of the University.

The annual CAS dinner was held on Nov. 3 and with over 130 faculty and staff it was the best attended dinner to date. Documentary Studies Prof. Sheila Curran Bernard gave an interesting after-dinner talk.

6. **Committee Reports**

   **Nominating:** [Caro-Beth Stewart]
   
   Nothing to report

   **Tenure and Promotion:** [Nathan Powers]
   
   The Tenure and Promotion committee has 11 cases before it this year (eight tenure and promotion cases, and three promotion to full professor). The committee to date has met on two tenure cases, and two additional cases are scheduled in the upcoming weeks; two additional cases will be discussed before the semester break.

   **Faculty Development:** [Albin Zak]
   
   10 Frap-A proposals have been submitted to the dean’s office by the deadline for award consideration.

   **Academic Planning:** [David Wagner]
   
   Nothing to report

   **Academic Programs:** [Helen Elam]
   
   The committee has reviewed 15 proposals and all have been moved forward.

   **Academic Support:** [Janell Hobson]
   
   Nothing to report.

7. **Old Business**

   None

8. **New Business**

   None

9. **Adjournment**

   Chair Chen adjourned the meeting at 3:52pm.
CAS Full Faculty Meeting  
December 7, 2016, 3:30 p.m., D’Ambra Auditorium, LSRB

Councilors in attendance: James Boswell, Fan Pen Chen, Helen Elam, Oliver Elison Timm, Rui Li, Zhongwen Liang, Alyssa Morey, Nathan Powers, Brian Rose, Megan Solon, Caro-Beth Stewart, Edelgard Wulfert, Mehmet Yigit

Councilors not in attendance: Mitch Aso, Carlos Balsas, Boris Godfarb, Jan Halamek, Janell Hobson, Alexander Khmaladze, Edward Mayer, Veronica Perez Rodriguez, Chaina Porter, David Wagner, Oscar Williams, Yiming Ying, Albin Zak

Call to Order - Chair Chen called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2016 Faculty Council Meeting

Motion to approve by Chair Chen, seconded by Edelgard Wulfert.

Chair’s Report (Council of Chair’s Meeting) [Fan Pen Chen]
The chair’s meeting will be held on 12/14. No report at this time.

Senate Report [Provided by Caro-Beth Stewart]

Summary of senate meeting was given. There was no quorum and therefore the senate could not vote on anything. Provost and Senate President encouraged attendees not to be cynical about Concert of Ideas and try to attend. Other issue: post-Trump election issues vis-a-vis sanctuary campus. Stellar’s comments came out before senate meeting. Various committees issued statements re: tolerance, but Senate will take up the issue of sanctuary campus and put it on the February senate docket.

Compact planning – funding for programs is being distributed now. The administration is stepping back from funding new initiatives through the compact plan until the new administration is in place.

Dean’s Report [Dean Edelgard Wulfert]:
The Dean announced faculty highlights.

CAS is growing its corps of faculty – CAS added 19 tenure track faculty, up from 5-6 during the financial crisis. CAS also added 7 VAPs and 5 FT Lecturers. Also, the college has authorized adding 16 tenure track searches, 1 FT Lecturer, and 1 Academic Advisor. Academic Advisement Assistants are used in departments where there are a lot of majors. We are seeing an upward trend in faculty/staff numbers, though not back where we were a few years ago.

Tenure and Promotion cases are at 13. Down from a couple years ago, effect of financial crisis hiring dips from several years ago. CAS processed 37 term renewals.

Went over research awards and expenditures. Hope is that new junior faculty will boost funding.

Three individuals received CAREER awards over the last 3 years. Alan Chen of Chemistry is the latest. Brian Rose and Justin Minder received them in 2015 and 2014, respectively from Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences.
Health Disparities Endowment Grant - Started with university-funded 5 fellows, hoping to add 2 per year off of the grant. If this works out, the University can apply for an extension.

New CAS programs and initiatives:

1. MS in Data Science – beginning of the program has been funded by the compact plan. Developed in Math. In the meantime, the faculty moved ahead with an LOI for the program for approval from SUNY and SED. Faculty designed first 5 courses over the summer, piloted in the fall, and will be offered in the spring.

2. MS in Forensic Science – developed through a compact proposal, which funded instrumentation. CAS has funded lecturer lines.

3. Health Sciences and Human Biology major – transform the existing human bio major into a new program. HBI is among the largest majors in CAS. The transformed program will be a vehicle to prepare for post-grad programs in allied health. Though CAS currently houses the program, the renewed focus on the East Campus – now the “Health Sciences Campus” – and the presence of a VP for Health Sciences signal some other organizational arrangement for the refocused major.

4. Certificate of Grad Studies in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis – 3 course sequence allows someone to sit for certification as an associate behavior analyst in New York. CAS has had this program before, so we were in a perfect position to resurrect it.

5. Creative Writing minor – added to English, hoping to attract students.

6. CAS Travel Support Program – changed the program so as not to encumber CAS Faculty Council and so that all faculty can expect and count on the funds.

7. Faculty Affinity Groups – WISH – spearheaded by Marlene Belfort, now 2 years in. People attend regularly, etc. Another group – JUSIE (Junior STEM Idea Exchange) – group for junior faculty in STEM fields who meet regularly. Also had a group called, Minerva, a writing group which met on Saturday mornings. Went on for a year and a half. Will meet with a junior faculty member in philosophy to try and get a similar group off the ground, perhaps in a different format.

Enrollment Issues. The university opened CEHC and is expanding CEAS; CAS compete for enrollment with the professional schools. CAS still provides most of the GenEd, but the challenge is to make sure CAS isn’t just seen as a service unit. For CEAS alone, PHY provides 5 courses, for example. Another example is the Human Development major in the School of Education which uses a large number of CAS courses, though the majors are not counted toward CAS.

Last year, CAS fell behind targets for graduate students. This year, CAS fell short again by 19 lines. Will soon get together with departments to make adjustments to grad targets.

Q: Do alumni donations contribute to CAS operations?

A: Most donations go to departments; CAS (i.e., the Dean’s Office) does not get much from donations, etc.
Kathy then announced the award winners for the Teaching Awards. This year the two recipients were Sarah Cohen of Art and Art History, and Camelia Lenart of History.

**Committee Reports**

**Nominating:** Caro-Beth Stewart

Nothing to report

**Tenure and Promotion:** Nathan Powers

The Tenure and Promotion committee has 11 cases before it this year (eight of which are tenure and promotion cases, and three promotion to full professor).

**Faculty Development:** Albin Zak

10 Frap-A proposals have been submitted to the dean’s office by the deadline for award consideration.

**Academic Planning:** David Wagner

Nothing to report

**Academic Programs:** Helen Elam

The committee has reviewed 21 proposals.

**Academic Support:** Janell Hobson

Nothing to report.

**Old/New Business**

N/A

**Adjournment**

Chair Chen adjourned the meeting at 4:38pm.

Minutes submitted by Chaina Porter based on notes taken by Jay Oddi.
CAS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 122


Not in attendance: Mitch Aso, Helen Elam, Jan Halamek, Nathan Powers, Oscar Williams, Mehmet Yigit, Yiming Ying

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes for December 7, 2016 Full Faculty Meeting.

Minutes approved with 6 abstentions.

3. Chair’s Report

The Chair’s Council met twice since the last faculty council meeting of 12/7/2016. Once on December 14, 2016, second on February 1, 2017.

On December 14th, Joanne Malatesta and Jack Mahoney made a presentation concerning the Education Advisory Board (EAB) and notes that it has an algorithm for identifying students at risk. This data provides information for unified advisement. Kathy Gersowitz reported on the draft of a policy regarding adjunct faculty; including classroom observation, 3-year cycle evaluation, and tools for evaluation online.

On February 1st, the Chair’s Council started with the Dean emphasizing that sabbaticals should not be planned to start right after when the tenure appointment is expected to be announced. Steve Galime presented a detailed budget overview of how the budget at the dean’s office is spent. He also announced that CAS is expecting a $100,000 budget cut.

4. Senate Report – Caro-Beth Stewart

Senate has not met therefore nothing to report.

5. Dean’s Report

Sanctuary Campus – on this campus we do not ask students about their national origin nor whether they are here legally or illegally. If they divulge that information to a counselor or someone else on campus, that information is not reported.

Veronica raised an issue about the effects of recent changes within the government and the impact on many students, specifically those who are detained by immigration officials at airports. She suggested that the university provide students with phone numbers of university legal counselors whom they can contact should they encounter difficulties at the airports. The Dean agreed to the suggestion and said she would pass it on to the president’s level. A discussion about our current position in protecting all of our students was exchanged amongst the committee.

Sabbatical Process – Faculty members are cautioned against making arrangements for sabbatical leaves the semester after they expect receiving tenure. The tenure review process occasionally proceeds with significant delays, which would necessitate delaying the sabbatical. As sabbaticals are not a right but a privilege, leaves
are not granted automatically. The Dean has a review committee comprised of four professors at the distinguished rank who review sabbatical requests and make recommendations to the Dean.

Commencement - As a pilot program, the university is making changes to the format of the departmental recognition ceremonies. Individual recognition ceremonies will be integrated into larger blocks of multiple departments each (5 blocks for CAS). These ceremonies will take place on the Saturday before Commencement and held at the SEFCU arena and the Physical Education Building. The Graduate ceremony for all schools and colleges will take place on Friday evening of the Commencement weekend and will be followed by a reception. The winter commencement has been abolished. The deferral-of-degree ceremony for all undergraduates will continue to be held on Sunday morning in the same format as before. Some smaller departments are considering going off campus to maintain the old format of their recognition ceremonies; others are considering holding separate departmental recognition ceremony before the commencement weekend.

6. Committee Reports

Nominating

Oliver will be the new academic planning chair. We need a new chair for Academic Support committee.

Tenure and Promotion

Nothing to report

Faculty Development

Waiting for the FRAP-A proposals to be submitted. Deadline for submission is March 2nd for review so that they may be forwarded to the Dean. The Dean adds that if you are not notified about the FRAP-A in time to apply to the FRAP-B in a timely manner, please notify her. She will extend the FRAP-B application deadline if necessary.

Academic Planning

Nothing to report

Academic Programs

Nothing to report.

Academic Support

Nothing to report.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

Chair Chen adjourned at 4:31 p.m.
Faculty Council Meeting  
March 8, 2017 3:30pm  
AS-122


Not in attendance: James Boswell, Helen Elam, Oscar Williams

Approval of February 8, 2017 Minutes

Minutes approved with four abstentions.

Chair Council Report – Fan Pen Chen

- Joseph Brennan, Vice President for Communication and Marketing, gave a presentation on a “branding initiative” to strengthen institutional brand and sharpen our image. They hired a firm, Maguire Associates, to do research, and to gather and analyze data. Of special interest was the very high “Graduation Rate Performance” (graduation rate and performance based on expectations given faculty resources) versus the very low “Faculty Resources.” Joseph Brennan’s main concern was the fact that fewer faculty would recommend UAlbany to perspective students than other groups.
- Jay Oddi reported on the progress regarding organization of the graduation ceremonies. Of the five groups, two are planning the event on their own. The other three groups will continue meeting with Jay.

Senate Report – Caro-Beth Stewart

There have been two senate meetings since the last Faculty Council meeting 2/13/17

- The Senate is finding it difficult to vote on matters for lack of achieving a quorum due to low attendance.
- Provost Wheeler reported on the campus compact plan.
- There are currently at least three dean’s searches.
- A visitor from Albany Law School presented and wants to remind us of our relationship with Albany Law School that allows faculty and staff to take courses at Albany Law School with tuition breaks.
- James Faucet spoke about President Trump’s immigration plan.

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- Provost Wheeler spoke about dean’s searches
- Nominations for Senators.
Dean’s report – Dean Edelgard Wulfert

- The dean shared a copy of the branding exercise mentioned in the Chair’s report. If you’d like to know what current students and students that chose other institutions think about “us”, a copy can be provided upon request. Some of the findings led to a bit of discussion at the Chair’s Council meeting. The Dean sent it to the Chairs in electronic form, and is willing to share with anyone interested. The Dean passed a copy around.
- Follow-up to a discussion regarding assisting students encountering problems with immigration at airports: Veronica shared information regarding a network of volunteer lawyers at airports who can help students. A service is also available through Albany Law School for students who are detained. The Dean will follow-up to see that the contacts are shared with the campus.
- Re: undocumented students. Today at the Diversity Council it was confirmed that UAlbany Police will not collaborate with other Police forces regarding student immigration status, but if there is a warrant, the University must comply with requests by law enforcements.
- Undocumented students cannot receive federal or state funding, including loans. Students can apply for in-state tuition during their 2nd year and university grants, but not for state or federal funding since these require documentation.

Committee Reports

Nominating: Nothing to report

Tenure and Promotion: Reviewing 3 tenure and 2 promotion cases.

Faculty Development: 13 Frap-B applications have been submitted. They will be reviewed and sent to the Dean’s office by the deadline.

Academic Planning: – Nothing to report.

Academic Programs: 19 proposals this semester, 15 moved forward and 4 are pending.

Academic Support – Nothing to report.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Adjourned at 4:07pm
Faculty Council meeting
April 12, 2017 3:30pm
AS-122


Not in attendance: Helen Elam, Oliver Elison Timm, Boris Godfarb, Jan Halamek, Caro-Beth Stewart, Oscar Williams

Approval of March 8, 2017 Minutes Minutes approved with one abstention.

Chair Council Report – Fan Pen Chen

The Chairs Council discussed the “Contingent Faculty Draft Evaluation Policy” presented by Kathy Gersowitz (Assistant Dean) and approved it.

Kristin Marshall (Director of Strategic Communications, News and Communications) made a presentation concerning the new Student MERIT system which allows for chosen students to have their own page to tell their story and the story of the University. The Dean invited the Chairs to discuss with their faculty what achievements to include from their departments (e.g., honors, awards).

Kathy Gersowitz talked about the Degree Requirements and Bulletin Reconciliation Project. This project seeks to ensure that Student Audits match the Bulletin. Departments are asked to deactivate courses no longer taught.

Susanna Fessler (Associate Dean) presented the new SIRF Forms for online courses.

Senate Report – Fan Pen Chen on behalf of Caro-Beth Stewart

International programming wants to remind everyone that if you have scheduled international travel with students or for your own scholarship to make sure you’re in compliance with university and SUNY policies. This should go back to the faculty.

Regarding questions about international education. Dr. Harvey Charles is the point person. He will be able to answer questions about student safety internationally.

The presidential search committee informed the campus community that the search continues to move forward. The committee invites faculty to send questions that candidates for the position should be asked during the interview.

There was a discussion about strategies for providing compensation for part-time faculty. Our campus is taking a leadership role for improving compensation and job security.

As a follow-up on the senate resolution opposing the presidential order to ban travel from several countries, the graduate affairs committee has begun to research information on the number, origin, and intellectual contributions of international students, faculty, and staff. A report will be prepared to show their contributions to the university community. The SEC endorsed this effort.

When discussing a new undergraduate program in the School of Public Health, it was mentioned that comprehensive new programs are drawing on resources from CAS (e.g., through the increased need for Gen Ed, math and science courses). The growing needs of CAS can’t simply be met via contingent faculty because at some point this will
become untenable. The Senate wants to look at the long-range planning implications of the new schools and programs for CAS. UPPC has invited Dean Wulfert to come to a meeting to be a part of the conversation.

**Dean’s report – Dean Edelgard Wulfert**

The Dean thanked the committee members who were involved in the Frap B evaluations for their hard work. Committee Chair Albin Zak had pointed out that the criteria developed by a previous committee are difficult to apply to the Arts and Humanities and that adjustments need to be made going forward. To solve the immediate problem, the Dean had requested that the committee evaluate the Science and Social Sciences proposals and the Arts and Humanities proposals separately. She asked the Committee to revise the existing criteria.

The Dean elaborated on the issue reported by Council Chair Fan Pen Chen regarding the course needs of the new colleges on campus. For example, the new School of Engineering will require courses from Physics and Mathematics in addition to Gen Ed courses. The Dept. of Mathematics has experienced a significant increase in enrollments in recent years. As a result, the needs of the Engineering School can’t simply be met with additional adjuncts; instead, Math faculty lines will be needed. The Dean will present data to UPPC, which will likely report back to the Senate again. It is hoped that additional resources will come to CAS as a result.

Contingent faculty evaluations: Teaching by non-tenure-track full-time faculty and part-time adjuncts needs to be evaluated regularly, just as tenure-track faculty’s teaching is periodically evaluated. Departments have not conducted such teaching evaluations on a regular basis. Routinely the CAS Associate Dean examines SIRF scores, flags low scores, reviews historical information and informs the Department Chair. Departments should not rely exclusively on SIRF scores but also conduct in-class evaluations, provide constructive feedback to faculty and offer support where indicated (e.g., via ITLAL).

The latest rankings for graduate programs by US News and World Reports (based on reputational ranking) show: Currently only 4 of CAS departments fall in the top 50% of their peers. The best rated are Clinical Psychology, top 25%, Sociology, top 31%, Psychology, top 32%, and Mathematics, top 50%. The rankings will be discussed at the next Chair’s Council meetings to develop strategies as to how we can improve reputational rankings.

**Committee Reports**

**Nominating:** Nothing to report

**Tenure and Promotion:** Considered 4 cases this semester and 1 last promotion case scheduled for next week

**Faculty Development:** FRAP B is complete.

**Academic Planning:** Nothing to report

**Academic Programs:** There were 34 proposals, 2 were withdrawn and 32 moved forward.

**Academic Support:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** N/A

Adjourned at 4:18pm
Faculty Council meeting
May 3, 2017 3:30pm
AS-122


Not in attendance: Helen Elam, Boris Godfarb, Jan Halamek, Julia Jennings, Zhongwen Liang, Oscar Williams, Yiming Ying, Gerald Zahavi, Albin Zak, Changlong Zhong

Approval of April 12, 2017 Minutes: Minutes approved with three abstention.

Chair Council Report – Fan Pen Chen

• Nothing to report. The Chair’s Council is meeting next week.

Senate Report – Caro-Beth Stewart

Senate Meeting Date: 4/24/17 [attended by Christopher Pastore, History]

• Early May there will be meetings on each of the three campuses to present the strategic planning framework.
• The Dean’s search for the Business School will continue in the fall. The Presidential Search is on target for a June 30th announcement.
• It was announced that Dr. Kristina Johnson has been confirmed as the next SUNY Chancellor.
• SUNY Senators report – Discussed 14 different resolutions. Expanding the voting privileges of campus governance leaders did not pass.
• James Mower will be Vice Chair of the Senate.
• Discussion on the Charter Votes. Votes will be conducted on May 8th to amend section 9 of the charter.
• The number of Tenure and Promotion cases is causing an unsustainable workload for CPCA committee members. The Senate wants to move to a change in system based on the CAS model.

Dean’s report – Dean Edelgard Wulfert

• Nothing to report.
• Regarding the Research Retreat mentioned in the Senate report by Caro-Beth Stewart, VPR Jim Diaz showed data indicating that the university is at risk of losing its designation of an R1 Institution because its federal funding profile is weak. He proposed to incentivize researchers who obtain grants with half of the ICR that is being returned to departments, setting funding goals for departments and penalizing those that do not meet their goals. The Dean noted that the idea is based on the false premise that faculty are not trying hard enough to get funding. Many faculty, particularly in the sciences, are trying very hard to get funded. The university needs to provide better support (e.g., help with grant writing, internal reviews and feedback to investigators before grants go out). The Dean also noted that junior faculty should apply for not
only for federal but also foundation funding because it is useful to show some external support in applications for federal funding.

Committee Reports

Nominating: A sub-committee is needed for a student grievance case. Oliver Elison Timm, Megan Solon and Caro-Beth Stewart have agreed to serve on that committee.

Tenure and Promotion: All cases have been reviewed.

Faculty Development: Nothing to report

Academic Planning: – Nothing to report*

Academic Programs: For the year, sixty-two course and program proposals were reviewed. Sixty moved forward, two were withdrawn. There is a re-submission under consideration.

Academic Support – Nothing to report

Old Business: N/A

New Business: This is the last meeting of the academic year. The current Vice Chair, Caro-Beth Stewart, will serve as Council Chair in the fall. A new Vice Chair will need to be determined.

Adjourned at 4:20pm