

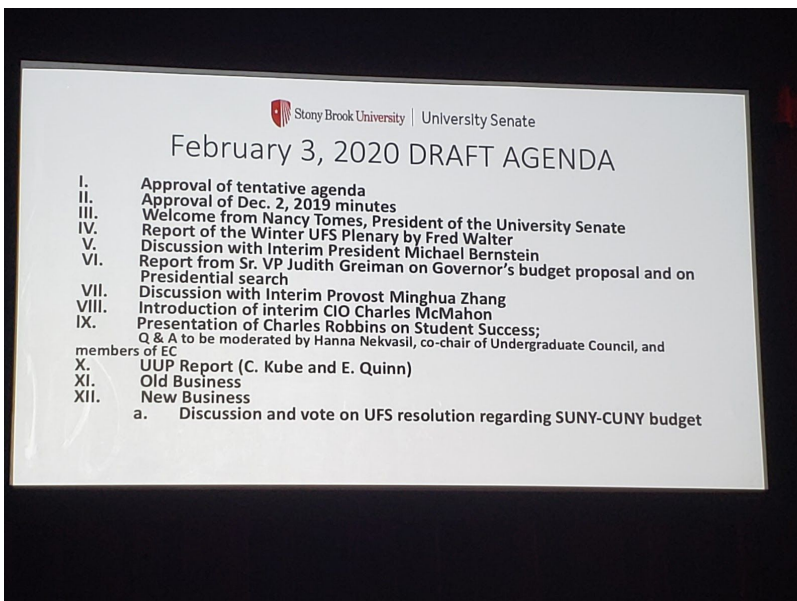
University Senate Meeting Report
UUP SBU Communication Committee
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Feb. 3, 2020, 3:30-5:00 PM
Wang Center Theater

Meeting called to order by Senate President Nancy Tomes at 3:30 PM.
Livestream coverage can be found [here](#).



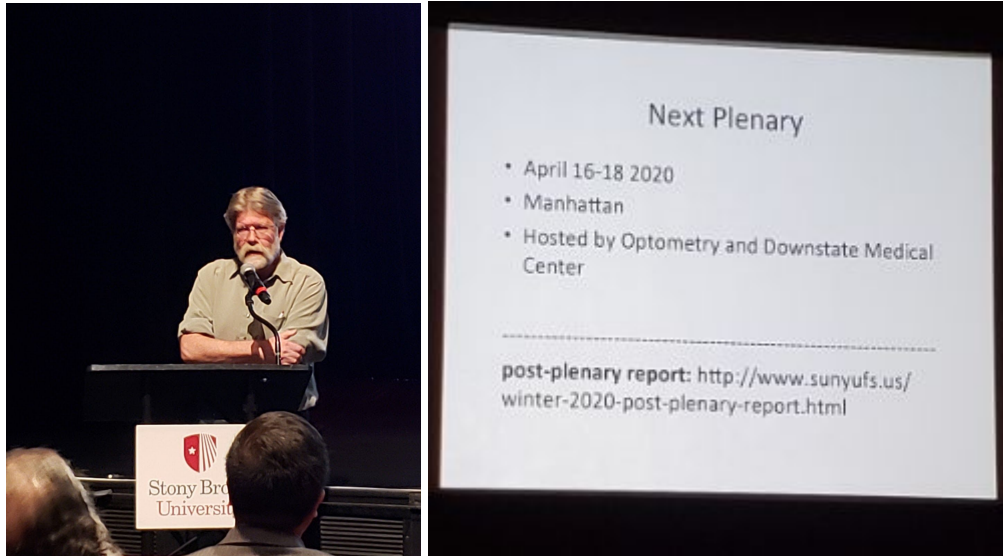
I. Approval of agenda



II. Welcome from Nancy Tomes, President of the University Senate

- Senate elections this semester, stay tuned

III. Approval of Dec. 2, 2019 minutes



IV. Report of the Winter UFS Plenary by Fred Walter

- 1) Budget request was 1.9% increase, close TAP Gap, fund maintenance and UUP contractual salaries
- 2) Governor claims a 6-7 billion deficit
- 3) PRODiG program
 - a) 6 hires at SB, 15 at UB
- 4) Enrollment is down, SUNY Central thinks SUNY Online will save us. CUNY online speaks otherwise.
- 5) Undergrad enrollment is down 6% since '11. Graduate enrollment is up 2.% however especially Masters students.
- 6) SUNY Is flush with cash, 2.6 billion unrestricted cash, 200M from 2018
- 7) Elsevier update - we are in a 3 month extension, they are negotiating in better faith now.
- 8) Resolution passed by UFS - Fund SUNY & CUNY (including community colleges)
- 9) See analysis [here](#)



V. Discussion with Interim President Michael Bernstein ([report distributed in advance](#))

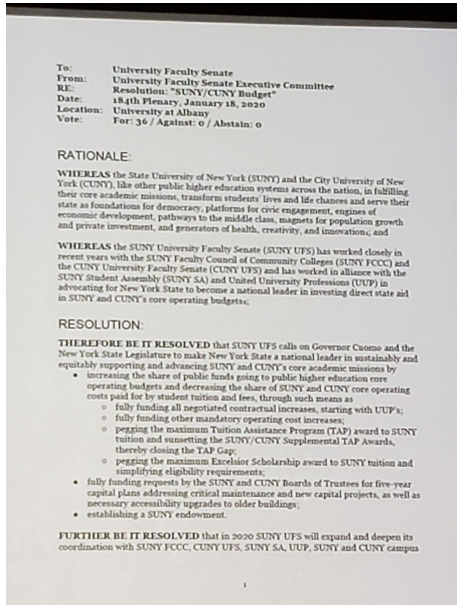
- 1) 36 students have not come back since break due to Coronavirus outbreak
- 2) Parking
 - a) New parking structures being explored, strategy to enhance parking needs.
- 3) Chancellor's Report
 - a) Offshore wind and energy storage being explored
 - b) Sustainability - working to improve environmental input of campuses by 2023. Work to improve print efficiency on campuses
 - c) Refinance debt from SUNY dorm construction
 - d) Seek out partnerships with private sector
- 4) Question from the floor
 - a) J. Sanders - PRODIG Faculty recruitment competition with Buffalo, why are we losing? How do we compare to other University Centers
 - i) Bernstein - we are making strong efforts in our applications. We are ahead of Binghamton and Albany.
 - b) T. Wilson - In December there was a valet parking pilot program for when the garage is full. How did it work out?
 - i) Bernstein - it is still in effect, data is not in yet.



VI. Report from Senior VP Judith Greiman on Governor's budget proposal and on Presidential search

- 1) Governor's Budget Proposal
 - a) His first budget, not the final one (3/31 at midnight)
- 2) NY does not have a downturn in the economy, it's still flowing, but there is a gap due to Medicaid. We may be affected on the medical side.
- 3) 14 billion to improve and maintain SUNY/CUNY, and healthcare facilities.
- 4) Education and healthcare
 - a) Medicaid program causes 6B budget gap. Redesign team to find 2.5 billion in savings before 3/31. Significant for SB HSC because it can impact their budget.
- 5) Higher Education
 - a) Fringe payment gets increases, not operating aid.
 - b) Legislature authorizes SUNY to increase tuition, up to a certain point. Next year is the last year of \$200 hikes. Governor wants another 5 years of tuition hikes where the increases will be set each year.
- 6) SUNY
 - a) Critical maintenance remains at \$25 million allocated, used to be \$75 million. Been flat at \$25 for 6 years now.
- 7) SUNY Hospital Funding
- 8) Questions from audience
 - a) Funds set aside for environmental issues - can we use these to protect open space on campus?
 - i) No, this would not apply.
 - b) Peter Manning from English - Excelsior would simply expand the pool of students, right?
 - i) Yes
- 9) Presidential Search

- a) Committee is narrowing down list of candidates at the moment. Some airport interviews were done last week.
- b) List of names will be submitted by the committee to the SB council soon.
- c) Council then submits 3 names to the chancellor.
 - i) Decision by May, candidate may start by July or August.



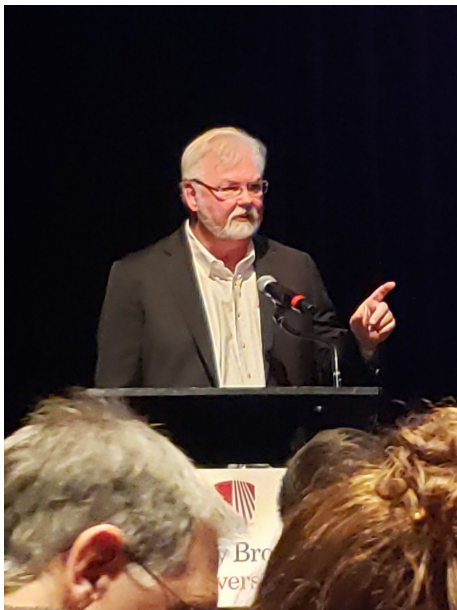
VII. Discussion and vote on UFS resolution regarding SUNY-CUNY budget

- 1) Discussion and vote on UFS resolution regarding SUNY-CUNY budget
 - a) Senate Executive Committee voted in favor of this resolution
(resolution pic here)
 - b) Do you part:
 - i) Write your legislatures
 - ii) UFS website has templates.
 - (1) Will be shared with senators.
 - c) Vote to adopt is unanimous



VIII. Discussion with Interim Provost Minghua Zhang

- 1) Javits renovation starts Summer 2021
- 2) Question - A. Drees - how are faculty involved in Javits rehab?
 - a) Answer - academic planning committees from faculty teaching there.
There is a senate liaison on the committee too.
- 3) Can Students get involved in Student undergraduate curriculum?
 - a) Yes, talk to Tech and Society and Applied Math and Statistics Department

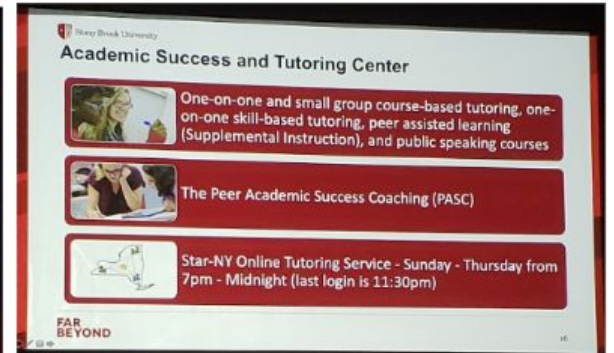
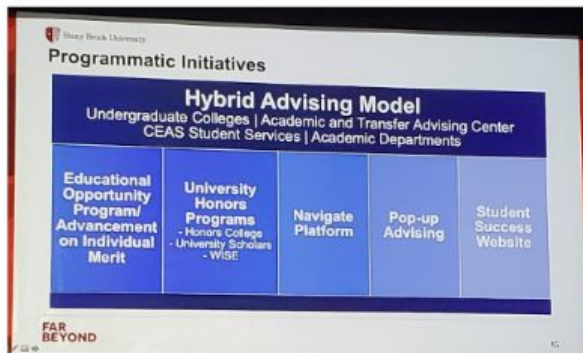
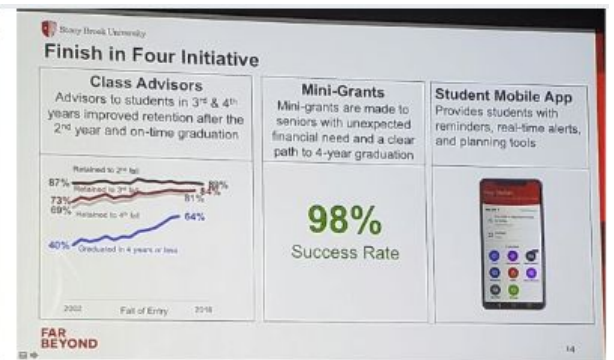
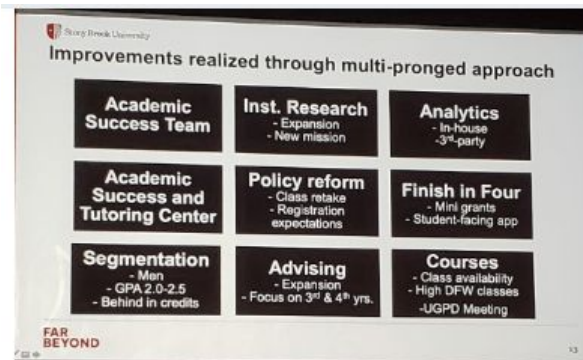
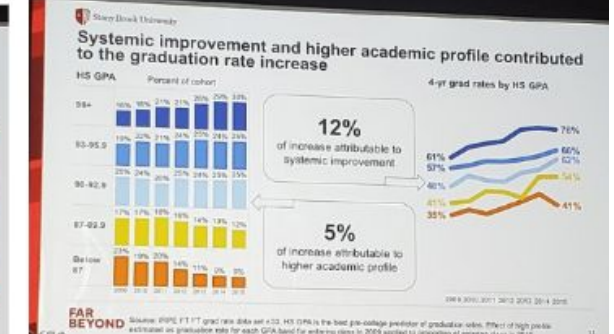
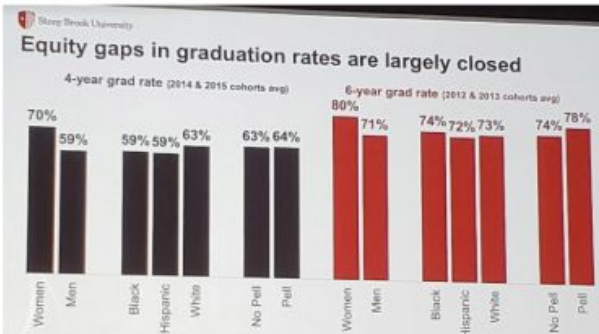
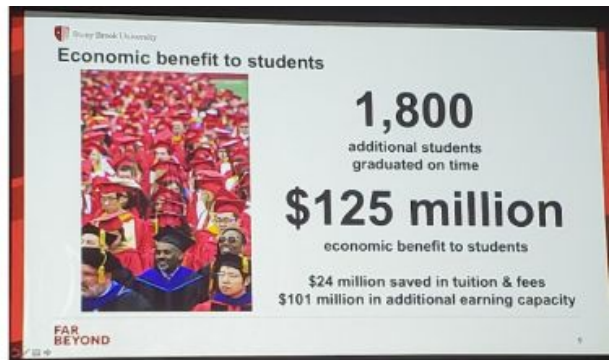
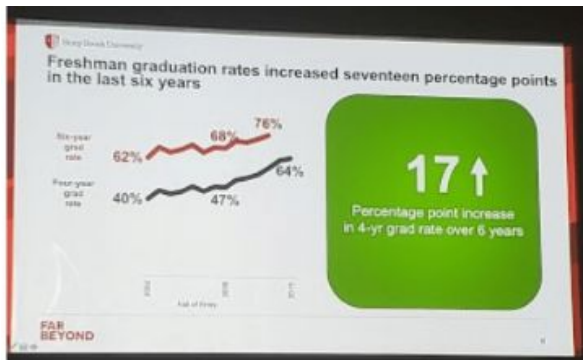


IX. Introduction of interim CIO Charles McMahon

- 1) *Washington Post* reported SBU eligible for a cyberattack via Science hub. Access was blocked from the university network
 - a) Copyright infringement and censorship issues.
 - b) Have begun discussion with the Library
- 2) Question from a student: Is 2-factor authentication going to be utilized?
 - a) Yes, it is being explored.



X. Presentation of Charles Robbins on Student Success; Q & A to be moderated by Hanna Nekvasil, co-chair of Undergraduate Council, and members of EC



- 1) Hanna Nekvasil
 - a) Some male students have financial demands on them by their parents that female ones do not.
- 2) Question - K. Lindblom - Did the lower male graduation rate correlate with majors?
 - a) Yes, major is irrelevant - the disparity crosses all ethnicities, economic status, etc

- 3) Question - A. Drees - This seems to be an issue beyond the university; progress needs to be made there.
 - a) Yes, but we know men utilize available services less than women, we need to change this dynamic by making adjustments here.
- 4) Question - How does sexual orientation affect this?
 - a) Yes - it is the same for students regardless of sexual preference
- 5) Question - How does this issue affect Excelsior students? If they fall off the curve steep consequences
 - a) We don't have that data yet, too early to tell.



XI. UUP Report (C. Kube and E. Quinn)

- A) Carolyn Kube is lobbying in Albany right now
- B) Check out our newsletter, just published
- C) UUP conducting workplace conduct survey to collect info from members
- D) Student debt workshop on 2/13 between 12:30 - 2 in the poetry center, Humanities 2001

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

Adjourn at 5:12 PM