

SUNY University Faculty Senate Update

SUNY, College at Oneonta – Winter 2012

“The primary purpose of the University Faculty Senate is to represent faculty on academic matters at the System level. In order to do this effectively, we must have Senators who communicate the activities of the University Faculty Senate to their local campus faculty in a timely and accurate manner. The Faculty Senator must also communicate the concerns of the local faculty to the Senate in an efficient manner.” (*University Faculty Senate Governance Handbook* 2008, “Guidelines for University Faculty Senators”: Appendix 2, p. 52)

Since a great deal of information passes across the desks of your UFS representatives & local governance leaders, it is sometimes difficult to know how much (and how often) we should share it all. If we forwarded each note we received, far too much “work-in-progress” reporting would clog your in-box; however, updating you by way of senatorial representation at our College Senate is not always ideal either. Sifting the pertinent from the merely interesting is routine, but there is still a great deal of information to impart in these short presentations. Too, your informed opinion on pending action items is sometimes needed at times when our Senate is not in session. For these reasons—and to fulfill our charge—we will provide *occasional* updates via e-mail when it seems relevant and necessary. Our goal is to alert you to pending actions by your university-wide governance body: to inform without comment. Please continue to check the *University Faculty Senator’s Corner*, where links & past Plenary Reports provide context & detail (<http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/senate/Fac%20Senator.asp>). Ideally, representatives will voice concerns at our College Senate meetings; you can always contact one of us, of course, if you prefer. (Contact info appears at the end of page 2.)

News Items of Recent Interest

NYS & SUNY

Governor Cuomo’s State of the State

<http://thedailystar.com/localnews/x1120122634/State-of-the-State-Text>

Reactions to Governor Cuomo’s State of the State message

<http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/103806/cuomo-sos-react-omatic/>

Governor Cuomo’s State of the State: Education Goals

http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/103817/cuomos-education-goals/?utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=twitterfeed

Chancellor Zimpher Outlines SUNY’s 2012 Agenda

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wned/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1891975/WNED-AM.970.NEWS/SUNY.to.Emphasize.Tech.Transfer.in.2012..Cut.Administration>

Transcript of Chancellor Zimpher's State of SUNY Address

http://www.suny.edu/chancellor/speeches_presentations/SOU2012.cfm

Three Lucky SUNY Schools Could Win \$20 million grants

<http://www.innovationtrail.org/post/three-lucky-suny-schools-could-win-20-million-grants>
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Academic Quits SUNY Board OF Trustees over Charter Schools

<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2012/02/01/academic-quits-suny-board-over-charter-schools/?KEYWORDS=SUNY>

Chancellor Zimpher Speaks to Legislators about College Preparedness and Remediation Costs

<http://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2012-02-06-81286.113122-Student-preparedness-focus-of-higher-ed-hearing.html>

Higher Education & SUNY Campuses

The Disappearing Faculty (SUNY Cortland DSP on Trends in Academia)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-j-spitzer/the-disappearing-faculty_b_1240204.html

'Badges' Earned Online Pose Challenge to Traditional College Diplomas

<http://chronicle.com/article/Badges-Earned-Online-Pose/130241/>

Basing It All on Graduation Rates

<http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/basing-it-all-graduation-rates>

\$70M in remedial work for unprepared students saps SUNY budget

<http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/70M-in-remedial-work-for-unprepared-students-2932210.php>

AAUP Balks at CUNY Transfer Initiative

<http://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2012/01/18/aaup-balks-cuny-transfer-initiative>

Jamestown CC (SUNY) Offering Degree in Environmental Science

<http://www.sunyjcc.edu/node/17887>

SUNY Canton Announces Record Enrollments

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20120206/NEWS05/702069931>

SUNY Canton unveils new Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology degree

<http://northcountrynow.com/news/suny-canton-unveils-new-bachelor-science-applied-psychology-degree-047623>

HCCC announces transfer option to online SUNY Canton program

<http://www.uticaod.com/news/x1980201701/HCCC-announces-transfer-option-to-online-SUNY-Canton-program>

EduCause and the Future of Open Universities / Online-only Higher Ed

<http://www.educause.edu/blog/jberg/JulyAugust2010EDUCAUSEReviewRe/211005>

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