

MINUTES OF
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 28, 2017

Prof. Jonathan Karp called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:46 am in UU Old Union Hall.

Libraries – Chaired by Prof. Sol Polachek. The Library Committee faced two major issues: review the student utilization of the library and find ways to expand awareness, and how to increase study space.

Professional Standards – Chaired by Prof. Gale Spencer. This committee had no business again this year.

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Academic calendar – Prof. Karp encouraged Senators to look at the Calendar Committee’s annual report where the principles and criteria for the calendar are laid out. We do have faculty representation on this committee and the committee is aware of our concerns (i.e. daycare, international students, winter and summer breaks, funding issues).

- b) Binghamton University Faculty Senate statement “Our Mutual Principles of Free Expressions and Inclusiveness”

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pursuit of rational inquiry and the value of expertise.

In the face of such moral and intellectual threats, we, the Faculty Senate at Binghamton University, affirm our commitment to the ideal of inclusiveness and to the fundamental values of free expression and the critical evaluation of truth claims. We therefore oppose prejudicial bans on travel and immigration. We denounce the vilification of the press, the suppression of scientific research, and the erosion of American institutions dedicated to education, culture, the arts, and the environment. As scholars and educators, we commit ourselves to standing against these destructive trends and upholding our core traditions rooted in free intellectual exchange and the promotion of democracy and human rights.

After no more discussion, the statement was approved with 5 abstentions.

6. Reports

- a) Prof. John Starks, Chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee – tabled to next meeting.

After no more business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Present: Nancy Abashian, Elizabeth Anderson, Anne Bailey, Christina Balderamma-Durbin, Anne Brady, Cassandra Bransford, Zu Yan Chen, Leon Cosler, Daniel Thomas Davis, Patricia DiLorenzo, Jill Dixon, Mark Fowler, Leslie Gates, Sarah Gerk, Joseph Graney, John Havard, Brendan Hennessey, Noah Henry, Stephanie Hess, Sharon Holmes, Olivia Homes Moroni, Mattias Iser, Andy Jean-Baptiste,