

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 1, 2018

The fourth Faculty Senate meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year was called to order by Prof. Jonathan Karp, Judaic Studies, at 11:47 am.

Prof. Karp expressed his sorrow over the tragic loss of two of our students and his hope that these tragic events will ultimately help unite our campus and enable us to become a safer and more loving community.

1. Minutes

After no discussion, the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Obituary Notices

Prof. Karp notified the body that Dean Sharon Brehm (Harpur College) and Prof. Richard Leighton (Economics) passed away. Prof. Karp asked for a moment of silence to remember these colleagues.

3. Approval of Degree Candidates

3,489 graduates have filed an application for degree (472 graduate students; 3,017 undergraduate students). Motion was made and seconded to approve. List was approved by a unanimous hand vote.

4. Curriculum

a. Musical Theatre BFA

This is a new program for our consideration. Prof. Tommy lafrate, Theatre, reported that three years of research was done to prepare this program proposal. The program contains classes (acting, singing, music, and dance) and flexibility for our graduates' success in this program.

Prof. Fernando Guzman, member of the Faculty Senate Diversity Committee, reported that the Diversity Committee has reviewed the proposal and feels it comes shor472.54 428.35 Tm[.,)h]T.

Prof. Iafrate noted that there is room for diverse groups. He thought there was something that was included in the proposal, and the department will be doing recruitment at various schools focusing on minorities. Most of the program's work cannot be done without diverse faculty and students for musical offerings. Prof. Guzman did admit that there was a clause about student diversity, but there was nothing about faculty diversity (what the current situation is, how they propose to implement) and that this is the type of statements the Diversity Committee was looking for in the proposal. Prof. Iafrate had assumed that the program would not be approved without these additional positions anyway.

Prof. Karp noted that the Senate can make conditional approval with modifications from the Diversity Committee or make a formal approval. A motion was made and seconded for conditional approval and to improve the proposal as suggested by the Diversity Committee. The Theatre Department is asked to work with the Diversity Commit

Prof. Guzman noted that the Diversity Committee does support this resolution, although it does agree that the Senate statement does come up short and feels it is necessary to explicitly ask for respect of campus activism.

Prof. Guzman presents the following resolution from the Diversity Committee.

“The Binghamton University Faculty Senate stands in solidarity with the local chapter of UUP and supports their “Resolution in Support of Campus Activism”. Moreover, we urge the SUNY-wide Faculty Senate to stand with statewide UUP in support of campus activism. Copy of this motion, and the Binghamton Faculty Senate statement of Nov. 28, 2017 on “Our Mutual Principles of Free Expression and Inclusiveness” are to be sent to UUP President Frederick Kowal, Chancellor Kristina Johnson, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.”

Prof. Massey agrees with this resolution. Prof. Karp voiced concern about some of the “whereas” statements that remain unsubstantiated. It would certainly be terrible if these allegations were substantiated, but the Senate must do its due diligence to provide evidence regarding these incidents. This proposal has different parts that are complex

