Members Absent:

*The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.*

I. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as amended (to remove the Sustainability Office presentation).

II. Minutes of Sept 25, 2017 were approved unanimously.

III. FA Chair’s Report—
   1. My term as FA Chair is up in May: contested elections are a sign of a robust institution (the term is a two year term, term-limited to two terms)
   2. Charge for the task force on free speech, civil discourse, and peaceful assembly working its way to the floor for approval
   3. Gwen Kay (HIS), University Faculty Senate President, visited FAEB at the end of September on her tour of SUNY’s campuses.

IV. Reports of Councils, Committees, and Task Forces
   A. Personnel Policies Council (Elizabeth Schmitt)
      A. PPC met on 10/2 and discussed guiding principles for department personnel documents. PPC thanks mathematics and CLAS for forwarding their documents.

   B. Priorities and Planning Council (Richard Back)
      Council met on September 8, 2017 and discussed proposed program revisions to the Public Justice BA with Interim Chair Paul Tomascak.

      Council met on October 6, 2017 and approved revisions to the Public Justice BA degree program including a change in the program name to BA Criminal Justice.

      We discussed proposed program revisions in Cognitive Science with Craig Graci, and approved revisions to the Cognitive Science BS, BA and minor programs.

      We considered a proposal for a change in department name from “Department of Vocational Teacher Preparation” to “Department of Career & Technical Educator Preparation” and voted to accept the proposal. The nature and process of department name changes was also discussed, and forwarded to the FA Executive Board for clarification.

      Provost Furlong shared with the council the listing of approved tenure track searches which are underway.
C. Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Withdrawn course
POL306 (American Immigration Politics) was removed from the list of approved courses after the request of the chair of the political science department.

New and Updated courses
The council reviewed and approved the following new and updated courses:
- HDV 305 (new): Brain, Development, and Behavior
- CSC 212 (update): Principles of Programming
- CSC 221 (update): Foundations of Computer Science
- CSC 241 (update): Abstract Data Types and Programming Methodology
- CSC 322 (update): Systems Programming
- CSC 344 (update): Programming Languages
- CSC 365 (update): Data Structures and Algorithms
- CSC 375 (update): Parallel Computing
- CSC 380 (update): Software Engineering
- CSC 385 (update): Software Quality
- CSC 420 (update): Graphical User Interfaces
- CSC 435 (update): Web Services
- CSC 436 (update): Software and Safety Requirements Engineering
- CSC 444 (update): Compiler Construction
- CSC 445 (update): Computer Networks
- CSC 454 (update): System Simulation and Virtual Worlds
- CSC 480 (update): Software Design
- CSC 495 (update): Software Engineering Seminar I
- CSC 496 (update): Software Engineering Seminar II
- POL 306 (new): African American Political Thought
- POL 386 (new): Vote Oswego

Prerequisite changes
The council approved the following prerequisite changes:
- GST 498C: Cooperative Education
  - Current prerequisite(s): GST 101 or MGT 494
  - New prerequisite(s): 2.5; Junior/Senior Status, GST 101 or MGT 494 or an approved Co-op preparatory course offered by an academic department as a pre-requisite. Transfer students must have completed one semester at SUNY Oswego prior to Co-op, International students on an F-1 visa must have written authorization from their international student advisor from the International Education Office prior to participation in a Co-op.

- DNC 360: Anatomy for Dancers
Current prerequisite(s): DNC 201 or DNC 204 or DNC 210
New prerequisite(s): DNC 112 or DNC 116 or DNC 118

ANT 338: Prehispanic Civilizations of Mesoamerica
Current prerequisite(s): Nine social and behavioral science hours including ANT 100 or SOC 100.
New prerequisite(s): Upper division standing or instructor permission

ANT 339: Archaeology of the American Southwest
Current prerequisite(s): Nine social and behavioral science hours including ANT 100 or SOC 100.
New prerequisite(s): Upper division standing or instructor permission

ANT 341: Archaeology of the Old World
Current prerequisite(s): Nine social and behavioral science hours including ANT 100 or SOC 100.
New prerequisites(s): Upper division standing or instructor permission

V. Elections
A. During elections Elizabeth Schmitt nominated Kevin White for an at-large seat on PPC. Liz Schmitt informed the assembly that K. White is housed in anthropology, as is a current member of PPC, which would normally violate the conditions of Article XII, section 4(c) of the bylaws that no two people from the same department can serve on a council. However, White's duties are in the American Studies (AMS) and Native American Studies (NAS) programs, and so PPC, under its duties articulated in Article XX section 3(f), wants to make an exception. There were no objections and White was elected.

The following people were elected:

Personnel Policies Council (at large) Kevin White, ANT, term 17 – 19
Student Issues and Concerns Council (at large) Mark Zelcer, PHL, term 17 – 19
Student Issues and Concerns Council (at large) Lindsay Bell, ANT, term 17 – 19
Undergraduate Curriculum Council (School of Ed) Maria Murray, C&l, term 17 – 18 (sabbatical replacement)

VI. Dance Minor—approved unanimously

VII. Vote on General Education Statement on American Sign Language—passed as amended 24 for, 8 against, with one abstention

Chris Lalonde discussed the motion, born in response to SUNY’s mandate this summer that approved American Sign Language (ASL) courses shall be used in the SUNY General Education Requirement (SUNY-GER) foreign language category by all students, regardless of major.

While the foreign language category is an option in the SUNY-GER deemed met with an approved 101-level approved foreign language course, it is a requirement in SUNY Oswego's general
education (GE 21) deemed met with successful completion of an approved 102-level foreign language course or its equivalent.

In order to comply with the mandate while maintaining our policy of having foreign language be a required category in GE21 that is met with successful completion of an approved 102-level* foreign language course or its equivalent, the resolution states (a) that SUNY Oswego now recognizes American Sign Language in the general education foreign language category for all students and thus removes the stipulation that ASL courses can only be used by students in teacher education programs or by students in programs leading to careers where there is likely to be significant contact with the hearing-impaired; and (b) that all SUNY-GER approved American Sign Language courses, including those approved and taken prior to Fall 2017 may be used toward fulfilling the GE 21 102-level foreign language requirement.

John Lalande, chair of modern language and literatures, spoke against this motion, noting that it does not meet the learning outcomes of learning a foreign culture and language. While deaf culture may be a distinct domestic culture in the US, it is not a foreign culture. Rather than debate the nature of the word “foreign”, we amended the motion to include the following statement under therefore, SUNY Oswego: “recognizes that this is an external mandate and there is disagreement about whether ASL is a foreign cultural experience”. The motion passed as amended 24/8/1.

VIII. Vote on Carnegie Classification 2020 Reapplication Endorsement—approved unanimously

IX. Vote on Scholars at Risk Membership Endorsement—approved unanimously

XI. New Business
Sarfraz Mian announced the upcoming School of Business Conference Business Incubators in New York State: New Strategies for Socio-Economic Renewal, part of the Conversations in the Discipline grant, on Monday, October 30th from 8:30 – 4. More information can be found here.

Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm.