

# • **COLLEGE SENATE MEETING** •

## **SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft**

**May 9, 2014 Butler 210, 2:00 p.m.**

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

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

- The Senate meeting agenda was presented for approval. It was moved and seconded, the agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of 4/14/14 were presented for approval. It was moved and seconded. The Senate minutes of April 11, 2014 were approved.

**Special Eulogy for Professor Felix Armfield** of the History department, given by **Senator Andrew Nicholls**, Chair of the History Department.

**4. Remarks of the President**

**President Cohen: ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

- **Enrollment**
  - Acknowledgements are up due to the recent Open House and the work being done through an outside vendor hired to follow-up on accepted students.
  - A \$50,000 grant from "Say Yes Buffalo" to run a Summer Bridge Program has been approved. An proposal has also been submitted to "Say Yes Syracuse".
- **Strategic Plan**
  - The plan will is ready to go to the College Planning Council for implementation.
- **Institutional Sustainability and Academic Program Array**
  - All programs will be grouped into five categories for Cabinet review and discussion by 7/1/14.
- **All Funds Budgeting**
  - All state funds have been incorporated into an all funds budget.
  - Non state fund will be incorporated next year
  - Business Intelligence system training for the Cabinet, Deans, Senate chair and BSAC chair on 5/21/14.
- **Economic Development**
  - In the process of revising our plan to incorporate all of Buckham Hall and space in the Pierce Arrow as possible locations for Start Up NY companies.
- **Campus Master Plan**
  - Will review updates in June (6/20/14) and roll out to the campus in Fall 2014

## **RESPONSES TO SENATE QUESTIONS**

- **Comment on admissions practices: are standards being lowered? (Hal)**
  - **Statement from Hal:**
    - “Enrollment Management has not lowered standards for the 2014 entering class. The compass program was increased in size as was the support available to the program. The compass profile is currently higher than when the program was initiated in 2011. The academic profile of the entire incoming class will be much the same as in years past, and the campus will attain the appropriate head count of 10,850.”
  - **Other Discussion from Cabinet Meetings:**
    - The enrollment strategy is to first stabilize the budget and then to implement a long range plan that will address an appropriate distribution of students across the 5 SUNY selectivity groups with a focus on increasing the number of students in the “Very Selective” groups.
    - We are changing the mix but not the standards
    - We are going back to the admission criteria prior to the MOU with SUNY in Mission Review II 2005-2010 increasing percentages in selectivity groups 1, 2, remaining consistent in group 3, reducing percentages in group 4 and significant reducing or eliminating group 5.
  
- **Provide an update on the Margolis Healey consulting project. (Howard)**

Once the consultants complete their review, I will share the recommendations with all faculty, staff, students, and members of University Police Department.

Margolis-Healey was brought to Buffalo State to assess our police operations against best practices for campus policing. The consultants were not here to evaluate any individuals, personnel actions, or specific complaints.

- **Provide an update on the project to improve water quality in the Science Building.**
  - **Statement from Mike:**
    - The SUNY Construction Fund contacted nine engineering firms with water quality specialists as potential firms to analyze and identify a solution to the water quality concerns at the Science and Mathematics building. Interested firms visited the campus on April 30<sup>th</sup> and have until May 14<sup>th</sup> to submit detailed Statements of Qualifications. A committee made up of campus and SUNY Construction Fund representatives will review qualifications and interview firms the last week in May to select a firm to guide analysis and any remediation efforts. The results of all recent water sample tests show the water to be within safe limits for potable water, but this may only be obtained due to the ongoing chlorination and daily flushing efforts, which are not sustainable indefinitely. We remain committed to provide water systems which are safe for drinking and for the scientific instruction and research activity needs

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- **Vice President LeVine provided a facilities update. (Power Point presentation will be in the full Senate Minutes.) To see the Capital Projects Report please go to:**  
[www.buffalostate.edu/construction](http://www.buffalostate.edu/construction)

#### 5. Remarks of the Chair

- **Senator Carson:** presented all of the service to the Senate certificates and gifts to the Standing Committee Chairs and the Senate Parliamentarian.

#### 6. Committee Reports

- **Academic Plan Committee (APC) –Senator Jason Grinnell, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report to the Senate.
- **Budget Staff and Allocations (BSAC)- Senator Ted Schmidt, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report to the Senate.
  - Presented short budget report. (Power Point)
- **By-Laws and Elections Committee (BLE)- Senator Kevin Miller (for Senator Bill White, Committee Chair)**
  - Elections results
  - Caucus results
  - Student senator elections results-(partial list from USG elections)
  - Two Graduate Student Senators elected.
  - Final Report will be presented at the September 2014 meeting of the College Senate.
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee (CSCC)- Senator Karen Sands O’Connor, Committee Chair**
  - Presented Final Report to the Senate.
- **Faculty and Staff Welfare (FSW)- Senator Kevin Williams, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report to the Senate.
- **Instruction & Research (I&R)- Senator Andrew Nicholls, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report to the Senate.
- **Standards for Students (S4S)- Senator Heather Maldonado, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report to the Senate.
- **Student Welfare Committee (SWC)- Senator Trivet Jarmond, Committee Chair**
  - Presented the committee’s Final Report.

#### **Unfinished Business- None.**

**Senator Maldonado** presented for vote two motions that were revised:

- Revision to the Clemency Policy- to be voted on at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

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- Revision to the Pass/Fail Motion-to be voted on at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.
- **Senator Carson** asked for discussion. The motions were both approved by the Senate.

**Senator Jarmond** presented a motion for vote, from **Senator Gustafson**, on early registration for student senators.

- Priority Registration resolution
- **Senator Carson** asked for discussion. There was brief discussion. **Senator Carson** then asked for approval. There was one Nay, motion carried. Motion approved by the Senate.

**All of the above motions will be forwarded to President Cohen for his review and approval.**

### **New Business**

**Senator Scott Goodman and Senator Joe Marren** presented the UFS Report from the 167<sup>th</sup> Spring Plenary at Empire State College, Saratoga Spring, NY

There was brief discussion.

### **Constituent Questions**

**Senator Lysiak** asked the administration why there are so many lines that have not been filled after many retired from campus service.

**President Cohen** will respond with information at a later date.

### **Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.**

All final reports from the Standing Committees will be posted on the College Senate website under their respective committee pages.

The UFS Report will be posted on the College Senate website under the University Faculty Senate page.