

5/20/20 Annual Faculty Meeting

SUNY University Faculty Senate Report, Pam Youngs-Maher, Senator

1. **University Faculty Senate**, UFS for short, role -- the “official agency through which SUNY faculty engage in governance of the University.”
 - A. The role of UFS is to promote policies in the *SUNY System*, shape policies, serve as a liaison and communication link between campuses and the SUNY Chancellor.
 - B. Upstate’s Faculty Council is the faculty governance body for Upstate Medical University.
2. **Membership:**
 - A. faculty &/or professional staff elected from each of the State operated campuses (formula)
 - B. Staggered terms, annual election; to run for senator, ***you must be a voting member of the Upstate Faculty or a non-faculty Professional Staff member for a minimum of 12 months.***
 - C. UFS has 56 Senators; Upstate holds 4 Senator Seats (4 Alt’s); 3 yr term, renew once
 1. Faisal Siddiqui, COM; Alt = Dale Avers, CHP
 2. Lisa Oliver, COM; Alt = Matthew Capogreco, Cancer Center
 3. Pam Youngs-Maher, Ed Comm; Alt = Paul Johnson, CHP
 4. Chris Tanski, COM; Alt = Michael Longo, IMT
3. **Sectors of UFS:**
 - A. University Centers (e.g. Binghamton, U @ Buffalo, U Albany, SB)
 - B. Health Science Centers (Upstate, Downstate, Stony Brook, U @ Buffalo, Optometry)
 - C. Comprehensive Colleges (e.g. Oswego, Cortland...)
 - D. Specialized and Statutory (e.g. ESF, Cornell – 3 statutory; Maritime...)
 - E. Technology and Agriculture (e.g. Canton, Morrisville)
 - F. CGL = Campus Governance Leader
4. **The work of UFS:**
 - A. UFS holds 3 Sector Meetings and 3 Plenaries each year. [sectors above, Thursday night Plenary Friday and Saturday]
 - B. UFS has 2 Officers (Gwen Kay is Pres, from Oswego, and Keith Landa is VP/Sec, Purchase)
 - C. In addition to the officers, each sector has a rep, and an alternate
 - D. A total of 9 committees carry out the work of UFS.*[see list on next page]
 - E. The exec comm = 2 officers, convener of CGLs, 5 sector reps, 9 Cm chairs, Chancellor’s Rep
5. **Major Accomplishments**, Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020
 - A. SUNY Online, focus of UFS and UUP
 - B. Gen Ed Task Force formed to analyze and restructure BS Gen Ed requirements
 - C. Seamless Transfer – pathways from AS to BS degrees, 11 priorities (inc. Bio, Nurs)
 - D. Presidential Searches – advocating for open (vs. closed) searches
 - E. Student Mental Health & Wellness – a priority for UFS and SUNY Student Senate
 - F. Health Science Sector – advocate for Chief Officer of Academic Health Science and Hosp.
 - G. Uncertainty abounds: Budget, enrollment, course delivery, clinicals & practicums
 - H. Resolutions –
 - i. campuses to establish EID Cm, annually affirm EID values
 - ii. New contract with Elsevier (reasonable price, access to digital pubs)
 - iii. Policies on investigations on research misconduct
 - iv. Advocacy for SUNY Budget (MOE, Cap Imp, St Health...)
 - v. MAJOR revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules (basically overhauled)

6. Business, Priorities for the 2020/2021 Year:

Items A through F from the 2019 – 2020 list will carry over; COVID-19 put much on hold

UFS Standing Committees:

- Communications
- Equity, Inclusion and Diversity
- Ethics and Institutional Integrity
- Governance
- Graduate Academic Programs and Research
- Operations
- Programs and Awards
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies