

University Faculty Senate

Committee on Ethics and Institutional Integrity

ANDREW FITZ-GIBBON, Chair

Winter Plenary January 16-18, 2020, Albany

Committee Charge

The Committee will study and make recommendations to the SUNY University Faculty Senate President regarding issues of professional behavior, ethical conduct and institutional integrity as they relate to faculty, students, administrators and other personnel in SUNY and higher education. The committee will gather information and serve as a resource for the Senate and the University. The Committee will not serve as a disciplinary body nor will it take part in judicial proceedings.

Committee Members

Sarah Battaglia, Stony Brook
Sampson Blair, U Buffalo
Anne Bongiorno, Plattsburgh
Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Cortland
Kathleen Powderly, Downstate
Nancy Quay, System Liaison

Bill Robins, Empire State
Genevieve Birren, Cortland
Grace Zhao, Farmingdale
Carlie Phipps, SUNY Poly
Jason Whitehead, Morrisville

Summary of committee actions since previous plenary

1. The committee met twice via Zoom since the last plenary.
2. The committee is continuing to work on the feasibility of “ethics advisory boards” on each campus. For the Cortland pilot study, CGL Maggie DaVita and Ethics Committee Chair Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, met with the senate steering committee regarding a strategy for implementation. They have met to date three times with senior administrators including the provost, head of human resources, and the deans of the college’s three schools. Cortland faculty senate and administration are all committed to the pilot program. At Cortland an agreed upon name is now “Mediation and Reconciliation Service”—faculty led for faculty. Bill Robins is working simultaneously with people at Empire State. Timeline: spring 2020 Cortland will accept applications to become faculty mediators, provide training, and begin the two-year pilot study beginning fall 2020.
3. The ethics committee continues its work on a white paper regarding ethical issues of Open Educational Resources. Timeline: the paper will be ready for the spring plenary.

Outcomes/queries for UFS Senators to share with their campus

We would be happy to continue to receive any comments on ethics advisory boards, and ethical issues relating to Open Educational Resources.