

**• COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •**  
**SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft**  
**November 8, 2013 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order: meeting commenced at 3:03 p.m.**

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

- The Senate meeting agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 10/11/13 were approved. Senator Johnson noted that he he would seek clarification of the response to his remarks from Vice President Payne.

**4. Remarks of the President**

- **Provost Ponton gave report on behalf of Interim President Cohen:**
  - **Dr. Karen Clinton Jones**, Chief Diversity Officer-gave a report on ADA compliance via a Power Point.
  - **Don Erwin**, Chief Information Officer- gave a report on the Angel to Blackboard migration, and Degree Navigator to Degree Works. The saving of monies (\$100K) by using in house help instead of costly contractual outside help. There will be an overview on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 in BUTLER 210 during Bengal Pause.
  - **Dr. Ponton** stated that there was not further response at this time regarding to BSAC's report

**5. Remarks of the Chair**

- Shared Governance packet sent to Albany for SUNY Buffalo State's nomination for the Chancellor's Award for Shared Governance.
  - **Senator Carson** called for a special session of the College Senate for Friday, November 15, 2013 regarding the presidential search. The meeting will be held in BULGER NORTH at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Howard Zemsky.
  - **Senator Carson** gave remarks on pivotal/historical period SUNY Buffalo State is entering into, as the search for a new president get underway.

**6. Committee Reports**

- **Academic Plan –Senator Jason Grinnell**, Committee Chair- gave brief update.
  - Looking at perceptions of SUNY Buffalo State reputation update/status.
- **Curriculum Committee – Senator Karen Sands O'Connor**, Chair
  - Briefing update on IF-14 implementation process.
  - 40% of departments have submitted IF Inclusion forms to the Senate Office as November 25<sup>th</sup> deadline approaches.
- **Student Welfare Committee – Senator Trivet Jarmond**, Chair

- Brief update on committee's current progress regarding OPEN SUNY, data collection. Enrollment and collaborating with other committees on these areas.

#### **7. Unfinished Business**

- **Standards for Students Committee- Senator Heather Maldonado, Committee Chair**
  - Presented revised motion on Priority Registration for Military members and Veteran for vote. The Senate approved of the revised motion. A formal memo to the Interim President from the Chair of the College Senate will be sent for his review and approval, next week.

#### **8. New Business**

- **University Faculty Senate Report- UFS Senator Scott Goodman**
  - Full report from the 165<sup>th</sup> Fall Plenary at SUNY Maritime in NY
  - UFS Report posted on the College Senate website at:  
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/collegesenate/reports.xml>
  - There was brief discussion on the report.

#### **9. Constituent Questions**

- **Senator Carson** stated that this is an important area to present questions and concerns from Senator's constituents, and address them to the Senate and/or Administration.
- **Senator Hotchkiss** wanted to know when there would be replies from the Administration on BSAC's response from the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Senate.
- **ANSWER/RESPONSE: Senator Schmidt and Vice President LeVine responded. VP LeVine stated that the administration will be addressing all issues on report from last month.**
- **Senator Jarmond** asked for clarification regarding the termination of a SUNY president, and whether SUNY Buffalo State was involved or affected.
- **ANSWER: The termination did not affect SUNY Buffalo State, nor does it have any involvement in it. The president from SUNY Upstate Medical has been relieved of his duties.**
- **Senator Sauerzopf** asked about courses being cut from other constituents.
- **ANSWER: Provost Ponton was unaware of any cuts.**

**Senator Carson reminded the Senate of the special Senate session on November 15<sup>th</sup> in BULGER NORTH at 3 p.m.**

**10. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

#### **Additional important information**

**SPECIAL Meeting of the College Senate on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Bulger North, regarding the presidential search with guest speaker Howard Zempky.**

**Next Regular Senate meeting on, Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 in BUTLER 210 at 2p.m. (ONE HOUR EARLIER START TIME). 12.13.13 ESP to be sent out on Thursday, December 5th 2013**