

• COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

SMS-SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

February 12, 2016 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m.*
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - The Senate meeting agenda was moved and seconded. It was then approved.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE SENATE MINUTES**
 - Minutes of 12/11/15 were presented. *Some minor typographical corrections needed.* The Minutes were accepted. The corrections will be made and the final minutes will be posted to the Senate website.
4. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT** –*full remarks will appear in the full Senate minutes.*

President Conway-Turner updated the Senate on:

 - ***AAC&U Meeting (in January attended)***
 - Association of American Colleges and Universities conference; focused on diversity, equity and inclusion in outstanding education.
 - ***SUNY President's Meeting-***
 - Research and Scholarship Support Across SUNY
 - Open SUNY
 - Presidential Review- I will be reviewed Spring 2017
 - SUNY Path
 - Climate of the budget discussed/push to include more resources for SUNY in final budget.
 - ***SUNY Investment Funds-***
 - Buffalo State did not receive funding for Pre-Collegiate Success Center and Predictive Analytics proposals.
 - Buffalo State will receive \$250,000 to support Virtual Concierge proposal.
 - Buffalo State will receive award for 2016-17 for EOP expansion.
 - Effective Budget-2016-17- Via the release of the governor's budget a substantial improvement from last year in terms of starting point for SUNY negotiation.
 - Clean Energy Workforce Opportunity Program-campuses and community colleges will receive new programmatic funding.
 - SUNY 2020 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Predictable Tuition Plan has been extended.
 - Executive Budget recommends re-appropriation of \$4.0 billion and new capital appropriations for 2016/17.
 - ***Applied Learning Initiative (ALI) Update- Provost Perreault (the complete report will be in the full Senate Minutes.)***

- **Vice President LeVine- updated the Senate with information on the construction work and problems with the Elmwood and Iroquois Drive.** After discussions with contractors, there were no further solutions to alleviate the traffic problems during the road/bridge work. Lights have been optimized as much as possible to help alleviate delays.
- **Chief Diversity Officer-Karen Clinton-Jones provided and extensive demographic/diversity report.** There was extensive discussion following the report. (Full report and discussion will appear in the Full Senate minutes and the report will be posted on the Senate website.)

5. **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

- **Senator Amy McMillan:**
 - In 1809 both Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln were born on Feb. 12. Thus the homemade cupcakes she provided to the Senate as part of a tradition **Senator McMillan** has followed in celebration of these two great men.

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

- **Academic Plan Committee (APC)**-Jason Grinnell, Chair
 - **Senator Grinnell** Gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning Process.
- **By-Laws & Elections Committee (BLE)**- Kevin Williams, Chair
 - **Senator Williams** announced the upcoming elections and seats for the schools and the Senate seats for At-Large and UFS Senate seats that will be open for the upcoming academic year 2016/17.
- **Instruction & Research (I&R)**- Scott Goodman, Chair
 - **Senator Goodman** presented a resolution for vote on **DOPS policy for Interdisciplinary Units**. The policy was first brought to the Senate in December and has since been revised. **Senator McMillan** then explained to the Senate that a vote can be taken to support or reject the motion, an amendment can be made to the motion, or the motion can be postponed for further discussion and a vote in March. There was extensive discussion. Then the Senate voted to have the motion postponed.
 - **Senator Goodman** then explained that the second motion: **DOPS policy for Course Procedures and Grading**. A short discussion ensued. This motion will come back to the Senate in March with slight modification for discussion and a vote.
- **Standards for Student Committee (S4S)**- Heather Maldonado, Chair
 - Advisement update and survey information.
 - **Leaves of Absence motion**-for discussion. There was discussion. Senator Maldonado will bring it back to committee in light of the feedback given at the Senate meeting and based on other comments the committee solicited from deans and directors. It will come back in revised form in March to be discussed.
 - **Continuing Enrollment Policy**-for discussion. Senator Maldonado noted that a couple of the "Whereas" statements were discovered to be incorrect and provided corrected information. There was discussion. Senator Maldonado will bring the motion back to committee in light of the feedback given at the Senate meeting and based on other

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comments the committee solicited from deans and directors. It will come back in revised form in March to be discussed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- UFS Report from the 172nd Winter 2016 Plenary held at SUNY Stony Brook on January 22nd and 23rd cut one day short due to winter storm.
- UFS REPORT:
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/UFS%202015-2016/172nd%20Plenary%20Winter%202016.pdf>

8. NEW BUSINESS-(postponed until the March Senate meeting)

- **Academic Freedom-** postponed until the March 11th Senate meeting by **Senator McMillan**

9. CONSTITUENT QUESTIONS-CQ's (NONE)

- Traffic issues surrounding road work at Elmwood and Iroquois Drive. **Vice President LeVine** addressed this as part of the President's Report.

10. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Next Senate Meeting: Friday, March 11th 2016 @ 3 pm, in Butler 210.