

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

**October 10, 2014 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.**

- **Call to Order: meeting commenced at 3:02 p.m.**
- **Senator Carson** welcomed SUNY Buffalo State's new President, **Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner**
  - **Senator Carson** gave brief vitae of **Dr. Conway-Turner's** career, which has led her to Buffalo State.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

- The Senate meeting agenda was approved.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 9/12/14 were approved.

### **4. Year of the Innovator-(YOTI)**

- **Dr. Rita Zientek**, Dean of the School of the Professions gave a report on what the **YOTI** means and introduced student and entrepreneur, **Julia Hardick**, a fashion and textile technology major. **Julia** started her own online clothing company and handcrafts all of her designs.

### **4. Remarks of the President**

- **President Conway-Turner** gave her report. **Dr. Conway-Turner** briefed the Senate on her meetings with many department and groups to get to know the campus community, these meetings will continue for several months. She also gave a brief synopsis of her recent SUNY President's meeting in Albany, where she was able to discuss specific issues about Buffalo State with the Chancellor Each of the 64 campuses were able to converge in sectors to discuss like issues.
  - The president discussed goals for 2014-15 in relationship to our Strategic Plan.
  - **Dr. Conway Turner** also invited everyone to attend the inauguration activities from October 14<sup>th</sup> commencing with her installment on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - The Public Safety Management report (Margolis-Healy) will be finalized soon with a final report by October 22<sup>nd</sup>; to which she will provide a summary to the Senate Agenda Committee meeting, and one provided to the entire Senate at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.
- **Provost Ponton** updated the Senate on dropout rates online vs face to face:
- **Vice President LeVine**
  - Update on SUNY Assessment
  - Follow-up on question from the September Senate meeting regarding handicapped parking spaces and quantity available. **VP LeVine** said that the department of Justice requires us to have 51 and we have 96, so Buffalo State is in compliance. No

handicapped spaces are removed during construction.

- **Vice President Payne** gave several updates:
  - Reported on services for transfer students living at Canisius College (CC).
    - Interactive events are planned for both Canisius and Buffalo State students; ie; bbq and other large scale events. Transportation will be provided.
    - The shuttle from CC dorms runs from 7am-11pm M-F and the same on Sundays.
  - Second preliminary report on profile of incoming freshman class.
    - Record number of applications this year.
  - Updated the Senate on the Tobacco Free Policy.
    - Weigel is providing nicotine free alternatives to help with cessation of smoking.
    - Workshops planned for those wishing to stop smoking
    - Literature and special banners to share the information with the campus community.
    - Staff encouraged to promoting the Tobacco Free initiative to all.

**6. Remarks of the Chair, Dr. David Carson (full remarks in the full Senate Minutes)**

- The Inauguration of President Katherine Conway-Turner on October 21<sup>st</sup> will be a celebration! The Chancellor and Lieutenant Governor will be in attendance, along with two SUNY Trustees and other college and university presidents. Senator Carson closed by saying he will be looking forward to working with the president.

**7. Committee Reports**-full details will be in the full Senate Minutes

- **Student Welfare Committee, Senator Ashley Lanning, Chair**
  - Approval of committee roster and overview. The roster was approved by the Senate.
  - **Senator Lanning** briefed the Senate on her committee's goals for this year.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- None.

**9. New Business**

- UFS Senator Joe Marren gave brief report from the recent UFS planning meeting.
- There was some brief discussion.

**10. Constituent Questions (Full Questions/responses in full Senate Minutes)**

- There were several Constituent Questions. Two poignant CQ's below:
- **CQ: Senator Carson** was provided a CQ in advance of the meeting; asking that since the decoupling at Butler, is the other position another administrative position/
  - **R: President Conway-Turner** said that this information would be provided at the November Senate meeting, by **VP Fuster**.
- **CQ: Senator Stewart** asked the president if she was able to discuss any issues (specifically with the Chancellor) that Buffalo State has (i.e. shortage of FT faculty) at the SUNY meeting, and are they aware of our issues?

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- **R: President Conway-Turner** responded by stating that this was her first SUNY president's meeting and that specific questions on our campus were not discussed.
- **VP Payne** added comments to this **CQ** regarding SATs.
- **Provost Ponton** also commented.

**11. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Next Senate Meeting: Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, in Butler 210.**