

University Senate Meeting Report

UUP SBU Communication Committee

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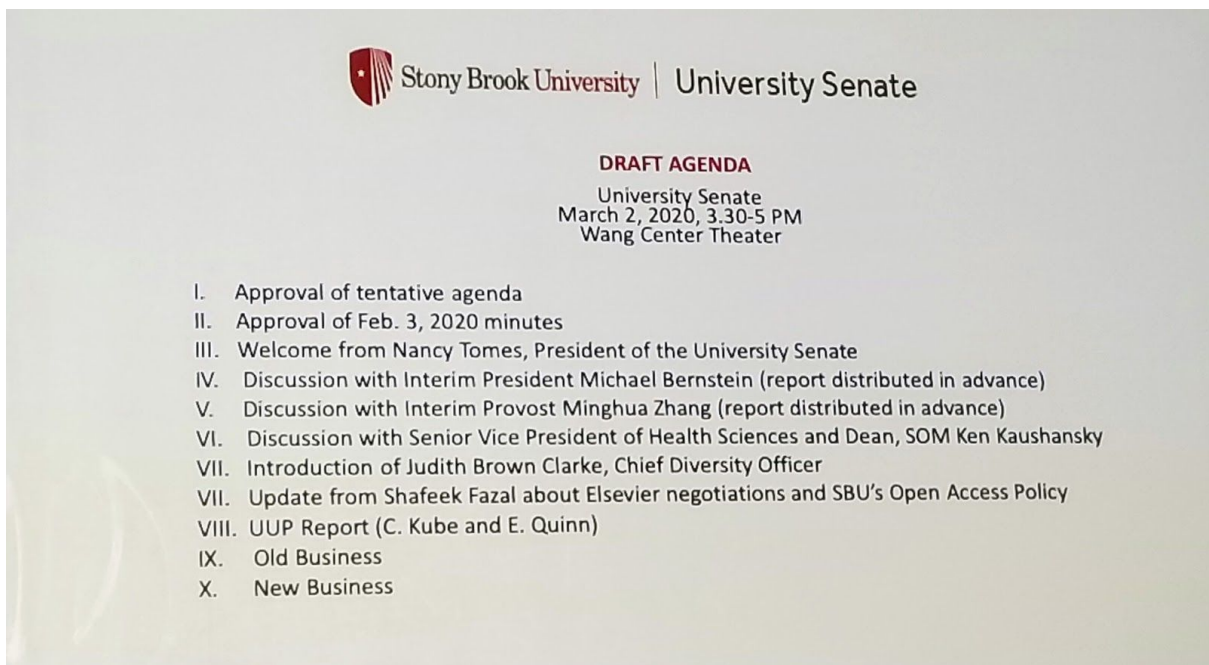
March 2, 2020, 3:30-5:00 PM

Wang Center Theater

Meeting called to order by Senate President Nancy Tomes at 3:30 PM.

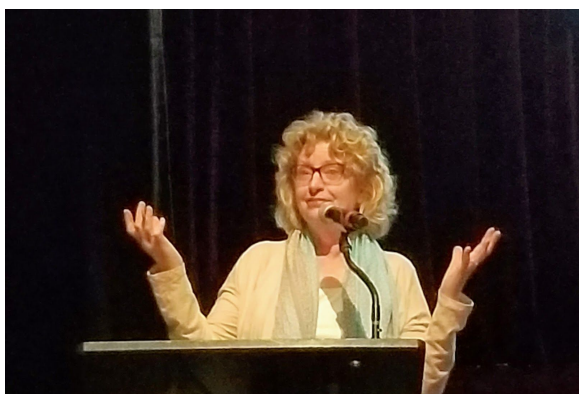
Livestream coverage can be found [here](#).

I. Approval of agenda




Approved, motion passes.

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



- Senate elections - call for nominations coming soon from Nancy Tomes and will include link to Google form nominees to complete.

- Along with openings on Standing Committees and at-large, there are 3 vacancies for SUNY statewide senators.
- University Senate Secretary/Treasurer is also open. Pamela Wolfskill is not seeking re-election.
- Coronavirus
 - Please educate your constituents about the challenges we face.



Coronavirus updates

SENATORS: please pass on the following information to your constituents

BE SURE TO READ the **VIP email updates** from Provost Zhang, the latest of which came 29 February

For the latest campus-wide information, visit these **websites**:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/coronavirus/>

<https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/patientcare/coronavirus>

For specific questions and information please contact the appropriate office:

Student related issues: studentaffairs@stonybrook.edu.

Academic related issues: provost@stonybrook.edu.

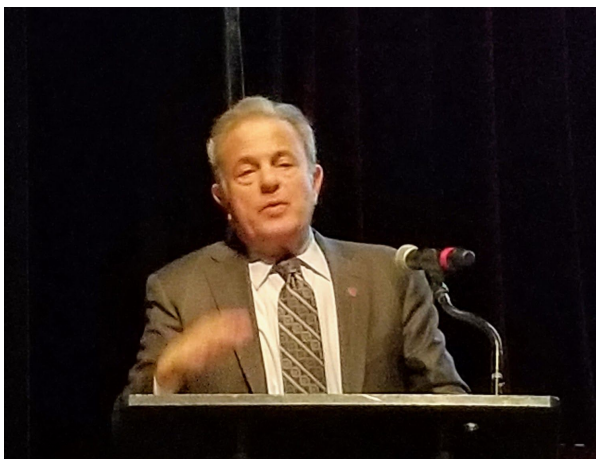
International Travel and immigration services: vis@stonybrook.edu.

FAR BEYOND

III. Approval of Feb. 3rd meeting minutes

- Approved, minutes passed

IV. Discussion with Interim President Michael Bernstein (report distributed in advance)



Leadership changes

- Carol Gomes appointed Chief Executive Officer of the hospital
- Matt Whelan leaving
- Laura Littlefield appointed Dean of School of Journalism
- Nicole Sampson appointed Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

COVID-19

- SBU Website updated regularly

- Travel restrictions - public funds to travel to restricted countries will be scrutinized.
- 36 students were unable to return to campus from China
 - Some taking a leave of absence, some doing online education, or study abroad
 - Some students may not be able to return home to China in May.
 - SUNY leadership encouraging recalling all study abroad students
 - SBU has recalled them already from China, Italy, and South Korea.
 - Enrollment management
 - It is affecting applications coming in, as well as the current trade war. Enrollment from China and East Asia is down.

QUESTIONS

Question - J. Sanders - parents are panicked about overseas travel for summer programs. How might this affect graduation time? Can we offer more summer courses?

Answer - Need to be imaginative about how we develop solutions. NYS education department will have to be flexible with awarding credits.

Question - What do we do if our studies are affected?

Answer - go to our website, contact Dean's office and advisors for impacts and alternatives.

Question - What impact will be on enrollments?

Answer - We are seeing impact on enrollment from Korea and China, already that pre-dates COVID-19 - political climate, population growth is slowing down in these countries too. We worry about quality too - we want to remain selective.

Question - Update on presidential search?

Answer - Council acted to formally to send names up to Albany today. Next major phase now is in hand of trustees and Chancellor

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V. Discussion with Interim Provost Minghua Zhang (report distributed in advance)



COVID-19

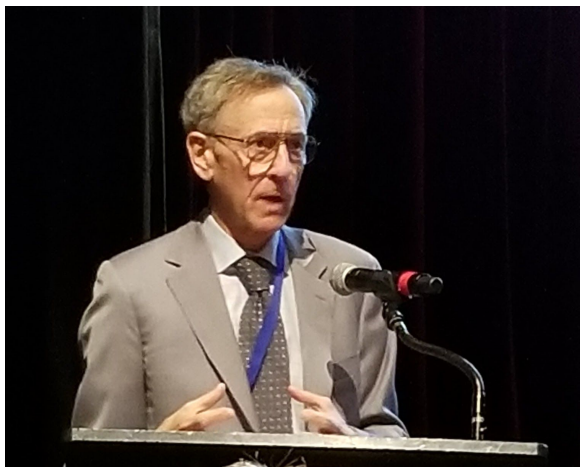
- 60 courses were affected by the 36 students who couldn't return.
- Faculty are willing to help these students with online accommodation
- Partner university in China, Anhui University, is willing to take them as study abroad students too.
- Students can take courses remotely, take at partner university, or take a leave of absence.

QUESTIONS:

Ken Lindblom - Undergraduate revenue sharing program in the fall? What role has Senate had in reviewing this plan? Can we have a report on this plan soon since it will be implemented soon?

Answer - yes, this plan will take effect in the fall. The Deans have reviewed. CAPRA will review.

VI. Discussion with Senior Vice President of Health Sciences and Dean, SOM (report distributed in advance)



COVID-19 - Corona Viruses have been around a long time. Causes mild upper-respiratory issues.

- 2003 it became more of an issue via bat-human transmission in SARS.
- 2012 Camel to human became issue.
- Animal - human transmission is the issue.
- Wuhan outbreak - not sure cause, likely birds.
- Testing is delayed here, we are behind compared to other countries.

It will take quite a while for this to run its

course, likely well into July.

How do we deal with Quarantine?

- Corona looks like influenza, and we are in midst of a bad flu season.
- SBUH will isolate folks, do a test, watch and wait if negative.
- Created a 20 bed unit for isolation if positive tests.

We are a top 100 hospital in US according to latest rankings.
40th Anniversary was just celebrated for opening of SBUH.

QUESTIONS

Question - Advice for airports and airplanes?

Answer - Be careful of where the destination is

- We know the risk pattern is similar to influenza; deaths highest among very old, very young and those with immune deficiencies
- 80% of cases so mild they go unnoticed.

Question - T. Wilson - When will SBUH be able to do COVID-19 tests in house?

Answer - We don't know yet. It would help a lot with control

Question - What is being done regarding the use of masks.

Answer - regular surgical masks will help prevent an infected person from spreading infection. To prevent being infected a special fitted N95 mask is needed. Must be 6 feet away to prevent infection.

Question - Should we encourage students not to shake hands?

Answer - yes! If coughing and sneezing stay home!

Question - Should the new cohort of graduate students coming for fall semester be advised to delay for a semester? Visa process is very complicated.

Answer - SARS took 5 months to run its course locally, so it's going to be a while.

VII. Introduction of Judith Brown Clarke, Chief Diversity Officer



- Been doing this work for 25 years.
- Will work closely with students, faculty, and staff.
- Was vice president of City council in Michigan, so have community perspective.
- COVID-19 creates a lot of diversity issues and issues for international students.
- I come from a STEM background.

QUESTIONS

Question - M. Bowman - What is your solution to LI's geographic segregation? K-12 is very fragmented.

Answer - I am aware of the issues, but they seem to be not unique to just LI. Need to understand the landscape and make educated decisions. We need to be a good neighbor.

Question - A. Flescher- Regarding colleagues of color. Has there been leverage brought to bear to towns and local areas to make folks of color more welcome?

Answer - Politics at work here, meeting with Suffolk County soon to discuss this. We need to have intentional conversations about businesses, housing, etc.

VII. Update from Shafeek Fazal about Elsevier negotiations and SBU's Open Access Policy

Presentation by Shafeel Fazeel, Mona Ramonetti, and Heath Martin.



STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY OPEN ACCESS POLICY

Each University author grants to Stony Brook University permission to make available their scholarly articles (and related data, when possible), in any medium, and to exercise the copyright in those articles for the purpose of making their articles freely and widely available in an open access repository. Authors can request a waiver of the Open Access Policy for any article or work.

-Faculty Senate adopted OA Policy on February 6, 2017

-First SUNY Institution to adopt an OA Policy

-Renewal of policy in 2020

<https://library.stonybrook.edu/openaccess/policy/>

SBU's OPEN ACCESS OUTPUT

- 40% of SBU's peer-reviewed publications are open access
- 442 works have been deposited in SBU's Academic Commons
- 44,878 total downloads (29,429 in past year)
- SBU's policy as catalyst; now 10 SUNY campuses with active policies

RENEWAL PROCESS

- Senate Library Services Committee voted in favor to approve the renewal of the 2017 OA policy in its original form
- Senate Research Committee has also voted in favor to approve the renewal of the 2017 OA in its original form

Elsevier Negotiations - Update Overview

- ScienceDirect access extension through March 31
- Negotiations continue in earnest; nearing completion
- Focus shifted away from “big deal” renewal
- Current focus: SUNY priority titles based on usage, authorship, and citation

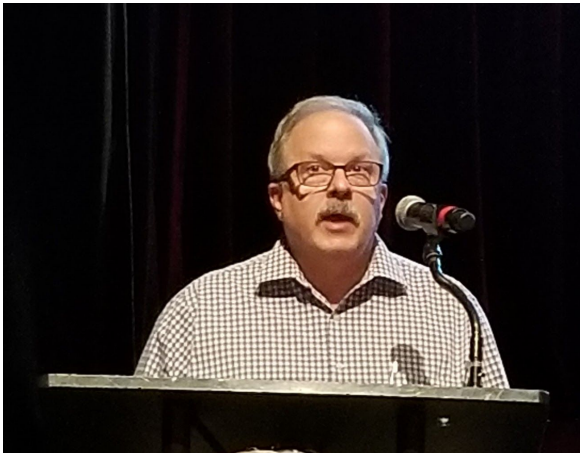
Elsevier Negotiations - Priority Titles

- Prioritize needs of University Centers
- Distinctive requirements of other SUNY institutions also considered
- Negotiated multiplier provides substantial savings for SUNY-wide access to most-needed titles
- Balancing flexibility and cost controls

Elsevier Negotiations - Alternative Access

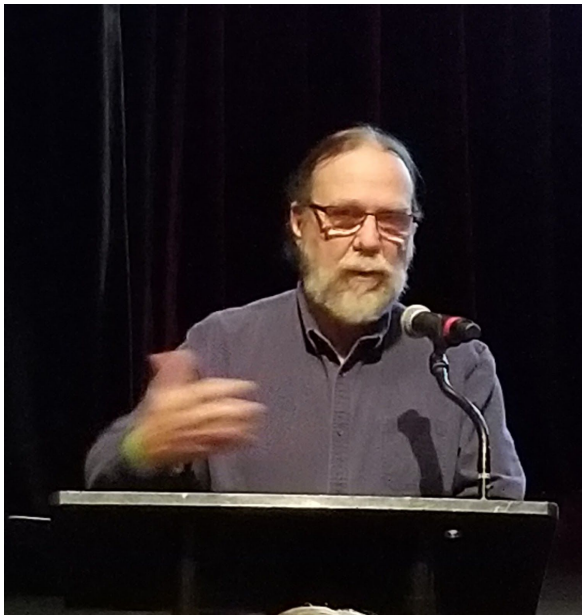
- Open access
- Interlibrary Loan
- Pay-per-view access/reprint charges
- Perpetual access to older articles for some titles
- *Direct institutional subscription*
- *Expedited ILL among SUNY institutions*

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



Bruce Kube

- Compression money came out in 2/5 paycheck, contact HR for questions
- Form on UUP website you can fill out to address issues and concerns. Info is needed for future awards.
- Contact chapter office.



Ed Quinn

- Compression is over 4 years, this was the 1st year
- Changes to the process in the future. Your input is important
- UUP is advocating for a better budget and for SUNY

Upcoming events:

- Student debt clinic in April.
 - Membership meeting 3/9, Fred Kowal will be there.
 - Membership meeting in Southampton as well on 3/5
- Know your rights workshop next week on 3/12

Question - N. Balce - Why was Discretionary and Compression info not published on the chapter website? This is a transparency issue. Accessibility issue for our members who have accessibility issues or cannot make it to the chapter during regular hours.
Answer - Some folks had privacy concerns, so data is only in chapter office. We will look into it.

Question - Is HSC Discretionary and Compression data online?

Answer - Yes, but not in printable format - viewable but not printable.

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

Adjourn at 5:10 PM