

State University of New York
University Faculty Senate

Operations Committee
Report to the Senate
Spring, 2009 Plenary
University at Buffalo

The Operations Committee met by video conference on April 2, with video links from Buffalo, System Administration, Stony Brook, and SUNYIT. Additional participants joined from Rochester and Old Westbury via phone.

Wendy Gilman provided a detailed budget update. Aside from the budget numbers, items of particular note included deferral of all the flexibility recommendations; land use issues will be engaged separately as part of the task of a state commission. The contract colleges at Cornell and Alfred have been separated from the rest of the SUNY budget and have been separately lined out. The enacted budget reduced the state allocation to the university by \$7.8 million anticipating that the amount could be generated by sweeping 10% of the Research Foundation funds generated by federal grants. The graduate tuition increase enacted by the Board of Trustees increased tuition by 14% for residents and 21% for non-residents but the enacted budget assumes a 21% increase for all graduate students. At this time it is not known what the Board of Trustees will do with respect to instate graduate tuition.

Work continues on the Rational Fiscal Policy update. Wendy Gilman's office is compiling data updates for the charts in the original report and that process is expected to be completed shortly. The committee agreed to continue work over the summer and to hold a video conference in late July or early August.

Data used for the previous edition of the Longitudinal Faculty Profile has recently been received. Lack of access to this data had stalled work on this project. With the previous data in hand, substantial progress on an updated report is expected during the summer.

The committee continues to struggle with the issue of inadequate funding for libraries. The committee expects to have a report detailing campus by campus trends in library funding early in the next academic year.

Committee Members:

Chair, Ronald Sarner - SUNYIT
Sara Jo Grethlein - Upstate Medical University
Joe Petrick - Alfred State College
Runi Mukherji - SUNY Old Westbury
Thomas Hoey - University at Albany
Malcolm Sherman - University at Albany
Werner Sbaschnik - SUNY Old Westbury
Nancy Battaglia - University at Buffalo
Michael Yeomans - SUNY Potsdam
Edward Warzals - Empire State College
Eugene Katz - Stony Brook University
Wendy Gilman - System Administration Liaison
Joe Fox - System Administration Liaison
Carey Hatch - System Administration Liaison