

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

**April 10, 2015 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order: meeting commenced at 3:02 p.m.**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

- **Senator Carson** asked the Senate to approve of the agenda. **Senator Lysiak** moved and **Senator Loehr** seconded. The agenda as presented was approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 3/13/15 were presented. **Senator Carson** asked for the approval of the minutes. It was moved and seconded. The Minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 were approved.

4. **Year of the Innovator (YOTI) - Dr. Rita Zientek, Interim Dean- School of the Professions**

- **Dr. Zientek** update the Senate on MOOC's.
- **Dr. Zientek** presented broadcast journalism major; student, **Steven Cornelio**
  - **Steven** presented a short PowerPoint presentation entitled; "A Game Called Life".
    - Rock Bottom
    - The Blame Game
    - Validation Inc.
    - 22 Habits

5. **Remarks of the President, Dr. Conway-Turner**

**President Conway-Turner** briefed the Senate on the status of the Provost Search Committee and thanked **Vice President Payne** and **Senate Chair, Dr. David Carson** for their dedication and hard work with the Provost Search Committee. The final candidates will be chosen.

The President also updated the Senate on the CIO search and that those candidates are ongoing for another month. Last month was a busy month for SUNY lobbying. Next week I will be in Washington D.C. for a SUNY engagement to tell D.C. about SUNY. The President also mentioned that the 40, 000 plus people that took a MOOC's course has now given Buffalo State further worldwide exposure. The President also updated the Senate on the Start-Up NY program.

- **Budget Update- Vice President LeVine-** (entire detailed report will appear in the full Senate minutes)
  - budget summary
  - rational tuition
  - negotiated salary increases for this year are down 2%.
  - \$7.6m last year for salary support vs \$4.7m this year.
  - SUNY as a whole received a onetime funding of \$18m.
  - SUNY and CUNY to develop degree requirements regarding experiential learning
  - Capital budget-\$200m critical maintenance funding; SUNY requested three times this amount.

**Vice President Levine** also added updates to the Start-Up NY program; lack of on campus space initiated researching of off campus space for these Start-Up businesses. Buffalo State (as mandated by the State) is not allowed to use our capital budget to renovate Buckham Hall (one of the original sites to be used for Start-Up business locations). These small business also do not have the resources to renovate the Buckham space.

-there are 2-3 off campus locations being considered for Start-Up sites.

There was some brief discussion on the budget and Start-Up topics.

In **Vice President LeVine's** concluding remarks he answered a CQ asked at the February 13 2015 Senate meeting; regarding two walkways between the Burchfield Penney and Rockwell Hall; the outcome is that signs will be put up in the middle of the road to yield to pedestrians.

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

- On Monday of this week **Senator Scott Goodman** and I had a meeting at UB with **Pete Knuepfer, the President of the University Faculty Senate**, and a number of Senate leaders from campuses in Western and Central New York, and I wanted to share with you some of substance of the discussion that we had.
- We also had an update on the Chancellor's mandate for every campus to make experiential learning a graduate requirement.

*Requires the Boards of Trustees of the State University of New York and the City University of New York to each pass a resolution by June 1, 2015 in favor of developing a plan to offer approved experiential/applied learning activities to students.*

- **Provost Ponton** appointed a point person for this for Buffalo State, and, since it is a curricular matter involving students and faculty alike, I have asked the appropriate Senate committees to weigh in as well.
- The third topic we discussed was 360 review, including review of top administrators. Buffalo State was the only campus represented (Binghamton, Fredonia, UB, Alfred State, Brockport, Oswego) at that meeting that did not have a plan or policy regarding the review of administrators between the Deans' level and the Presidents' level.

#### 7. **Committee Reports**

- **Budget Staff and Allocations (BSAC) Senator Scott Goodman-Interim Chair**
  - Updated the Senate on the committee's discussions on the Administrative Array report and its future.
  - Original recommendations were bold and not all agreed on the report.
  - Modeling this on other campuses involves faculty governance and professional staff.

- **President Conway-Turner** offered feedback; she felt that the report may be a presidential and non-Senate work.
- Senate floor discussion took place.
  
- **By-Laws & Elections Committee, Senator Amitra Wall, Chair**
  - School election results:
  - SOE
    - TBA
  - A&H
    - Meg Knowles, Communication
    - Michele Ninacs, English and University College
  - SNSS
    - Jennifer Hunt, Psychology
    - Frederick Floss, Economics and Finance
  - SOP
    - Lynn Boorady, Fashion and Textile Technology
    - Kim Kline, Higher Education Administration
  - PSC
    - Amy Rosen-Brand, Disability Services Office
    - Maria Brickhouse, Educational Opportunity Program
  - Support Staff
    - TBA
  
- III. College Senate Elections will run from 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 20, through 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 24. a. Electronic voting system supplemented by paper ballots
- b. Visit the College Senate's Elections information site to review candidate qualifications
- IV. College Senate's Annual Caucus will take place on Friday, May 8 at 12:30 in BUTL210 a. Elections for chairs of the Senate's standing committees as well as Chair of the Senate will be held.
  
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee-(CSCC), Senator Karen Sands O'Connor, Chair**
  - Preliminary work has begun on a new template utilizing Wufoo data systems.
  - **Senator Marc Bayer**, Interim Director of Butler Library, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this data system and how it will be applied to the CSCC's curricular submission templates.
  - There was some discussion.
  
- **Instruction & Research-(I&R), Senator Kevin Williams, Chair**
  - Online Advisory update; Policy on Academic Freedom.
    - Small technical change to one word in policy from 'classroom' to 'course'.
  - Academic Calendar update. Senate no longer votes on this; for information only.
  - Brief discussion took place.

Final SMS draft of 4.10.15 Senate meeting for Senate and posting.

- ***Standards for Students-(S4S), Senator Heather Maldonado, Chair***
  - Presented for discussion recommendation to revise DOPS on the Freshman Admission's Policy. A vote on this will take place at the May 8, 2015 Senate meeting.
  - Last time Senate approved to revise policy was in 1992.
  
- ***Student Welfare Committee-(SWS), Senator Ashley Lanning, Chair***
  - Presented update on committee work.
  - Some brief discussion took place.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None.

**7. New Business**

None.

**8. Constituent Questions**

- *There were no CQ's.*

**9. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**\*Final Senate Meeting: Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 2 pm, Butler 210.** *The Senate Caucus is at 12:30 pm prior to the 2 pm Senate meeting also in Butler 210.*

*Please note the one hour earlier start time for the Senate meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.*