



Minutes of the Meeting November 7, 2017

The third regular meeting of the Boston University Faculty Council for the 2017-2018 Session was held on November 7, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 404, 595 Commonwealth Avenue, Rafik B. Hariri Building. J. Robb Dixon, Chair of the Faculty Council, presided over the meeting.

Officers and Committee Chairs								
X	Dixon, J. Robb	Chair	QST	X	Heineke, Janelle	Faculty Policies	QST	
X	Leone, Cataldo	Chair-Elect	GSDM		Park, Hee-Young	Graduate Programs	MED	
	O'Keefe, Eileen	Secretary-Treasurer	SAR	X	Carroll, John	Media/Communication	COM	
X	Hamilton, James	Academic Freedom	MED		Henderson, Andy	Research	MED	
X	Darr, Kathe	Awards	STH		Walsh, Joyce	Student Policies	COM	
X	Smith, Don	Compensation and Benefits	QST	X	Luebke, Jennifer	Sustainability	CAS	
X	Brady, Steve	Credentials and By-laws	LAW	X	Kinraide, Rebecca	Teaching Resources	CAS	
X	Cozier, Yvette	Equity and Inclusion	SPH	X	O'Brien Hallstein, D. Lynn	Undergraduate Programs	CGS	
Representatives and Alternates								
	Abbott, Jodi (R)	MED		Fox, Matthew (A)	SPH		Neville, Robert (A)	STH
	Andres, Andy (R)	CGS		Garik, Peter (A)	SED		Nouh, Hesham (A)	GSDM
	Asikis, Charilaos (A)	GSDM		Gopalan, Srikanth (A)	ENG		Oberhaus, Stephanie (R)	MED
	Berry, Susan (A)	CELOP		Greenfeld, Liah (R)	CAS		Palumbo, Carole (R)	MED
	Bourgault, Rebecca (A)	CFA		Greiman, Virginia (A)	MET	X	Pasto, James (R)	CAS
X	Brandwine, Joel (R)	CFA	X	Hoecherl-Alden, Gisela (R)	CAS		Perls, Thomas (R)	MED
X	Chang, Charles (R)	CAS		Hopper, Clay (A)	CFA	X	Pesanelli, Kelly (A)	SAR
	Clarke, Bobbi (R)	QST		Horenstein, Mark (R)	ENG	X	Quatromoni, Paula	SED
	Corrigan, Yuri (R)	CAS		Jafarzadeh, S. Reza (R)	MED		Reed, Marnie (R)	SED
X	Cronin, Shea (R)	MET		Kealy, Sean (R)	LAW	X	Roberts, Steven (R)	GSDM
	Daly, Chris (R)	COM		Kinraide, Rebecca (R)	CAS		Schulman, Bruce (R)	CAS
X	Daniels, Sharon (R)	CFA		Kirby Jones, Alison (R)	QST		Sen, Kamal (R)	ENG
	Dano, David (A)	GSDM		Klinger, Julie (R)	Pardee		Smith, Donald (R)	QST
	Dashoush, Nermeen (A)	SED		Leavitt, Neal (R)	CGS		Sohn, Woosung (R)	GSDM
	Davies-Heerema, Theresa (R)	MED	X	Liu, Ching-Ti (A)	SPH	X	Sullivan-Soydan, Anne (R)	SAR
X	Decosimo, David (R)	STH	X	Lopez, Luz (A)	SSW		Unger, Barry (R)	MET
	di Robilant, Anna (A)	LAW		Luebke, Jennifer (R)	MED	X	Ünlü, Selim (A)	ENG
X	Dogru, Tarik (R)	SHA		Lynch, Shawn (A)	CGS		Vandenberg, Kathleen (A)	CGS
X	Doherty, Mary-Jane (R)	COM	X	McLaughlin, Donna (R)	SSW	X	Volk, Robert (A)	LAW
	Downes, Edward (A)	COM		Metheny, Karen (A)	MET	X	Webster, Kathryn (A)	SAR
X	Ellenwood, Stephan (R)	SED	X	Miller, Margo (R)	CELOP		Will, Leslie (R)	GSDM
	Elwy, A. Rani (R)	SPH		Mody, Makarand (A)	SHA		Wippl, Joe (A)	Pardee
X	Feely, Rich (R)	SPH		Mulvihill, Maggie (A)	COM		Zumwalt, Ann (R)	MED
X	Fernandez-Val, Ivan (R)	CAS		Nentwich, Lauren (R)	MED			

Guests: Kenneth Elmore, Associate Provost and Dean of Students; Erika Geetter, General Counsel; Stephen Burgay, Senior Vice President of External Affairs

I. Secretary's Report: Approval of the Minutes

There being a quorum, the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Faculty Council meeting were approved unanimously.

II. VOTE: School of Law Dean Search Advisory Committee

On October 23, 2017, University Provost Jean Morrison issued a call to form a Dean Search Advisory Committee for the School of Law. Pursuant to the Faculty Handbook, the Council elects two (2) faculty members to serve on the Committee who hold appointments external to the school subject to the search. A call for nominations was sent via email to the Faculty Assembly. The following faculty members stood for election to the Committee: Ana Albuquerque (Questrom); Ran Canetti (CAS Computer Science); Margaret Errante (GSDM); Flora Sam (MED); Virginia Sapiro (CAS Political Science); Graham Wilson (CAS Political Science).

The Faculty Council elected Virginia Sapiro to serve on the Committee. Ana Albuquerque and Ran Canetti tied for the second seat. A second ballot was distributed to the Council members and they elected Ana Albuquerque to the Committee.

III. Report: Sustainability Committee

Jennifer Luebke, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, informed the Council that the Task Force on Climate Action will submit its report to the Board of Trustees for a vote in December. The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Faculty Council endorse the adoption of the Climate Action "BU Bold" plan and forward a statement to the Board of Trustees before it votes on the matter. The Faculty Council heard the report of the Task Force at the September 12 meeting and at the Faculty Assembly on October 25. Committee Chair Luebke reviewed the high-level recommendations of the Climate Action Plan.

A general discussion followed. A Council member said more information is needed about the cost of the BU Bold plan, as the three plans in the report do not list the cost. A Council member noted that the MED campus is at high risk in the city's flood plain and aggressive action is needed. Another Council member said that the BU Bold plan is an opportunity for the University to be a local leader on climate action, as it is more ambitious than the City of Boston plan.

Committee Chair Luebke said she will present the proposed text of the endorsement to the Faculty Council at the December 5 meeting.

IV. Guests: Kenneth Elmore, Associate Provost and Dean of Students; Erika Geetter, General Counsel; Stephen Burgay, Senior Vice President of External Affairs

Dean Elmore moderated a discussion about protections of free speech on campus. Dean Elmore shared some of the concerns that students have brought to him and informed the Council of the outreach his office does to promote civil discourse among the students. Ms. Geetter explained the role her office plays in protecting the rights of faculty and students. Mr. Burgay explained the role his office plays in managing public relations for the University. Dean Elmore presented a few hypothetical examples for discussion and the Council considered scenarios that pose a threatening environment for students and scenarios that pose a threat to free speech.

Chair Dixon thanked the guests. The guests told the Council that they are welcome to call their respective offices if they have questions or concerns.

V. New business and adjournment

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen O'Keefe
Secretary-treasurer