

• COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

February 14, 2014 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order: meeting commenced at 3:04 p.m.**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

- The Senate meeting agenda was approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 12/13/13 were approved.

4. **Remarks of the President**

- **President Cohen** gave report/updates on the campus:
 - **Statistics on race in admissions**
 - **Water issues in the Science Building**
 - **Health fee account**
 - **START-UP New York,**
 - Buffalo State's campus plan approved by SUNY Chancellor, Nancy Zimpher.
 - **Provost Ponton** gave brief update on the IF implementation.
 - **Brief discussion over the water problems in the Science Bldg.**
 - Vice President LeVine responded to concerns and questions
 - President Cohen responded to Senator Goodman's concerns.

5. **Remarks of the Chair**

- **Senator Carson** gave his remarks.
 - **Chair Carson** brought up the room issues in Butler 210 and the possible changes coming to the Senate meeting location.
 - **Meetings with Transformation Group**
 - Overall vision of SUNY Buffalo State.
 - Proposed additional Senate meeting in March or April totally devoted to revitalization presentation and ideas. Senate will be notified when meeting will be held.

6. **Committee Reports**

- **Academic Plan –Senator Jason Grinnell, Committee Chair-** gave brief update.
 - Senator Grinnell presented his committee roster for re-approval with membership change. The Senate approved of the revised committee roster.
 - Introduced the Transformation Report:
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/collegesenate/documents/TransformationGROUPREPORTSenate21414.pdf>
 - Senator Ted Schmidt gave the Transformation Power Point to the Senate.
 - Discussion followed the report.

Final draft of SMS draft of 2.14.14 Senate meeting, for Senate send out 2.19.14.

- **By-Laws and Elections Committee- Senator Bill White, Committee Chair**
 - 2014 Elections.
 - **Senator White** showed list of Schools that will hold election for seats open on the Senate and the seats that the Senate will elect to fill.
 - **Link to listing:**
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/collegesenate/documents/SENATEELECTIONSLIST2014.pdf>
- **Curriculum Committee – Senator Karen Sands O’Connor, Chair**
 - Presented committee roster with membership changes. The Senate approved of the revised roster.

7. Unfinished Business

- **Instruction and Research Committee- Senator Andrew Nicholls, Committee Chair**
 - Motion presented for vote:
Proposed Amendment to DOPS I:16:07 Change of Grade Policy.
The Senate voted in favor of the motion.
- **Standards for Student Committee- Senator Heather Maldonado, Committee Chair**
 - Motion presented for vote:
Review of the SUNY Buffalo State General Freshman Admission Policy
The Senate voted in favor of the motion.

8. New Business

- **Senator Goodman** presents report from the 166th UFS Winter Plenary at SUNY Albany in January. Full report is posted on the Senate website under the SUNY University Faculty Senate page.
 - **There was some discussion.**
 - **UFS report link:** <http://www.buffalostate.edu/collegesenate/reports.xml>
- **Senator Hinderliter presents resolution for endorsing “Making Diversity Count”**
 - This item was not on the agenda and therefore **Senator Carson** asked that this motion be sent to the Senate for review and it would be put on the Senate Agenda for a vote at the March or April Senate meeting.

9. Constituent Questions – (full text will be in the full Senate Minutes)

- **Senator Carson** asked several questions.
- **Question on ADA compliance raised**
 - **President Cohen** informed that **Dr. Karen Clinton Jones** is the Officer in charge of that office.

10. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Next Senate meeting on, Friday, March 14th 2014 in BUTLER 210 at 3p.m.