University Senate
6 May 2013
3:30 PM
Wang Lecture Hall 2

I. Approval of the Agenda
II. Approval of the Minutes from April
III. Report from the President of the Senate
IV. Report on D1 Athletics (J. Fiore)
V. Graduate Council/GSO Resolution on Graduate Student Housing
VI. Resolution on Elimination of NSF Support for Polical Science Research (N. Goodman)
VII. USG Resolution on the University Pool (A. Lubitz, D. Cope)
VIII. Two Resolutions from the University Environment Committee: 
              (J. Murray, G. Kaczmarczyk) 
                - the Proposed University Pet Policy 
                - the Feral Cat Network 
IX. Report from the University Faculty Senate Meeting 
             (K. Gillespie, E. Feldman, N. Goodman)
X. Report from the President (S. Stanley)
XI. Report from Health Sciences (K. Kaushansky)
XII. Report from the Provost (D. Assanis)
XIII. Report from the UUP (A. Shertzer)
XIV. New Business
XV. Old Business
XIII. Adjourn
Attachments

April Minutes (II)
Graduate Council Resolution (V)
Resolution on NSF Support for Polical Science Research (VI)
USG Resolution on Pool (VII)
Animals on Campus Policy_P618 Draft 20130503.pdf (VIII)
SBU Cat Network Guidelines_Draft20130426.pdf (VIII)
University Senate
April 1, 2013
Minutes

I. Approval of agenda: approved.

II. Approval of minutes from March 4, 2013: approved.

III. President’s Report (S. Stanley)

- We are the only campus that received $60 Mil from the State as a special item for the Medical Center. Main campus received $30 Mil. The Budget is on schedule. The Governor and Legislature continue to honor the maintenance effort clause in the SUNY 2020 bill.
- Hospitals make up costs associated with the contractual obligations to state employees. Supplemental monies from the legislature to be shared with the three hospitals in the SUNY system will be $27 Mil. There is some controversy about the money since it basically comes from money derived from furloughs across the SUNY campuses.
- Completion of Simons match. There is a website that shows where the money is going.
- Stony Brook will award honorary degrees to Dr. Nora D. Volkow and Terrence Netter in May.
- Dr. Matthew Whelan has been named Interim Vice President for Strategic Initiatives.
- CIO search: recently began the process of interviewing an initial slate of nine candidates. Dr. Craig Lehmann, Dean of the School for Health Technology and Management, will be chairing the committee to identify viable candidates.
- SBU has reached an agreement with the Three Village Soccer Club.
- The Stars of Stony Brook Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, honoring Alan Alda.
- Downstate: SUNY put in for a significant amount of money from the legislature. It was not directly addressed in the Governor’s budget. Downstate is losing $4 Mil. a month.

IV. Senate President’s Report (F. Walter)

- The next University Senate bulletin will be out in the beginning of May.
- Met with the President two weeks ago and one substantial issue was the UUP contract. Faculty members are upset about the elimination of the discretionary salary increases.

V. Proposed creation of two departments in Dentistry (S. Walker)

- Would like to establish a Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology and a Department of Endodontics within the School of Dental Medicine.
• There are two official but non-active Departments, the Department of Dental Health and the Department of Clinical Dentistry. Would like to formally eliminate these two departments.
• The Faculty Council of the School of Dental Medicine has approved the Dean’s proposals.

Vote was called to approve the creation/elimination of two departments: All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

VI. MOOCs: Proposed SUNY contract with Coursera (C. Powell)

• Coursera is unlikely to be the solution to all our needs and expectations and is simply one option we can explore early on.
• Do not want to over invest initially. We should learn from experience on campus.
• Could build our own on-line course system. We could align consortially with a “not for profit” or other entity such as EdX.
• Most of the consortsial efforts seem to require heavy initial investment.
• Coursera is mildly interested in SBU. They have a strong interest in SUNY as a system.
• Some key contract points: Limited in both duration and scope. SBU will continue to own the intellectual property. Non-exclusive - we retain the right to partner with others or experiment with other options. Coursera has the right to “sign-off” on the quality of the content.
• Conceptual types of courses are guided (a full course that we can offer for credit), Open (generally available to the world) and Licensed (we allow another institution to license our content).
• Coursera never “owns’ the content although they have appropriate rights to deliver it or license it to others with out permission

VII. Provost’s Report (D. Assanis)

• On April 22nd, Dr. Eric Rabkin, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of English Language and Literature and of Art and Design at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, will give a presentation on “MOOCs: Been There, Done That, Want It Different.”
• The SUNY 2020 legislature provides Stony Brook with the resources to hire 200 new faculty over a period of five years. In budget year 2011-12 46 tenure-track faculty were hired of which 27 were supported by new resources. For the 2012-13 more than 70 faculty searches are ongoing.
• The Empire Innovation Program is a state-funded grant program. Stony Brook submitted 10 proposals in March.
• Stony Brook submitted 12 proposals for the High Needs Program in February, which, if funded, will contribute to the economic growth on Long Island and New York State.
• Stony Brook University submitted an undergraduate STEM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education Concept Paper to AAU to serve as a STEM Project Site.
VII. Report from the East Campus (K. Kaushansky)

- There are four open Chair positions in the School of Medicine - Surgery, Radiation Oncology, Co-Director Hear Institute and Anesthesiology. About to bring in new Chair of Radiology.
- There are several endowed Chair recruitments underway.
- The SoM is undergoing major curricular reform. Seven subcommittees have been formed. The Middle States accreditation self-study is being completed.
- For the second year in a row SBUH is only one of five LI hospitals (and only one of six largest LI hospitals) that was rated “A” by Leapfrog.
- SUNY Central Downstate fiscal crunch is affecting all hospital network development.
- Groundbreaking for MART/SBUH expansion is planned for late summer. Simultaneous PET/MRI – remodeling in Cancer Center is underway and plans to open in September.

VIII. UUP (A. Shertzer)

- UUP ballots will be mailed to home on April 19th and returned by May 20th.
- Go on-line for information
- There will be a Question and Answer in Tech Park on April 24.

IX. Old Business: no old business


Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Laurie Theobalt
Secretary
Resolution on new “Graduate and Professional Housing” Project on Loop Road

Whereas, as part of planning for future increases in student enrollment, the University has proposed a housing project on Loop Road with projected rents upwards of $1450 per month,

Whereas a majority of graduate students earn less than $2000 dollars per month before taxes,

Whereas the project is titled “Graduate and Professional Housing”, implying accessibility to the graduate and professional student populations at large,

Whereas the monthly rent rate for this new housing project exceeds monthly income levels,

Whereas lack of access to affordable on-campus housing places Stony Brook University is a competitive disadvantage with regards to graduate student retention/recruitment,

Be it resolved that the Graduate Student Organization of Stony Brook University,

Urge the Administration to explore avenues for making this housing project accessible to the majority of the graduate student population, for example, rent reductions or stipend increases

Recommend that the University Senate and the Graduate Council investigate the new housing project and the need for quality, affordable housing for graduate students, as outlined in previous Five-Year Plans
Resolution on the elimination of major types of political science research from support by the National Science Foundation

Whereas, on March 20, 2013 the United States Senate approved an amendment by Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) to the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013 that limits the use of federal funds in the National Science Foundation’s Political Science Program to topics related solely to national security and economic competitiveness;

Whereas, the Congress subsequently passed this bill with the Coburn amendment intact and which President Obama has signed into law;

Whereas, in 1950, when the United States Congress established the National Science Foundation, it wisely mandated that the merit of proposals for funding by the National Science Foundation would be evaluated by independent experts using only rigorous scientific criteria;

Whereas, this principle of expert peer review safeguards the honesty, integrity, and quality of the research process and has served the nation well in advancing research in the physical and life sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, and the arts and humanities;

Whereas, this process of expert peer review has become a model for the world-wide advancement of science in all fields;

Whereas, the elimination of any area of research on the basis of political motivation threatens the integrity of the rigorous scientific review process that the National Science Foundation and other relevant federal agencies use to fund research that advances knowledge and informs debate on public issues;

And, whereas, the restrictions place upon areas of political science research embodied in the Coburn amendment to the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013 is a “slippery slope” can serve as a precedent to render all scientific research potentially vulnerable to political considerations and pressure;

Therefore, the University Senate of Stony Brook University urges the Congress to support and maintain a scientific review process for research in political science through the National Science Foundation by repealing the Coburn amendment;

And further, the University Senate urges its members and members of the constituencies that they represent to contact their federal legislators and to insist that they take action to repeal the Coburn amendment and to ensure that review of research proposals to all federal agencies will be judged solely on their scientific merits and not on political consideration.
Office of the president

Stony Brook University Pool Renovation resolution

| Senate Resolution Supporting the On-campus Pool Renovation |

Whereas, the increased competition for athletic programs (including, but not limited to, Men and Women’s Swim and Dive team), and various student groups, beneficial to the University as a whole, has made Stony Brook University well recognized amongst schools in the country and the world;

Whereas; other universities of comparable size to Stony Brook University are able to provide their students with an on-campus pool for academics (i.e. adaptive aquatics), athletics, student recreation/life and the outside community;

Whereas, access to an on campus pool augments student life by allowing student groups to partake in competitive activities, creating relationships and building camaraderie;

Whereas, Stony Brook University’s ability to attract prospective students and retain current students through its various groups would be greatly aided by access to adequate facilities for these groups;

Whereas, the participation in student-run groups and athletics improves the Stony Brook experience and encourages students to feel connected to the campus community;

Whereas, well-connected students complete their undergraduate education where they are happy;

Whereas, Stony Brook University is an internationally-renowned institution for higher learning, it attracts high-caliber students from places well outside New York and these students pay large amounts of money to be here, if they are unhappy they may select a cheaper alternative or transfer from Stony Brook University due to an inadequate facility; and

Whereas, the undergraduate student body is overwhelmingly supportive of an increase in student-accessible facilities, strongly favoring the on-campus pool renovation.
Be it resolved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government that Stony Brook University and SUNY State Assembly find an acceptable solution and provide adequate funds for the on-campus pool renovation that provides space for student and community recreation, athletics and academics.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Stony Brook Undergraduate Student Government Senate on this 18th day of April 2013.
P618: Animals on Campus

Issued by:

Office of Administration

Approved: May 3, 2013 - Draft

The following restrictions and requirements are established to address the issue of animals on University property, in accordance with NYS codes and regulations. The policy ensures the health and safety of the Stony Brook University community; preserves the integrity of the buildings and grounds; and supports a healthful educational and work environment that respects the rights of individuals.

1. Animals are prohibited from all University buildings, athletic facilities, and outdoor events, unless otherwise permitted by this or other University policy.

2. Domestic animals (any dog, cat or tamed animal intended to be a pet or companion for a person) are permitted on University grounds.

3. The following types of animals are permitted on University property, including University buildings, athletic facilities, and outdoor events, when necessary and appropriate:
   a. Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
   b. Therapy animals for approved clinical sessions, such as through Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), or pursuant to approved polices at Stony Brook University Hospital or the Long Island State Veteran’s Home;
   c. Assistance animals when determined by Disability Support Services to constitute a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability; and
   d. Animals used by law enforcement or emergency personnel in the exercise of their official duties.

4. Any research or teaching activity involving the use of live vertebrate animals must be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) prior to ordering animals and prior to commencement of the activity, and must comply with all requirements of University Policy P204.

5. Fish in containers of ten gallons or less may be used in non-research facilities, with the approval of the Department head. Larger fish tanks that have a connection to the programmatic mission of a department require approval by the Office of Administration, pending a review of other relevant policies, codes and standards.

6. Animal exhibits (petting zoos, rides, etc.) may require an operating permit from Suffolk County Department of Health and must be pre-approved following procedure #4 listed below.

7. Feeding of feral or stray cats and maintenance of related feeding stations and shelters are permitted only by volunteers affiliated with the SBU Cat Network, in accordance with approved guidelines.

8. Individuals who bring animals onto University property shall be held responsible for removal of any feces, the clean-up of any waste products, or any damage (personal or property) inflicted by the animal. In addition:
a. Animals shall not be left unattended and must be on a leash, rope or lead of not more than six (6) feet in length and held by a responsible person. (Note: service animals under the control of their handler may be off-leash, if the leash interferes with the service animals work or the individuals disability prevents its use.)

b. Dogs must have a valid dog license and evidence of current rabies vaccinations.

9. The following activities are prohibited:
   a. Bringing wild animals or animals that are not domesticated onto University Property.
   b. Feeding wild or stray animals, including feral cats, excepts as outlined in #7 above.
   c. Abandoning domestic animals or relocating wild animals onto University property.
   d. Removal or tampering with any animal trap or other monitoring device set by EH&S, the DEC or other authorized agency.
   e. Fishing, hunting, trapping, collecting or otherwise taking wild animals from University property, except as part of the SBU Cat Network approved activities.
   f. Removal of dead animals from campus without approval from the Department of Environmental Health & Safety and/or University Police (note: NYS DEC or other permits may be required).

Procedure

1. Call University Police at 911 or 632-3333 to report any medical emergency or any animal bite or attack.

2. Report violations of this policy to your department head who should contact Labor Relations. The Building Manager and/or Environmental Health & Safety should also be notified of violations to assist with compliance.

3. Individuals (faculty/staff/students) who request a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability must contact Disability Support Services.

4. Individuals planning an animal exhibit must complete the Animal Exhibition Request form and send it to Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) and the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR).

Inquiries/Request:
Environmental Health & Safety
110 Suffolk Hall, Zip = 6200
(631) 632-6410

Disability Support Services
128 Educational Communications Center (ECC), Zip = 2662
(631) 632-6748

Stony Brook University Hospital
Volunteer Services
(631) 444-2610

Long Island State Veterans Home
Therapeutic Recreation
(631) 444-8523

Employee and Labor Relations
291A Administration, Zip = 1015
(631) 632-6140

Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR)
BST Level 1, Rm 223, Zip = 8611
(631) 444-2194

References:
NYS Code: 9 CRR-NY 300-3.1 Prohibited activities. (k) Animals.
Americans with Disabilities Act
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Related Documents:
University Policy P204 – Research and Teaching Activities Involving Use of Vertebrate Animals
Animal Exhibition Request Form
SBU Cat Network Guidelines
P618 Animals on Campus

SBU Cat Network Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be implemented by the SBU Cat Network (Network) and their volunteers who establish and maintain shelters and feeding stations for feral cats.

Network Management

1. The Network shall identify their coordinator, who oversees the Network operations. This information shall be given to EH&S annually, or whenever the coordinator changes.
2. The Network will maintain a list of volunteers and submit the list to the University as updates are made, at least annually.
3. The departments of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) and Campus Operations & Maintenance (CO&M) have been designated by the University to maintain oversight of Network operations, as noted in this policy.

Approved Locations

1. Locations for shelters and feeding shall be reviewed and approved by the University.
2. Shelters and feeding stations shall not be located near immediately adjacent to buildings, loading docks, parking lots sidewalks, bicycle paths, except as approved by EH&S.
3. Volunteers shall only establish shelters and feeding stations in approved locations.
4. An inventory of all locations shall be performed at least annually by the Network and provided to the University.

Shelters

1. The design of shelters shall be approved by the University.
2. Shelters shall only be placed in approved locations.
3. Shelters shall be regularly maintained by volunteers.

Feeding Stations

1. Feeding stations shall be maintained by volunteers on a daily basis.
2. Feeding is done during daylight hours, preferably in the morning, so that the cats can consume food before raccoons and other nocturnal scavengers become active.
3. Food shall be rationed so that food is consumed during the day.
4. Feeding stations shall be checked in the early evening. If surplus food is found, rations shall be scaled back for that colony.

Trapping

1. Trapping shall only be conducted during daylight hours only.
2. EH&S shall be notified of trapping activity.