Upstate Attendees
Senators: Jay Brenner, Kerry Greene-Donnelly, JC Trussel, Susan Wojcik
Alternate Senator: Vicky Meguid
Campus Governance Leader: Dale Avers
Guest: Rich Veenstra

President’s report
Review of threat at SUNY Canton and SUNYs response. Updated us on the SUNY SENATE and BOT with respect to sexual assault and our work on policy to prevent and provide support to students. Student mobility updates, work continues with the Provost’s office. Discussions around inflexibility, lack of waivers etc. Reminder of intellectual property conference and the making diversity count conference. SUNY Voices shared governance, 2nd annual at OCC March 20/21 2015

LICH –Proposal in spring failed, where we are now, Development Company has signed a contract. They will provide health care, but specifics are being dealt with by the AG’s office and comptroller.

PITS is still on contract for the administration of Downstate

A brief review of the current relationship between the Downstate and Albany campuses and notice that Upstate and Binghamton are having discussions about possible collaborations.

SUNY Student Assembly Report- Lori Mould
Continued work to increase communication on SUNY initiatives and ways to share the information with the student body. (Open SUNY, rational tuition, student concerns: academic advisement issues, legislative agenda, student loan interest rates, textbook affordability, on campus child care).

Budget Report- Robert Haelen
Review of the time line in the budgeting process. Starts in October with a call letter, formulate and develops the budget request packages. November presentation of requests after approval by BOT. In January the executive budget is announced, after which hearings take place and changes are made. In March the enacted budget is completed. A 2% growth limit has been enacted. Creating a budget with a 2% growth is difficult with other costs increasing yearly, for example, school aid, Medicaid, SUNY operations. Currently a surplus of 4.2 million dollars is available, It has been allocated. What are we asking for? Salary funding from state for contractual salary increases. Capital request for building and maintenance. Review of the different organizations or departments that are involved in the budget process. System administration is caught between various opposing prospectives.

Networks of excellence- Timothy Kileen
Networks of Excellence have been endorsed by Governor Cuomo. There are 4 networks of excellence, started with a 4 million dollar investment. The four centers are in energy, economics, education and environments. Connecting SUNY’s research capabilities with outside opportunities: federal priorities, industry direction and global grand challenges. A total of 6 workshops were held with 345 participants. Two additional networks will be added arts and humanities, and teaching, learning and assessment.

Provost Report- Alexander Cartwright
Came from Buffalo, continues faculty position at Buffalo and maintains his lab and students there. Seamless transfer- goal is shared, how we get there is still being worked out, over 50% of students are transfer, so this is very important. Work
continues, scheduled for 2015 start, looks like we will be operational within that time frame. Open SUNY- 56 degrees, 17 campuses, on line teaching excellence has 750 faculty members as participants.

Networks of excellence
Teach NY recruitment, selection and cultural competences are areas of specialty; goal is to provide better teachers for New York State.
Sexual assault prevention- Governors’ office issued a 60 day time frame to create a uniform SUNY policy to be used across campuses on Sexual Assault.

Diversity taskforce - Stressed working as a team and keeping our mission student centered.

**SUNY EXCELS- Chancellor**

Reviewed the power of 2020.
How we started and how the program is playing out. A yearly report card shows our growth and success. Performance in key areas, and meeting performance targets in those areas, may facilitate increase support by the state? Others Higher Educational Systems utilize this pay for performance model, and are successful. The Chancellor feels that as faculty and SUNY, we would like to be the ones developing the system, vs. the legislature as was done in the other states. We want to drive the system, not ride the bus. Currently efforts to develop campus specific measures are under way. Much needed as we are all different, over 200 metrics have been discussed; Chancellor would like about 8, so we need to work on this. This will be a reward system not a putative system. Possible measures: Access, Completion, Success, Research & Engagement

**SECTOR session with Chancellor**

**University colleges**
1. Comprehensive colleges worry that they are the largest in number of students, but are losing monies. How can system help them develop sustainability?
   Trying for new programs, but approval time is slow, can you help speed that up

RESPONSE- The layered program approval is frustrating for all. Governor’s policy book, dual program approval is on the Chancellor’s “to do” list - we need to do it together. SUNY is working on being more collaborative.

2. The number of performance funded states is surprising, seems like a slippery slope, once in place, what is assessment and how often can it be changed?

RESPONSE- once this is in process, we will do continuous improvement, so continuous change in the metrics will be needed based on what the assessment tell us.

**University Centers**
Where is SUNY on Presidential Evaluation process?
Libraries are suffering from lack of funding and possible loss of Elsevier Journals.
Stipends for students are very low, even after promises to increase funding.
Salaries for faculty are not increasing, making it hard to recruit, how can you help?

RESPONSE- Looking at the library issue, Chancellor is aware, and it is being addressed. Aware we are under investing in our graduate students; it’s a result of budgetary issues. It is being addressed, but won't be quick.
Faculty salaries, asking for funding in the budget to be able to bring in better recruits. SUNY is looking to increase rewards and awards this year.

**Specialty Statutory**
Issues at Ceramics- continue to be a problem. Where negotiations and what is your vision for this?
Open SUNY- what is business model and role of Statutory in that model?
RESPONSE-Addressed Alfred after last plenary, there is a task force working on this, not done working. The new president seems acceptable of working with us, and this is encouraging. Memo of understanding is being worked on. We want to grow, and it costs to do that, and to support that. Legislative agenda is being developed, asking for specific, isolated funding to do this. Not sure how this will go, but we will ask.

Health Science Centers
With the amount of uncertainty in our sector, we feel vulnerable; compounding this feeling is the request to explore collaboration with other SUNY campuses, what does this mean for our academic health centers, hospitals? Dr. Eastwood informed the faculty that his presidency will end at the end of 2015. Faculty and staff are concerned about a Presidential search, when it will start and the projected time frame to have the new president in place. Specifically, concerns regarding the appointment of a president are present, as was done at DS. Comments on these concerns?

RESPONSE-Affiliation conversations are integral to the future of UMU and DMU. Some sort of strategic affiliation would be beneficial. Chancellor sees the benefit of having more basic sciences being in a doctoral college. If it is a benefit added situation- go for it, if not we won't. Chancellor stated, “It is hard to run public hospitals in the environment we live in”.

Campus leaders
Administrative lines coming to campus without and faculty input. Some of these are taken from within, leaving departments short and spread thin? Can you facilitate discussion between faculty and presidents? Middle States Accreditation standards states that faculty should have input into budget, faculty governance is not consistently involved throughout the system. How can you facilitate better participation? Seamless transfer, faculty feels it is eroding their autonomy. Waiver requests are denied without explanation. Are you willing to address these issues and concerns?

RESPONSE- Issues are faculty governance, Chancellor can TELL them, do we think that works? It is a process, she is encouraging it. Chancellor recognizes it is a challenge. Letters have been sent to presidents regarding review process. She has requested criteria to be used in the process regarding shared governance. Lets look at this, but we need data, how many, where, programs etc. It will be looked at.

Technology
Will presidential review metrics include diversity and will search look for proof of that? Students are seeing financing issues, increasing tuition, and steady TAP creating the TAP gap. Is SUNY addressing this issue? Open SUNY is not funded, and it requires faculty retraining and support. It is part of the business plan and we are asking for funding to support the faculty. Comments?

RESPONSE- Yes is the short answer, the list of candidates, must be diverse. Campuses will not get permission to start the interview process, if diversity efforts are not seen. Diversity in the pool is required and will be monitored.

We are using rational tuition to cover the gap, but it’s tough. We have to fight to keep rational tuition each year; we are asking that it is renewable. We are asking for TAP to be increased.

Faculty Council of Community Colleges Report - Tina Good, President
Tina shared brief updates on the community colleges, emphasized desire for seamless transfer, and demanded structured rationale for waivers of such.

CUNY University Faculty Senate Report – Terry Martell, Chair
Terry shared a perspective of CUNY’s new chancellor that was overall positive. He is interested in increasing executive salaries to improve recruitment and retention, noting that the increase in the Chancellor’s salary from 500K to 750K was influential.

UUP – Fred Kowal, President
Fred encouraged us to vote in general elections on November 4. Expanding diversity is a big initiative of UUP. Capping interest rates of student loans is as well.

**Resolutions**

1. **Resolution on Sexual Assault Prevention** – PASSED unanimously
2. **Resolution Requesting All State University of New York Campuses Offering Athletics Create Programs to Support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Athletes, Coaches, and Staff and to Prevent Anti-LGBT Bias and Discrimination in Athletics** – PASSED as amended by executive committee with notable dissent regarding concerns for compliance with NCAA policies and state laws.
3. **Resolution on SUNY Excels Performance Measurement System** – PASSED as amended by executive committee with charge from UFS President Knuefper to solicit feedback from faculty to sector representatives by the end of November in preparation for BOT meeting in January.
4. **Resolution on Affordability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials** – PASSED as amended by executive committee and UFS
5. **Resolution on Reduction on the Maximum Working Hours for Student Assistant**s – PASSED as amended by executive committee and UFS
6. **Resolution in support of expanding SUNY undergraduate research and creative endeavors** – PASSED unanimously

**Committee Reports (expedited due to time)**

Diversity and Cultural Competence Committee – Noelle Paley, called attention to written report

Ethics and Institutional Integrity Committee – Chuck Moran, presented by Joe Marren, encouraged campus response to survey

Governance Committee – Peggy De Cooke, encouraged timely submissions of resolutions to executive committee

Graduate and Research Committee – Rosalyn Rufer, reminded about 2/10/15 Graduate Research conference

Operations Committee – Tom Sinclair

Programs and Awards Committee – Bruce Leslie, presented by Dennis Showers, query about faculty control of award nominations

Student Life Committee – Kelley Donaghy, focusing on student health and safety

Undergraduate Committee – Dan White, called attention to written report

**Other/new business**

1. **Resolution on Naloxone Availability** – PASSED unanimously