

**Agenda for Arts and Sciences Senate Meeting, Javits Room, 3:30 pm, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

- 1 Approval of agenda.
- 2 Approval of minutes of last meeting (February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014).
- 3 President's Report.
- 4 Report from A&S Dean, Nancy Squires on the state of the College.
- 5 David Conover, Interim Vice President for Research.
- 6 Patrica Aceves, TLT tools for aiding faculty running on-line courses.
- 7 Other Business.

**Attachments**

1. Minutes of last meeting (February 17, 2013)
2. President's report

A&S Senate  
Meeting  
February 17, 2014

I. Approval of tentative agenda: approved.

II. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2013: approved.

III. President's Report (T. Sears)

- There has been a low turnout for Club Red. One gathering once a week in March. The hotel is unwilling to keep supporting two evenings a week given not enough people attending.
- Middle States Accreditation: The main problem areas are Institutional Assessment and Assessment of Student Learning.
- Election time is almost here. We need officers, senate representatives and committee members. Please nominate yourself or your colleagues if they are willing to serve.
- Nancy Squires will be retiring at the end of the academic year. The Provost has charged a search committee. They will be working with the external executive search firm of Russell Reynolds Associates. So far 63 candidates have applied for the position.
- The Provost is calling for FAHSS proposals from faculty in the humanities, arts and social sciences. Deadline is February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Provost is also calling for proposals for the SBU-BNL Seed Grant. Deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Stony Brook Safety and Security Report for 2013 can be found at:  
<http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/annual-security-report/index.shtml>.

IV. Report from the A&S Dean (N. Squires)

- This report was given at the University Council meeting.
- Some of the many academic accomplishments are the Multilingual and Intercultural Communication Center, the Language Learning Research Center, the Globalization Initiative, the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, etc.
- Awards and Honors: Eleven faculty members became AAAS fellows, Jonathan Rudick was awarded the NSF Career Award, Patricia Wright became an American Philosophical Society Fellow and four faculty members were awarded Distinguished Professorships.
- The gifts and pledges from 2012-2013 will impact the academic sector: Hellenic Studies, India Studies, the Thaw Chair in Art and Gardiner foundation – History.
- Stony Brook has a high student/faculty (26) ratio compared to other AAU public universities.
- Class size has reached capacity. There are no big rooms for the large class sections.
- There have been 56 hires over the last couple of years.
- Interdisciplinary collaborations across campus has risen.
- The budget gap has been filled by using all of the departments earned revenue.
- The college needs at least 100 new faculty in areas of teaching and to strengthen research.

- With \$5 Mil added to base budget we could either hire 50 new faculty or give revenue back to departments.
- We may be in danger of losing the best faculty since there is no merit money.
- There is insufficient money for startup.
- Badly deteriorating labs and decrease in classroom availability.
- No money for building new labs for new hires.

#### V. The Great Minds Program (J. Masini)

- The program is designed to get more faculty engaged with alumni around the world. There are approximately 150,000 alumni.
- Utilizes existing travel schedules of faculty. The Alumni Relations Office needs at least three weeks notice prior to your travel date. They will pay for the costs of the event.
- It is intended to provide faculty maximum flexibility.
- Facilitates casual small group discussions.
- The Alumni Office will invite alumni via e-mail and publicize your meeting on their website, social media sites and Stony Brook Matters.

#### VI. Open SUNY (W. Tang)

- Have an on-line B.S. in Electrical Engineering. There are eight programs on six campuses.
- Received funding from the Sloan Foundation in the summer of 2006.
- Buffalo, Binghamton and Stony Brook – a multi-campus completely on-line degree program.
- The courses are on Blackboard, Echo 360 and PPT with voice and annotation.
- Mostly non-traditional students. Students that are working full-time who study part-time. Only 40 students at the moment. Most are enrolled in one or two courses
- There are nine technical electives.
- Common challenges: student engagement, authentication and proctoring, faculty and student interactions.
- Student services: student concierge (a point person), have a help desk 24/7 and on-line tutoring.
- Faculty services: Software training, student progress alert, course enhancement with instructional designer, and COTE.

VII. Old Business: no old business.

VIII. New Business: no new business.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Laurie Cullen  
Secretary

# President's report

Trevor Sears

March 21, 2014

## Abstract

Summary of some issues discussed recently at Senate Executive Committee meetings and various other issues for March 2014 A&S Senate meeting.

### 1. A&S Senate Matters

Following is a list of current A&S Senate officers for reference

President: Trevor Sears (Chemistry) (trevor.sears@stonybrook.edu)

Vice President: Margaret Schedel (Music) (gem@schedel.net)

Past President: Eduardo Mendieta (Philosophy) (eduardo.mendieta@stonybrook.edu)

Faculty at-large Representative: Robert Aller (Marine Sciences) (Robert.Aller@stonybrook.edu)

Professional Employees Governance Board Representative: Charles McAteer (charles.mcateer@stonybrook.edu)

GSO Representative: Evgenia Sidorova (President SBGSO) (yevgenia.sidorova@gmail.com)

USG Representative: Tyrik Jiang (tyrik.jiang@stonybrook.edu)

The current Standing Committee chairs are:

Promotion and Tenure Committee: Mike White (Chemistry) (michael.g.white@stonybrook.edu)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Peter Stephens (Physics) (peter.stephens@stonybrook.edu)

Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals: Ken Feldman (kenneth.feldman.1@stonybrook.edu)

Academic Judiciary Committee: Marie Huffman (Marie.Huffman@stonybrook.edu) (Wanda Moore)

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policies: Bassam Allam (SoMAS) (bassem.allam@stonybrook.edu)

Senate Secretary: Laurie Cullen (laurie.cullen@stonybrook.edu)

A&S Senate information is available at:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/senatecas/index.shtml>

### 2. Updates on old Business

[**Club Red**] There have been quite well-attended Friday night meetings at the Hotel, but as the hotel is being used more frequently by the campus community, there are often other events going on at the same time resulting in Club Red being moved around. Work by University Senate officers Fred Walter and Ed Feldman has resulted in a new location, the Simons Center Cafe. Meetings will be held there starting Friday March 28th. As a precursor to an eventual faculty club, it is important to try to keep these meetings going.

Please RSVP to Laurie Cullen ([laurie.cullen@stonybrook.edu](mailto:laurie.cullen@stonybrook.edu)) if you plan to attend in large numbers one evening, so we can have the right amount of food.

[**Senate representative and committee members**] You should have all received an e-mail from Laurie summarizing the openings for standing committee members and senate representatives. The list is reproduced here:

HFA = Humanities & Fine Arts, SBS = Social & Behavioral Sciences, and NSM = Natural Sciences & Mathematics. There will be 16 vacant At-Large faculty Senator (6 HFA, 4 NSM and 6 SBS) seats. At-Large Senators are elected for three year terms.

### 3. Administrative Issues

## Standing Committee Member Openings

### Academic Judiciary Committee:

1 HFA, 2 NSM, 1 SBS

### Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policies Committee:

2 HFA, 2 NSM, 2 SBS, 1 non-tenured faculty (2yr)

### Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals:

2 HFA, 1 NSM

### Promotion and Tenure Committee:

1 HFA, 1 NSM, 1 non-tenured faculty (1yr)

**[A&S Dean Search]** The search for the successor to retiring Dean Nancy Squires is moving forward. An open meeting was held the week before last when members of the search committee heard concerns and suggestions from members of the campus community. Later this week, the search committee will interview 16 candidates in NYC at the offices of the executive search firm, Russell Reynolds Associates. Those selected for the first interviews appear to be very well-qualified candidates. The aim is to reduce this list of 16 to approximately 3-5 who will be invited to the campus for second interviews in April or early May.

**[Establishment of University Senate Personnel Policy Committee]** It has been proposed that the Senate shall establish a standing committee named the Personnel Policy Committee (PPC). The PPC shall work with the office of the Provost and with the promotion and tenure committees of the various academic senates to ensure fairness and equity in promotion, tenure, and workload issues for all interdisciplinary faculty hires, and for all faculty who report to more than a single administrative unit.

Background: With the proliferation of cross-discipline hires, and faculty who have responsibilities to more than one administrative unit, there are bound to be issues relating to allocation of responsibilities, and relating to questions of promotion and tenure. Promotion and tenure will remain under the purview of the academic senates, but this committee will work with the various Promotion and Tenure Committees, and the office of the Provost, to establish policies to ensure fairness and equity for all members of the faculty in promotion and tenure issues.

In discussion at the last University Senate meeting, some concerns were raised that this new committee might usurp the power of the *e.g.* Arts & Sciences PTC and insert the Office of the Provost into academic promotion and tenure decisions. Discussion was deferred until the next University Senate meeting.