

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

February 13, 2015 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order: meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m.**
  - **Senator Carson** began by thanking the Senators who are sitting in for Senators on sabbaticals.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
  - **Senator Carson** stated there were several changes to the agenda. The motion from I & R was being retracted until a future date. A motion on student fee increase from Student Welfare Committee is being added and presented for discussion and a vote due to a SUNY deadline. **Senate Carson** then asked the Senate to approve of the amended agenda. It was moved and seconded. The amended agenda was approved
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes of 12/12/14 were presented. **Senator Carson** asked for the approval of the minutes. **Senator Lysiak** moved and **Senator Marren** seconded. The Minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 were approved.
4. **Year of the Innovator**
  - **Interim Dean of the School of the Professions, Rita Zientek, Ph.D.** presented several campus colleagues presenting their power point on MOOC's and the current status of this SUNY-wide initiative, and the current Buffalo State MOOC's enrollment status.
  - **Dr. Zientek** then presented the Current contest status of the Buffalo State College plaid design project.
5. **Remarks of the President**
  - **President Conway-Turner** gave several reports on various areas and factions. (*The president's full report will appear in the full Senate minutes*).
    - Thanks to the MOOC's team
    - Series of new committees, their charges and members.
      - Buffalo State Policing Committee.
      - Strategic Steering Enrollment Committee.
      - Buffalo State Marketing Committee.
      - Buffalo State Undergraduate Retention Committee.
    - Leadership searches ongoing for three positions:
      - Provost
      - CIO for ISAS
      - Dean for School of the Professions.
    - Reported on Chancellor's State of SUNY/goals. (detailed report in full Senate minutes)
    - **Enrollment Report-Vice President Payne** gave a full report via a power point on the current enrollment.

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- There was some brief discussion/comments/questions on the enrollment report.
- **OPEN SUNY** report given by **Provost Ponton**.
- **Vice President LeVine reported on the current status of L.I.C.H.**

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

**Senator Carson** briefly outlined his plans for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting. Utilizing a different format and location for this meeting will allow Senators to separate into three groups with three Senate committees in the leadership role for each group. There will then follow a question and answer time period with the entire Senate together. Further details will be forthcoming to the Senate.

*(Full Chairs' 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**-presented a PowerPoint.
  - Financial Overview on Budget update.
  - There was some discussion from the floor.
  - Student Welfare motion endorsed by BSAC that will be presented today.
- **By-Laws & Elections-Senator Amitra Wall, Chair**
  - Elections for 2015-2016.
  - Vacancies for School elections and At-Large.
  - Nominations will begin on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.
  - Elections/voting begins on April 20 until April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee (CSCC), Senator Karen Sands O'Connor, Chair**
  - Presented for vote the motion/resolution to revise the Minor policy in DOPS.
  - **Senator Carson** asked for; all in favor. Motion was approved unanimously by the Senate.
  - The motion will now be forwarded and recommended to the President.
- **Faculty and Staff Welfare, Senator Amy McMillan, Chair**
  - Committee presented motion for vote:
    - DOPS policies on Extra Service
    - Mid-semester appraisal of student progress.
  - **Senator Carson** asked for; all in favor. Both motions were approved unanimously by the Senate.
  - Both motions will now be forwarded and recommended to the President.
- **Standards for Students (S4S), Senator Heather Maldonado, Chair**
  - Presented update on committee work within specific topics:
    - Freshman admission. Policy review.
    - Advisement. Advisement review. Department input given to committee.

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- Advisement open forum for advisors and one for students in Assembly Hall on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Student Welfare Committee (SWC), Senator Ashley Lanning, Chair**
  - Presented motion/resolution on Student fee increase for immediate discussion and vote to make SUNY deadline requirements.
  - There was no discussion. Senator Carson then asked for; all in favor of the motion presented. The Senate unanimously approved of the motion.
  - The motion/resolution will now be forwarded and recommended to the President.

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

#### **9. New Business**

- University Faculty Senate report, presented by UFS Senators Joe Marren, and Scott Goodman.
  - UFS 169<sup>th</sup> Winter Plenary report from SUNY College at Farmingdale.
  - There was brief discussion/comments from the Senate floor following the UFS report.

#### **10. Constituent Questions** (both **CQ'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 the poor snow clean-up on campus following the recent heavy snows.

I have heard from a lot of constituents about the condition of campus after the snowstorm on February 1 and 2. Some complained that, due to the severity of the storm, classes should have been cancelled. Some complained that the message on our website and also on Facebook was contradictory and confusing. Everybody complained about the condition of the parking lot and sidewalks, expressing concerns about ADA compliance, personal safety, and whether to hold students who couldn't make it in accountable for materials covered in classes that did meet. But the major concern was the condition of the parking lots and sidewalks. Would you care to comment?

**Vice President LeVine** responded.

And the Senate Administration will look into this matter.

**CQ:** Issue about the library privileges for emeriti faculty.

**Response:** Administration will look into this.

**CQ:**

- UB has a four year graduation guarantee. The Chancellor would like to see all of SUNY make the same pledge. Where do we stand on a four year graduation guarantee?
- President Conway-Turner responded.

**Senator Sherman** asked about the current situation regarding the safety lines/stop signs outside of Burchfield Penney and Rockwell Hall. Cars go through there and do not pay attention to the stop

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sign at the other crosswalk. The administration will look into this.

**11. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**\*Next Senate Meeting: Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 3 pm, in *SOCIAL HALL*  
*Campbell Student Union 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.***