

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

**December 12, 2014 Butler 210, 2:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order: meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

- **Senator Carson** asked for the adoption of the agenda. **Senator Mayrose** moved and **Senator Lysiak** seconded. The agenda was approved

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 11/14/14 were presented. **Senator Carson** asked for the approval of the minutes. **Senator Williams** moved and **Senator Lysiak** seconded. The Minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 were approved.

4. **Remarks of the President**

- **President Conway-Turner** gave her report. (*The president's full report will appear in the full Senate minutes*).
- As we conclude this fall semester, I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and students for yet another outstanding semester.
- I have continued to have productive and informative discussions with various groups on campus. I appreciate these frank and open opportunities for sharing and I look forward to continue these discussions as the spring semester begins.
- The President Advisory committee on Marketing and Communication has been finalized and met for the first time this morning. This committee will be chaired by Tim Walsh and has membership from faculty, staff, and students across campus. (List for membership will be in full minutes).
- Recent Meetings:
  - A) College Council: Since our last College Senate we hosted a College Council meeting on campus. I updated the College Council on what has been occurring on campus since their last meeting and staff from the EOP program provided an overview of the program.
  - B) Foundation Board: We also hosted a Foundation Board meeting last month. The board is already planning for the spring gala and ways to continue to enhance the financial support of the college.
  - C) SUNY: Earlier this week, the system presidents met with the Chancellor in NYC. Items discussed: maintaining rational tuition, obtaining capital funds for campuses, the SUNY Excels grid, the unified sexual assault policies, and enrollment trends across the system.
- **Provost Search:** As many of you know, the firm Academic Search is supporting the campus in our recruitment and search for our next Provost. A representative was on campus on Dec. 5

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to meet with campus constituents to discuss the traits and dispositions of our next Provost and to review challenges we anticipate in the future. My thanks to Vice President Payne and Dr. David Carson for their leadership of the search committee.

- 2014-15 College Goals: The entire set of goals can be found on the President's website under Strategic Plans. You will see that each goal is tied to our current strategic plan and indicates the across division partners that are needed to complete the goals. You will also note that specific actions are delineated to complete the goals. And finally you will note that the priority and the date of completion have been noted. Goals for 2014-15 can be found at <http://president.buffalostate.edu/strategic-plan>

**Provost Ponton** updated the Senate on online education. (Complete report will be in full Senate minutes.) There was some discussion from the Senate floor.

**Mike Levine** provided a budget update for the College Senate. (Complete report will be in full Senate minutes.) There was some discussion from the Senate floor.

#### **6. Remarks of the Chair, Dr. David Carson**

**Senator Carson** stated that retired and longtime college faculty member **Tom Quatroche** recently passed away. He was a former Senate member. **Provost Ponton** gave a brief eulogy on his former colleague and active faculty member.

**Senator Carson gave his remarks to the Senate. (Full remarks in the full Senate Minutes)**

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

- **Budget Staff and Allocations (BSAC), Senator Ted Schmidt, Chair**
  - Committee Budget update/follow-up to VP LeVine's budget report.
    - Transparency is growing.
    - More funds come into campus other than state funds; focus needs to change to all funding sources not just state funds.
  - There was some discussion from the floor.
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee (CSCC), Senator Karen Sands O'Connor, Chair**
  - Presented for discussion a motion to revise the Minor policy in DOPS.
  - *There was no discussion. A vote on this resolution will take place at the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 Senate meeting.*
- **Faculty and Staff Welfare, Senator Amy McMillan, Chair**
  - Committee presented motion for discussion:
    - DOPS policies on Extra Service and on Mid-semester appraisal of student progress.
  - *There was no discussion. A vote on this resolution will take place at the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 Senate meeting.*

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- **Instruction & Research Committee (I&R), Senator Kevin Williams, Chair**
  - Committee presented two motions:
    - Extra Service resolution
    - '721' Graduate class. Graduate Thesis/Project Continuation Policy in DOPS.
  - There was no discussion for either resolutions. A vote will be taken at the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 Senate meeting.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

### **Margolis Healy discussion on full report**

- **President Conway-Turner** is forming an advisory committee comprised of faculty, staff and student members, which will address issues related to the report.
- **Senator Carson** opened the floor up for discussion.
- There was extensive discussion from several Senators on various aspects of the report and related circumstances and topics. **UPD Chief Peter Carey** was on hand to add important conversation from his perspective and the UPD on hiring practices, and the challenges his department faces to be in line with Civil Service laws and mandates that he cannot break.
- **Vice President LeVine** also added responses to senator concerns and issues. **Chief Carey** added responses in.
- There was further discussion from the floor. **Senator Carson** concluded that we must all work together going forward.

## **9. New Business**

- There was no New Business.

## **10. Constituent Questions** (both CO's and responses will appear in detail in the full Senate minutes)

- **Senator Carson** presented a CQ he received in advance to the Senate regarding usage of pedagogy in class.
- **Senator Carson** responded on behalf of the president and provost; **Provost Ponton** added to the response.
- **Senator Sherman** presented a CQ from a constituent faculty member, regarding extra time to enter in grades due to the recent inclement weather.
- **Provost Ponton** responded to Senator Sherman's CQ.

**Senator Carson** wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season.

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

**Next Senate Meeting: Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 3 pm, in Butler 210.**