I. Meeting called to order by University Senate President Nancy Tomes at 3:30 PM. A motion to approve the agenda carried.

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 as Pamela Wolfskill is not seeking re-election.
- Coronavirus
  - Please educate your constituents about the challenges we face. Links to resources were provided and will be emailed to Senators per recommendation of the University Council.

III. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 University Senate meeting carried.

IV. Discussion with Interim President Michael Bernstein
In addition to his written report, President Bernstein noted the following 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

He also provided COVID-19 updates as follows:
- 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.

Q: J. Sanders - parents are panicked about overseas travel for summer programs. How might this affect graduation time? Can we offer more summer courses?
A: Need to be imaginative about how we develop solutions. NYS education department will have to be flexible with awarding credits.

Q: What do we do if our students are affected?
A: Go to our website, contact Dean’s office and advisors for impacts and alternatives.

Q: What impact will there be on enrollments?
A: 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.

Q: 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.

V. Discussion with Interim Provost Minghua Zhang
In addition to providing a written report, Provost Zhang noted the following:
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.

Q: Ken Lindblom - Regarding the 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?
A: 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
In addition to his written report, Dr. Kaushansky shared the following:
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.

Q: Advice for airports and airplanes?
A: 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.

Q: T. Wilson - When will SBUH be able to do COVID-19 tests in house?
A: We don’t know yet. It would help a lot with control.

Q: What is being done regarding the use of masks?
A: 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.

Q: Should we encourage students not to shake hands?
A: Yes! If coughing and sneezing stay home!

Q: Should the new cohort of graduate students coming for fall semester be advised to delay for a semester? Visa process is very complicated.
A: 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
The new CDO gave the University Senate spoke about her background prior to arriving at Stony Brook. She stated:
   - 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 perspectives.
   - COVID-19 creates a lot of diversity issues and issues for international students.
   - Comes from a STEM background.

Q: M. Bowman - What is your solution to LI’s geographic segregation? K-12 is very fragmented.
A: 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.

Q: 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?
A: 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.
Reviewed the Open Access Policy that the University Senate adopted on February 6, 2017. Noted SBU was the first SUNY Institution to adopt an OA Policy. The 2017 policy was voted in favor of renewal by the Senate Library Services and Research Committees.

XI. UUP Report (B. Kube and E. Quinn)
Representing HSC UUP Chapter, Bruce Kube, noted the following:
• Compression money came out in 2/5 paycheck, contact HR for questions
• There is a form on the UUP website you can fill out to address issues and concerns. Info is needed for future awards.
• Contact chapter office.

Representing West Campus UUP Chapter, UUP President Ed Quinn stated the following:
• 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, Statewide UUP President Fred Kowal will be there.
  Membership meeting in Southampton as well on 3/5
  Know your rights workshop next week on 3/12

Q: 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.
A: Some folks had privacy concerns, so data is only in chapter office. We will look into it.

Q: Is HSC Discretionary and Compression data online?
A: Yes, but not in printable format - viewable but not printable.

XII. Old Business - none

XIII. New Business - none

A motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wolfskill

University Senate Secretary/Treasurer