***The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.***

1. **Approval of Agenda –** The agenda was approved as distributed.
2. **Approval of Minutes –** The minutes of the September 9, 2013 and February 10, 2014 General Faculty meetings we approved as distributed.
3. **President's Report – Deborah F. Stanley** (See PowerPoint)

Freshman applications have increased consistently over the years 2010-14. As of fall, the number of full time continuing/returning students has generally been constant (by design), with a slight increase from 2013 to 2014. The number of returning students is not the highest ever but it is strong.

Multiple orientation sessions were held during the summer for new students

ROI Initiative: A new Mobile App is almost ready which will help students to monitor their degree progress.

Strategic Planning – focus on impacts; need to find evidence to prove the following:

* + SUNY Oswego students and graduates achieve greater success and personal fulfillment on every measure, providing sources of intellectual capital, professional experience, ethical decision making, civic participation and volunteer contribution.
	+ SUNY Oswego’s academic quality is recognized, and sought after and heralded.
	+ SUNY Oswego’s reach into local, regional, national and international communities supplies prosperity, equity, self-sufficiency and success to those venues.
	+ SUNY Oswego’s exceptional institutional effectiveness increases resources, flexibility, academic capacity and institutional success.

Upcoming ceremonies – Torchlight and commencement. Gowns are available for faculty and staff at no charge.

1. **Faculty Senate Report – Gwen Kay**

Since UFS is holding its Spring Plenary this coming weekend, there is nothing new to report.

1. **UUP Report – Lori Nash**
* Current Chapter Leadership

Officers:

President: Lori Nash

Vice President for Professionals: Bill Canning

Vice President for Academics: Maureen Curtin

Secretary: Winfield Ihlow

Treasurer: John MacDonald

Officer for Contingents: Cindy Fuller

Grievance Chair for Professionals: Bill Canning

Grievance Chair for Academics: Jim Early

Affirmative Action Designee: Deborah Curry

Executive Board:

*Voting Members*: Officers + Bruce Altschuler, Larry Fuller, Steve Rosow, Steve Abraham, Charlie Itzin, and Bill Schleinitz

*Non-voting Members with Voice*: Christine Body, Barbara Beyerbach, Mary McCune, and Don Vanouse

Delegates to the Statewide assembly:

*Academic Delegates*: Lori Nash, Maureen Curtin, Cindy Fuller, Bruce Altschuler, Larry Fuller, Steve Rosow, Steve Abraham, Deborah Curry, Charles Itzin, Chuck Spector, Jim Early, Virginia Fichera, Georgina Whittingham, and Alok Kumar

*Professional Delegates:* Bill Canning, Bill Schleinitz, Christine Body, and Winfield Ihlow

* Chapter committees

*Committee on Professional Evaluation:* 3 UUP and 2 Management

UUP: Patrick Devendorf (Chair), Tammy Anderson, and Alicin Welsh

Management: Byron Smith and Rick Kolenda

*College Review Panel:*Glynn English (Chair), Michelle Bandla, Sara Blaney, Allen Bradberry, and Sandy Kyle

*Affirmative Action Committee:* Deborah Curry (Chair), Maureen Curtin, Christy Huynh, Renee Landers Jennings and Mike Paestella*.*

*Safety and Health Committee:*Christine Body, Bill Canning, John MacDonald

* Staff Providing Support to Chapter

NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist: Pete Ludden

Chapter Assistant: Jennifer Emmons

* Department Representatives – I am looking to build the UUP departmental representative structure. Ideally, there will be one UUP representative in every department. If you are interested in being the UUP representative for your department, please let me know.
* Contract (July 2, 2011 – July 1, 2016) – The contracts have been printed and sent to people’s home addresses. I encourage you to read the contract, so you will know your rights and the benefits to which you are entitled.
* New Leaders Workshop, Cooperstown, March 28-30, 2014 – On March 28 there was a meeting for UUP Chapter Presidents to meet with Campus Governance Leaders of the SUNY University Faculty Senate. We discussed cooperation between UUP and SUNY University Faculty Senate, edTPA, Start Up New York, Open SUNY, contingents and diversity.
* Education Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) – There is an urgent need to take action regarding the edTPA, a new student teacher performance assessment developed by Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity that has become a requirement for new teacher certification.

UUP's concerns: The State Education Department rushed to implement the edTPA and failed to make the new criteria available to faculty in enough time to allow them to adequately prepare students who will be graduating this May. It is anticipated that many students who have successfully completed their teacher preparation programs, and been sanctioned by experienced educators as prepared to enter the teaching profession, will be denied teaching certification because they did not pass the edTPA. New York and Washington are the only two states that have made the edTPA a requirement for teacher certification. There is no research to support claims that the edTPA identifies quality teachers any better than existing certification requirements.

UUP is particularly concerned that a private, profit-seeking corporation is involved in the scoring of the edTPA, Pearson, Inc. There are 3 sections of the test, each section requiring a fee of $100. Students pay an additional $100 to retake any section that they fail.

*ACTION:**Please go to the UUP website and click on the “Take Action” button on the right side to send letters to your New York State representatives. You will be asking them to support legislation that delays the implementation of edTPA until July 2015.*

* Start Up New York – I have been given a draft of Oswego’s Campus Plan. Once Oswego formally submits the Campus Plan to the Chancellor, all stakeholders (including the six SUNY Oswego unions) will be given a copy of the Plan. At the expiration of thirty days, Oswego will submit the Campus Plan, along with any written responses from the stakeholders, to the NYS Commissioner of Economic Development (ESD).
* Open SUNY – SUNY hopes to make Open SUNY the largest public online educator by 2017. SUNY is involving private, profit-seeking corporations such as Coursera and McKinsey Consulting to help with this goal.

UUP continues to be concerned about Open SUNY as it is not clear that a rapid expansion of online courses is consistent with high-quality online education and student success. Although online education does increase access to higher education for many, there are some students who need an educational environment that stresses social interaction with faculty and peers. UUP is concerned that many students of color, low-income students, academically underprepared students, and first-generation college students will lose access through online learning.

* Contingents – UUP supports the National Mobilization for Equity, a new coalition focusing on organizing May Day and other activities designed to increased public awareness of the large numbers of teachers in higher education who are working on contingent contracts. These teachers are typically paid very poorly and have little opportunity for advancement.

On May 1, May Day, UUP Oswego Chapter will have a table set up in the Campus Center to highlight the plight of contingent academics.

* -Performance Evaluation Workshop – UUP is sponsoring two training opportunities to learn more about developing and conducting performance evaluations and performance programs -- one for supervisors (May 5, 12:45 – 2:15 p.m., 315 Park Hall) and one for members (May 8, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., 114 Campus Center). Pete Ludden, NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist, and Mary Hoben, Senior Human Resources Associate, will be guest speakers.
1. **Faculty Assembly Chair Report – Joan Carroll**
* SUNY Voices Conference on Shared Governance – held in Albany, April 23-4; paper on our Task Force model, written (primarily) by Gwen Kay, was well received.
* UFS Spring Plenary – will be hosted by Empire State College, May 1-4 in Saratoga. Senator’s report will be posted on FA website.
* Faculty Senate Standing Committees – deadline to apply for position(s) is May 9.
* Fall meeting schedule will be out soon; venue will possibly be Room 175 Shineman.
* FA representatives for fall – please check the circulating list and make any corrections.
* Commencement is one of our obligations as faculty members. Please plan to participate.

1. **Unfinished Business** There was no unfinished business.
2. **New Business**
3. Amendments to Faculty Bylaws:
* Article XIX, Graduate Council membership revisions Approved
* All Articles: Add Electrical & Computer Engineering and Human Development departments and School of Communication, Media and the Arts Approved.
1. Election of Faculty Assembly Chair -- Joan Carroll has been reelected for the coming year by a vote of acclamation.
2. Approval of Candidates for degrees:
3. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – presented by Richard Back Approved.
4. School of Business – presented by Richard Skolnik Approved.
5. School of Comm, Media, and the Arts – presented by Fritz Messere Approved.
6. School of Education – presented by Pamela Michel Approved.
7. Division of Extended Learning – presented by Jill Pippin Approved.
8. Division of Graduate Studies – presented by David King Approved.

***The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.***