

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS-SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

October 9, 2015 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *meeting commenced at 3:03 p.m.*

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- The Senate meeting agenda was moved and seconded and then approved.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE SENATE MINUTES**

- Minutes of 9/11/15 were presented. **Senator Maldonado** noted an error in her Standards for Students report from the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The correction was noted and will be fixed before web-posting. Minutes were accepted.

4. **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

**Senator McMillan** stated to the Senate her role as Chair is really that of a conduit of information. **Senator McMillan** receives a lot of mis-information as fact and it isn't true. The college will run much smoother with less false information by embracing accurate information and then sharing it, using it, etc., with our constituents.

5. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT**

- **President Katherine Conway-Turner:**
  - Reported on her recent SUNY president's trip to Cuba and the newly established collaboration with SUNY and 40 different universities across Cuba. The President elaborated on the weeklong trip to Cuba and the important initiatives set in motion that will begin a long relationship with SUNY and the Cuban higher educational system. The full report will be in the full Senate minutes.
  - The President also spoke briefly on her trip to Saratoga Spring where SUNY president's met focusing on lobbying, legislative and other important operational issues for SUNY campuses. The President also mentioned that there are 20 new SUNY presidents. Tuition, monies for campus maintenance and the maximizing of those resources were topics of discussion.
  - At the recent Fall Forum she gave, a framed discussion on the Strategic Plan (SP) took place. The President said that the SP deadline is June 2016. The first meeting for the College Planning Council about the Strategic Plan takes place on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The five year SP takes Buffalo State to 2021, the college's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. we held an open Safety session in the Performing Arts Center. It was a tough September with several publicized safety incidents on this campus. Faculty, staff, students and others voiced their concerns and ideas for moving forward with safety measures for our campus. Administration and UPD were on hand in an ongoing and collaborative effort to keep moving forward with safety best practices for all on campus.
  - **The Enrollment update** will be presented at the November Senate meeting. **VP Payne** was unable to attend today's meeting. The President briefly gave some

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enrollment figures: 10,330 total students. First year enrollment is highest to date at 1,896. Returning students are down; related to junior and seniors not coming back to campus. We need to know why this is happening and the financial implications for our campus. Currently however there are no perceived cuts planned to happen.

- Following **President Conway-Turner's** reports there was some discussion from the Senate floor. (Full dialogue and responses will be published in the full Senate minutes).
- **STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT REPORT- Senator Amitra Wall.** Discussion followed.
- **UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION REPORT- Senator Lynn Boorady.** Discussion followed.
- **HOUSING REPORT- Vice President Michael LeVine.** Discussion followed.
  - THE ABOVE THREE REPORTS will be in the full Senate minutes and posted to the College Senate website.

#### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS-*full details in the complete Senate Minutes***

- **Standards for Students** –*Heather Maldonado, Chair*
  - Presentation of Academic Advisement report (this report is posted on the Senate website). Power Point projected. This PowerPoint will be posted on the College Senate's Official website.
  - There was no discussion.
- **Student Welfare** – *Joseph Tucceri, Chair and Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair*
  - On behalf of **Chair Tucceri, Vice Chair Rosen-Brand** presented the committee roster for approval. **Senator McMillan** asked for the Senate to briefly review the projected roster. She then asked for a vote in favor of. The Senate unanimously approved the Student Welfare Committee roster.
  - **Vice Chair, Amy Rosen-Brand** then gave a brief overview of some of the issues that her committee would address this year.
  - There was no discussion.

#### **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Senator McMillan** reminded the Senate about the upcoming UFS Fall Plenary on October 22-24<sup>th</sup> being held here at Buffalo State. She encouraged everyone to come to the meetings and the UFS agenda would be shared with the Senate as soon as it is available.

#### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- **There was no New Business.**

#### **9. CONSTITUENT QUESTIONS-CQ's**

- There were five advanced CQ's with response. **The full answers will be in the complete Senate minutes.**
- 1. Can we please get a clarification on the name of our institution? We are all under the impression that it was officially changed to SUNY Buffalo State, but the President keeps referring to it as Buffalo State College. **President Conway-Turner responded.**

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2. How have safety measures and policing changed since the campus incidents of violence last month? **Vice President LeVine responded.**  
**The following CQ's # 3, 4 & 5 were responded to by, AVP for Student Success, Senator Danny Velez.**
  3. What is the proper protocol for handling a situation when a student identifies as becoming homeless unexpectedly during the semester? What are institutional, faculty and staff responsibilities once we are made aware of such a situation? What options are there to help students in such a predicament?
  4. What is the status of the smoke-free campus policy and campaign? Could we please get more signage up?
  5. What can be done to improve student food services in the Food Court area of the Student Union? The Food Court area currently services a great many students. Currently, the food prices are high; the food portions are small; and the waiting time is 20-30 minutes before a student can place a food order. These problems seem to be worse with the current food service provider than with the previous one.
- *There were no additional Constituent Questions other than those advanced CQ's that were answered today.*

**10. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

**Next Senate Meeting: Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, in Butler 210.**