

• COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

May 8, 2015 Butler 210, 2:00 p.m.

1. *Call to Order: meeting commenced at 2:02 p.m.*

2. *Adoption of Agenda*

- **Senator Carson** stated a minor amendment would be made to the agenda, allowing Standards for Students to present their report first under Committee Reports. The Senate approved of the amendment. **Senator Lysiak** moved and **Senator Sherman** seconded. The amended agenda was approved.

3. *Approval of Minutes*

- Minutes of 4/10/15 were presented. **Senator Carson** asked for the approval of the minutes. **Senator Lysiak** moved and **Senator Boorady** seconded. The Minutes of April 10th 2015 were approved as presented.

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

Facilities and Planning Update- Vice President LeVine- (entire detailed report will appear in the full Senate minutes. A handout was provided to the Senate) Link to website:
<http://facilities.buffalostate.edu/projects-construction>

Vice President LeVine presented a PowerPoint update on campus Facilities and Construction. Alternative and revisited options for some construction projects would be needed, due to the limitations with the current budget issues.

There was some brief discussion and several questions raised. **Vice President LeVine** addressed these questions and concerns. He noted that future updates would be provided to the campus.

President Conway-Turner stated to the Senate this would be her first Commencement Ceremony on May 16th and is looking forward to seeing everyone there. She also mentioned the retirement celebration for **Dr. Ponton** would be on May 13th from 2-4 in the Social Hall. She spoke on his longevity and dedication of service at Buffalo State and how much he is a part of this institution.

Dr. Conway-Turner told the Senate that starting in the fall, she would begin an open forum; allowing her to communicate with the campus on accomplishments and directions she hopes to move the campus towards. She also mentioned the work that has been done and currently being done by three important committees (her goal to have these committees attend a College Senate meeting, sharing their work).

- **Strategic Enrollment Committee**
- **Retention Committee**
- **Community Policing Committee**

- There was several comments and questions from the floor. The president addressed them.

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- **COMPASS Update- Vice President Payne**
 - Some discussion took place and VP Payne responded.
- **Online Advisory Committee update- Provost Ponton**
 - Some brief discussion took place.

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

- Presentation of Senate Service Certificates for One, Three and Six-Years of service on the Senate. Then he presented certificates to the student Senators.
- Presentation of Committee Chairs Gift and Certificates.
- **Vice Chair of the Senate Bill White** interrupted **Senator Carson** to present him with a gift from the Senate Committee Chairs and Senate Secretary. Senator Carson then thanked his Senate constituents for the gift and homage.
- Homage to **Dr. Ponton**. YouTube Video; “The Ponton Project”
https://youtu.be/Wqd_GDAkVTU
 - **Dr. Ponton** spoke following the video homage to the Senate.
- **Senator Carson** presented **Dr. Ponton** with a gift from the entire Senate.
- **President Conway-Turner** then presented **Senator Carson** with a token of appreciation from the Administration. **Senator Carson** then thanked the Administration.
- **Senator Carson** finished his tributes to the Senate and gave his final remarks as Chair of the College Senate.

7. Committee Reports

- **Standards for Students Committee (S4S) Senator Heather Maldonado**
 - Brought back resolution/motion for vote on DOPS Freshman Admissions Policy. The Senate approved.
 - Presented for discussion resolution/motion on: *4+1 Undergraduates Enrolling in Graduate Courses Policy*; then without further discussion a vote was taken after a call to question, and the motion was passed by the Senate.
 - Presented Committee’s Final Report.
- **Academic Plan Committee (APC) Senator Joe Marren, Interim Chair**
 - Presented Committee’s Final Report.
- **Budget Staff and Allocations (BSAC) Senator Scott Goodman-Interim Chair**
 - Presented Committee’s Final Report.
- **By-Laws & Elections Committee, Senator Amitra Wall, Chair**
 - Caucus election results:
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee-(CSCC), Senator Karen Sands O’Connor, Chair**
 - Presented Committee’s Final Report.
- **Faculty and Staff Welfare Committee(FSW) Senator Amy McMillan, Chair**
 - Presented Committee’s Final Report
- **Instruction & Research-(I&R), Senator Kevin Williams, Chair**

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- Presented resolution/motion for minor language revision to the DOPS Academic Misconduct Policy. There was no discussion. The Senate accepted the language revision to the policy.
- Presented Committee's Final Report.
- ***Student Welfare Committee-(SWS), Senator Ashley Lanning, Chair***
 - Presented Committee's Final Report.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. New Business

- ***UFS Report-presented by UFS Senators; Scott Goodman and Joe Marren***
 - University Faculty Senate Report from the 170th Spring Plenary at SUNY Plattsburgh.

8. Constituent Questions

- ***There were no CQ's.***

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