MINUTES

Attendees: Gary Ackerman; Marcus Adams; George Berg; Michael Bloom; James Boswell; Dylan Card; Pinka Chatterji; Billie Franchini; Mila Gasco-Hernandez; Brian Greenhill; Diane Hamilton; Lenore Horowitz; Emily Kilcer; Timothy Knights; Deborah LaFond; Zina Lawrence; Alfred Liu; Johanna Londoño; Mary Ellen Mallia; Jennifer Goodall; Randy Morse; Jim Mower; Rebecca Nous; Olimpia Pelosi; Kevin Quinn; Sean Rafferty; Brian Rose; Kabel Stanwicks; Heather Sussman; Lindsay VanBerkom; Jan Waterhouse; Baris Yoruk; Jon Bartow; Karl Rethemeyer; Steve Galime; Carol Kim

Meeting commenced at 2:45pm

Approval of University Senate Minutes – September 25, 2019

Vote was delayed due to the fact that attendance had not yet been added by Senate Secretary.

Provost’s Report – Dr. Carol Kim

Provost Kim had nothing to formally report. She answered questions on various topics.

Senate Chair’s Report – Zina Lawrence

Chair Lawrence added to her written report that the SEC will have a presentation from Dr. Peter Shea on Online Teaching and Learning, and invited senators to submit questions. She shared that there will also be a visit from the web services team from Communications and Marketing. She indicated that she would like questions for both to be submitted by November 1st.

New Business

Summary Report – Forum on Open Access and OER – Dr. Lenore Horowitz

Dr. Horowitz provided an update about the recent forum on “Openness at UAlbany”. The first topic was Open Educational Resources and the second topic was the development of a campus Open Access Policy for Scholarship and Creative Works. She indicated that this policy must be in place by March or 2020. The Open Access Working Group has sent a draft of the policy to the Provost Office and are working to bring the draft policy to the Senate before the end of the calendar year. Emily Kilcer provided an overview of the policy and answered other questions.

Council and Committee Reports

SUNY Senators: Nothing to add.

GSA: Not present.

CAA: Not present.

CARS: Not present.
CoR: Not present.

CPCA: Not present.

GAC: Nothing to add.

GOV: Nothing to add.

LISC: Next meeting is November 6th.

UAC: Had first meeting on Monday and so was not able to submit a written report on time. Two program proposals were approved: changes to the BS in Computer Science to align with ABET accreditation requirements and the creation of a BS in cybersecurity.

ULC: [note: the following was read orally and then submitted in writing by Chair LaFond and added to the minutes following the meeting; no written report had previously been submitted in advance of the council and committee report deadline]

1. Based on Chair LaFond’s request at the September Senate meeting to learn more about the HEED award and many thanks to follow-up from President Rodriguez and Bruce Szelest, ULC had a very productive and informative meeting and discussion about the HEED Award and how ULC might collaborate on diversity and inclusion concerns. Samuel Caldwell, Office of Diversity and Inclusion attended the ULC meeting and shared some of the criteria and rankings as well as goals and plans addressed in the UALBANY HEED applications. ULC plans to continue this dialogue and we are considering future collaboration efforts.

2. ULC has proposed to the SEC that Dolores Cimini be invited to Senate to share initiatives around mental health and alcohol prevention on the campus and in the community. There could be important ways that faculty and staff and students can learn about particular concerns and partner with Middle Earth efforts.

3. A potential Senate resolution to address Indigenous Peoples day was raised at the last ULC meeting. ULC members are looking at the resolutions brought forth and passed by UAlbany Students Association and a resolution passed at the 2017 SUNY Faculty Senate Plenary. Resolutions were shared electronically with ULC members and offered at the last SEC meeting just after the October ULC meeting.

4. ULC Chair sought advice from Senate chairs regarding shared governance concerns related to policies impacting diversity & inclusion, public engagement, censorship, librarian professional ethics and open access for all New York Citizens.

5. We are moving forward on creating a Senate Forum related to the trauma resolution passed in Senate last spring. Speakers have been identified and a ULC task force is working on a program planned for the spring semester 2020.

6. Requests to find a way to stop fake calls phone calls has been brought to the attention of ULC. ULC would like to share what if anything can be done about this.
7. The UAlbany Fair Trade Committee met on October 14th to outline plans to meet the Fair Trade University requirements and articulate potential programs. (stated at SEC but not at Senate)

UPPC: Next meeting is November 6th

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.