University Faculty Senate

Fall Plenary

2015
Summary of Meeting
Available on our senator’s webpage

• Summary document written by Joe Hildreth,
• Powerpoints from the Chancellor Zimpher, Provost Cartwright, and Vice President of Chief Diversity Officer Carlos Medina
• All resolutions and supporting documents
Old News

There was very little discussion regarding:

• Long Island College Hospital (sold)
• Transfer Paths
• Budget

These were major issues of discussion over the past year
This Meeting Was Different

• Instead of a stream of reports from System Administration, we participated in a diversity workshop
• Facilitated by SUNY’s Chief Diversity Officer Carlos Medina
• There was also a smaller diversity workshop at UB prior to the meetings that Joe Hildreth and I attended
Chancellor’s Report

• Although Chancellor Zimpher said she would no longer attend UFS plenaries, she has committed to one per year
• No new initiatives
• Taking the show back on the road
• She will be travelling the state to remind all of continued initiatives
• Focus on SUNY Excel
Our Sector

• Most of or discussion was with regard to declining enrollments
• Combination of demographics, declining enrollment in teacher preparation programs, and encroachment from other sectors
• As part of SUNY 2020, University Centers are attempting to increase their enrollments by 6 – 20 thousand students
Our Sector

- They do not have the capacity for these students and as part of their questions to the Chancellor, they asked for funding for increased classroom space
Our Sector

• As a result of these questions/discussions, we posited the following comment to our listserv

• “They do not have the capacity for this increase and are now asking for funds to build new classrooms. This does not seem to be a good use of "systemness" and is, in fact, what a system should work to prevent.”
Our Sector

- The comment was forwarded to the Executive Committee and will hopefully be a catalyst for discussion.
- We also asked for a separate meeting with the Chancellor and Provost to focus on issues particular to the University Colleges
Our Sector

• In our questions to the Chancellor Zimpher we also questioned the focus of the SUNY Excel matrix on University Centers and urban campuses (e.g. patents and Start Up NY).
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Our Sector

She shared that:

• We started with over 200 items and maybe 17 is too few.

• The process was intended to have a great deal of adaptability.

• Suggested that we have the 17 presidents and 17 senators gather to address what we would prefer to see within the matrix.

• It is the first of a decade of experiments.
SUNY Excels Metrics

Extensive Consultation Over Two-Year Period
System-wide Steering Committee Narrows 200+ Metrics to 17

**ACCESS**
1. Full Enrollment Picture
2. NYS Citizens Served by SUNY
3. Diversity
4. Capacity - programs and courses

**COMPLETION**
5. Completions
6. Student Achievement / Success (SAM)
7. Graduation Rates
8. Time to Degree

**SUCCESS**
9. SUNY Advantage (Applied Learning, Multi-Cultural Experiences, Student Supports)
10. Financial Literacy

**INQUIRY**
11. Total Sponsored Activity
12. Courses in SIRIS that include hands-on research, entrepreneurship, etc.
13. Scholarship, Discovery and Innovation

**ENGAGEMENT**
14. START-UP New York and beyond (businesses started / jobs created)
15. Alumni / Philanthropic Support
16. Civic Engagement
17. Economic Impact
Resolutions

Available on Senator’s page and newsletter

• Resolution on Academic Freedom
• Resolution Requesting Modification of Family Medical Leave Policy
• Resolution on Changes to the Policies of the Board of Trustees w/respect to Officers of the UFS
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