Executive Membership Meeting  
Minutes of November 4, 2010

Convener: Janiece Jankowski, Chair

Recorder: Kathleen M. Kielar, Secretary

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes October 7, 2010

2. Report from the Chair, Janiece Jankowski

2. Guest speaker Ryan McPherson, Associate Vice President for Government & Community Relations

3. Area Meeting updates

4. Question of who/what entities on campus should be included as part of the Professional Staff Senate

5. Updates from the chair and co-chair

Minutes:

1) Meetings from 10/7/2010 minutes approved

2) Janiece and Ann Marie attended the listening sessions for the President. The meetings were unrepresentative of the campus population. Sue Wuetcher of UB Reporter did go to all three meetings. Sue reported that 50-60 attendees at all sessions---professional staff members were in attendance, faculty were under-represented. Topics included that the next president should recognize his/her interest in the community. He or she should be familiar with state institutions and their challenges. Marsha Henderson made a point that when John Simpson became President that he didn't fully realize how much of a leadership role he had to play in the community as a result of being President at UB. After his first year, Simpson certainly became more aware of his role in the community and the region. For more information on the Listening Sessions, please see the UB Reporter news article located at http://www.buffalo.edu/ubreporter/2010_11_04/listening_sessions

2) Janiece introduced Ryan McPhearson, Associate Vice President for Government & Community Relations. Ryan gave is indepth perspective on the recent elections and what it all means to UB. He also gave an update on the community relations aspects on the South Campus.

Discussion revolved around the generalization of what is going on politically at the national level (US House of Representatives, Senate, gubernatorial positions) and NYS politics. His sense was that continual upheaval will exist as long as people are upset with the politicians. Republicans picked up 50 seats in the house. Nancy Pelosi is no longer the Speaker of the House, but has transferred to Boehner. Pelosi will be the Minority leader.
What does all this mean to UB and higher education? Accountability and shrinking the size of the government is a common message at the National and State political level. As a result this probably means less funding coming to the university. PELL grants are already in serious trouble. More kids are going to school but there is not enough money to help kids go to school. The new majority has made it clear that it does not want to fund this. NIH and NSF funding is also a problem for UB. The biggest implication is that it will be very difficult to pass something in the house with a split party. We need to rely on compromise.

US Senate – The Democrats didn’t lose as much as they thought they might. There really isn’t much change here in many ways. There are some changes as to the people, but not really a change as far as Democrats versus Republicans.

Gubernatorial elections – There was a substantial shift to Republicans. We have a net swing to over ten. This is critical for reapportionment. Governors play a pivotal role in this process. We see the Republicans as having a huge advantage.

NYS Senate – We don’t see the Democratic majority staying in power, but we see the Republicans gaining power. Senator Stakowski took 19% of the vote for himself but he wasn’t running. There are three seats that are in play. This has significant impact on UB. We are pleased that Cuomo won, but we really don’t know him. Cuomo has stated his support publically for UB2020, but has not stated his support for PHEEIA. Time will tell what this means and whether it will help UB. Cuomo will have to learn the art of negotiations and compromise. His career and election campaign does not reflect his need to do this.

3) Janiece and Ann Marie reported on the Area Meetings. Area II is asking to have a get together for funding area meetings. Motion passed to have $50 a year for each area budgeted. ($250 a year for all area meetings)

Area III had their meeting at Average Joes. There were about 30 people who showed up.

Area IV had a successful meeting of about 20 professionals at Berts.

Matt said we are all invited to attend their area meeting on Tuesday, 10:00 at Squire Hall. They will have speakers.

Area II will have something in December. A meeting and a tour of the earthquake center perhaps?
4) Janiece brought up the issue of who constitutes a Professional at UB and who can be a part of PSS. Janiece went over who was to be included. Should subboard, schumeisters, student associations and part-timers be included. We have a hard time tracking these. We get the lists for state and RF. Decision was to have the Policy and Governance Committee come back with a decision.

Discussion also evolved around the ability of the PSS to get accurate lists of professional employees out of HR. Nancy believes this can be tightened up with Amanda Brown.

5) Updates from Ann Marie on Committees/Events

Diversity Event went on today. They did a fantastic job. Lots of food and entertainment. The diversity calendar is going to be updated by Chrisy.

If people have events, we need a photographer. Photos provide important reminders of what we do or what we’ve been involved with.

We have our web site updated with President Simpson, Area Events, Meeting with Tripathi. Web team is looking for new chair (Pam Rose will be stepping down).

Greener Shade of Blue will be updated differently on the website to give them a bit more notoriety on the site. They are doing great things and we want people to know what they are doing.

Welcoming Reception attendees got a 5X7 picture with the new employees with President Simpson.

If anyone is interested in a photography position for PSS, please let Ann Marie know.

University Gala is this Saturday.

Financially Safe events, hosted by the Staff Development and Services Committee are being held on November 16th and December 9th.

Dennis Black will be at the November meeting. UB Green join us briefly to give a short update regarding recycling.

January will be Scott Weber.

Dean of the College Arts and Sciences search will be going on. It will be an internal search. For that search committee, has PSS put names forward to sit on this committee? Janiece will make sure they know of our interest to have someone to sit on the committee.

Meeting adjourned.
## Professional Staff Senate Meeting

### Attendance

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 04, 2010  
**General Meeting**

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<th>Area</th>
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| **Area I** | Kristina Costanza  
Fred Covelli  
Attended: Matt Deck  
Allison Garvey  
Tracey Gawron |   |
| **Area II** | Rebecca Goodman  
Candy Morris  
Barbara Mulvenna  
Christine Stumm  
Cassandra Walker-White | Thomas Albrechcinski  
Donna Banach  
Oliva Emrich  
Irene Fleischmann |   |
|           | Excused: Paul Hutchings  
William McDonnell  
Katie Menke  
Cathleen Morreale  
Lawrence Osswald |   |
| **Area III** | Attended: Susan Ott  
David Parisi  
Sarah Piraino  
Margie Poniatowski | Emily Chabala  
Attended: H. Williams Coles, III  
Ellen Dussourd |   |
|           | Attended: Phyllis Floro  
Attended: Brian Haggerty  
Jeff Kujawa  
Jennifer Morrison  
Mary Pitts |   |
|           | Attended: Amy Wilson  
Laura Wirth |   |
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Area IV
Absent  
  Michael Behun  
  Chris Cheung  
  David Foti  
Excused  
  Jennifer Frys  
Attended  
  Jim Gordon  
  Joann Greenszweig  
  Christopher Keough  
  John Mondo  
  Jason Parker  
  Marie Peterson  
  Laura Pruski  
  Eileen Sirlanni  
  Cherle Williams  
  Laura Yates  

Area V  
Attended  
  Laura Barnum  
  Nancy Battaglia  
Absent  
  Amanda Brown  
  Donna Czesco  
  Carlos Gallardo  
  Sharon Harpega  
Attended  
  James Jarvis  
  Keshia Lanier  
  Louise Lougen  
  Tracey Murphy  
  Michele Poitras  
  Angie Rzeszut  
  Carol Van Zile-Tamsen  
  Lee Zak  

Officers  
Attended  
  Janice Kiedrowski  
  Kat Kielar  
  Ann Marie Landel  

SUNY Senators  
Absent  
  David Ballard  
  Henry J. Durand  
  Jennifer Gottdiener