

I. Motion to approve agenda carried.

II. Motion to approve May 6, 2019 minutes carried.

III. **Welcome from N. Tomes**, University Senate President

- Introduction of the Executive Committee and the University Senate structure.
- Honored the passing of Stony Brook faculty members William Ahrens, David Ferguson, and Mario Mignone,

IV. **Discussion with Interim President Michael Bernstein.**

- Provided a brief description of his goals for his tenure as Interim President. More details are in his address sent out by email [August 1, 2019](#).
- Progress has been made in stabilizing the University budget through review of expenses, growth revenue and operating prudently, and extra revenue received in the form of some tuition and fee increases from the State. In addition, some funding was received to help with retroactive costs associated with the contractual salary increases.
- Modest investments were made in some strategic programs and initiatives for this academic year. These investments were intended to prioritize student success, research, scholarship growth, faculty support, diversity, and inclusive excellence.
- Hiring hold has been partially lifted for administrative and academic units whose budgets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year have been approved; in those units, hiring requests are going directly to the relevant senior officer. Units whose budgets have not yet been approved will be subject to a lengthier search process.
- COSA, the Council of Student Advisors, plans to look at the Stony Brook Curriculum and assess its impact on student learning, including how the new curriculum interacts with other special curriculum initiatives.
- The search and recruiting efforts for the next University Provost have been paused. Minghua Zhang, the distinguished professor in Marine Atmosphere and Sciences, was named Interim Provost.
- At the direction of Rick Gatteau, a CARE initiative is developing to address undergraduate students in need (dealing with mental issues, food/housing insecurity, etc.) through an online support tool called The Red Book and an online portal to access a student support team, replacing the Behavioral Assessment Committee (BAC).

Questions for Interim President Bernstein

- J. Sanders asked about active shooter/lockdown training and educational resources on vaping.
- M. Bowman asked about permanent legal protection for the Ashley Schiff preserve, and reminds everyone of upcoming Oct. 4 celebration.
- H. Nelvaso suggested improvements to SB website – reporting that some students are struggling register for classes and are unaware of what the Registrar’s role is.
- An East campus employee asked Bernstein to explain ‘stable balanced and approved budget’ in regard to the hiring process.

V. **Introduction of Surita Bhatia, new Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.**

Prof. Bhatia sent Provost Zhang's regrets; he is attending the AAU Provosts' meeting. She is excited to be taking over as the new Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.

VI. Report on the Presidential Search from the Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, Judith Greiman, Pamela Wolfskill and Nancy Tomes.

- There were close to 1,000 nominations from the email sent by search chair, Kevin Law. This included alumni, professionals, deans etc. 450 of the names were full time faculty. The Presidential Search guideline established by the SUNY Board of Trustees.
- 93 faculty submitted candidate statements thus agreeing to serve in the Presidential Search Committee. Of those, seven were elected. Congratulations. A town hall will be held at the next University Senate meeting so faculty and staff can provide their input to the faculty members serving on this search committee.
[Faculty members elected to the Presidential Search Committee](#)
- The search committee makes recommendations to the Stony Brook Council, which will make recommendations to the SUNY Chancellor.
- There is a search website that will keep people updated.
<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pres/search>
- Pam sourced the 2008 categories and added the early career category.

Questions re: Search Committee

- J. Sanders asked Greiman about community involvement in search process. She said SUNY Policy dictates who can serve on the search committee and does not include a formal role for a community representative. But she and her colleagues are consulting with the Three Village and Port Jefferson communities to solicit their input and feedback. The Board of Trustees guidelines also include no formal role for the UUP on search committee
- Meg Schedel commented on lack of diversity among faculty elected to the search committee. Greiman said that Kevin Law was taking that into account in choosing other members.
- Tom Wilson inquired about timeline of search. Greiman promised that an email will be sent with more details.
- Malcom Bowman. emphasized need to formalize community involvement - too informal in his opinion. "The University can be a bull in a china shop when it comes to the community." He suggests reinstating community council.

VII. Paula Di-Pasquale Alvarez Reviews 2018 Senate Survey Results

- 1,377 people took the survey last year. 47.4% were faculty, 40.3% were staff, and 12.3% identified themselves as either research or denied identifying a category.
- There was originally a threshold of 25 respondents, but went back to a threshold of 30 after feedback from Dr. Kaushansky. The dean of SoMAS not able to be included due to lack of respondents.
- Childcare, University Police, Office of Undergraduate Education, Career Center, West Campus Electronic Mail, Google App Systems, VP for Advancement, VP for Student Affairs, Office of Sponsored Programs and Grant Processing, and the former Dean of the Graduate School had positive scores of 80% or above.
- Areas of concern: decline in administrative positions, building maintenance, campus parking, professional employees' governance board and notably the overhead charges of grants and indirect cost allocation with a 24% approval rating. Andrew F. commented that nothing seems to change on East Campus to address the complaints made on previous surveys. Paula responded that parking is being addressed



and that the underpass was cleaned as soon as the issue was presented. But someone from East Campus reported that trash and weeds are still a problem there.

VIII.

UUP Report

(Carolyn Kube, HSC Chapter and Ed Quinn, Stony Brook Center Campus Chapter)

- Announced events:
- <https://www.uupsbu.org/calendar/>
- Hearings on the cost of Public Higher Education will be held November 1, 2019 in Nassau County.

IX. Old Business – none

X. New Business – none

XI. Meeting adjourned