

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS-SENATE MEETING SUMMARY draft

March 11, 2016 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *meeting commenced at 3:02 p.m.*
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
  - The Senate meeting agenda was moved by **Senator Sherman** and seconded by **Senator Grinnell**. It was then approved.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE SENATE MINUTES**
  - Minutes of 2/12/16 were presented. The Minutes were accepted without contest.
4. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT** –*full remarks will appear in the full Senate minutes.*

**Provost Perreault** gave the remarks on behalf of **President Conway-Turner** updated the Senate on:

  - **Importance of Retention-**
    - The Buffalo State community must recognize the importance of retention and graduation.
    - The collective and correct work of helping students with good advisement to help them accomplish their program of study or steering them towards a major that is a good fit for them helps everyone and is the right thing to do.
    - Retention and good advisement lead students to an on-time graduation.
      - The President's Committee on Undergraduate Retention provided a report  
*The complete report is posted on the Senate website. What Is Going On In The Senate (Home page featured area)*  
[http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/CUR\\_report\\_26Jan16\\_Final.pdf](http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/CUR_report_26Jan16_Final.pdf)
      - The President's recommendations to the Senate on retention:  
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/Cur%20recommendations%2003%2006%2016.pdf>
- **Senator McMillan** spoke briefly on the sub-committee that was formed from Senate members to work on a review and response to the retention report.
- **Community Policing Philosophy Policy** (*the complete report is posted on the Senate website*)
  - <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/BSC%20Campus%20Community%20Policing%20Philosophy%20%20FINAL%202015.pdf>
- **James Sobol, Ph.D.** – The impetus behind this was to work collectively as a college and as a community towards campus safety/crime prevention. There will be future larger discussions

on campus safety. There were no questions/discussion. **Senator McMillan** told the Senate to send her or **Chief of Police Peter Carey** any questions.

- **Vice President** spoke about **Eddie Hernandez** and **Bradley A. Doyley**, the two students who recently died. **Eddie** was a senior criminal justice major. A wake will be held in the Bronx, NY on 3-9-16, and 3/10/16. **Bradley** was a senior business major; a memorial service was held here on 2/24/16 and a service for him will take place in Brooklyn, NY on, 3/13/16. Investigations are ongoing for both students and we are working with the Buffalo Police Dept. Both **Eddie** and **Bradley** will receive a Posthumous Baccalaureate Degree as decreed by **President Conway-Turner**.
- **Enrollment Update**-Power Point presentation by **Vice President Payne** - the full report will be in the full Senate Minutes and posted as a Power Point on:  
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/>
- . There was brief discussion following this report.

#### 5. REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

- **Senator Amy McMillan:**
  - Gave a eulogy for the recent passing of **Professor Ron Rabin**. **Senator McMillan** asked **Senator Marren** to give a remembrance eulogy.

#### 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.
- **Student Welfare Committee (SWC)**- Joe Tucceri, Chair and Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair
  - **Senator Tucceri** presented for discussion the Broad Based fee motion.
- **Budget Staff & Allocations (BSAC)**-Fred Floss, Chair
  - **Senator Floss** presented BSAC's support document for the Broad Based fee.
- **By-Laws & Elections Committee (BLE)**- Kevin Williams, Chair
  - **Senator Williams** reminded the Senate about the upcoming nomination period March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming At-Large elections and UFS seats, which will be become vacant on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. The elections take place from April 18<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- **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. An amendment was brought by **Senator Knowles**. There was extensive discussion. **Senator McMillan** asked the Senate for a vote on the amendment to the policy motion. The vote was in favor of the amendment. **Senator**

**McMillan** then asked the Senate for a vote on the amended IU motion; the Senate approved with a majority in favor.

- **Senator Goodman** then explained that the second resolution up for vote: **DOPS policy for Course Procedures and Grading Policies**. This motion was revised by the committee (removal of ‘pleases’ as per Senate requests at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting) and was presented for a vote. The revisions were made to reflect an update language from the original 1984 version to reflect current practices. **Senator McMillan** asked the Senate for a vote on the motion presented. The motion passed.
- **Academic Misconduct Policy**-brief update presentation brought by both I&R and S4S
  - **Senator Goodman** talked about the concern that very few Buffalo State students have been found to have committed academic misconduct. This is a concern because we are far below other schools and probably have cheating and other misconduct happening in our classrooms.
  - *There was extensive discussion about whether we need to tighten policies.*
- **Standards for Student Committee (S4S)**- *Heather Maldonado, Chair-Senator Ken Fujiuchi* gave the report on behalf of **Senator Maldonado**
  - **Senator Fujiuchi** told the Senate that **S4S** is withdrawing both the **Undergraduate and the Graduate Continuous Enrollment Policy motions** for further committee work. They would be brought back to the Senate in Fall 2016.
  - **Leaves of Absence motion**-for discussion. There was discussion. **Senator McMillan** stated that this motion would be voted on at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.
  - **‘J’ Term limit Policy**-for introduction/discussion. S4S brought a policy for the number of credits students can take during J-term. There was extensive discussion.
  - **Campus Advisory Committee Report (CAC) presented**. There was no discussion.
    - **CAC is on the Senate website:**  
[http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/CAC\\_preliminaryreport\\_March2016.docx.pdf](http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/CAC_preliminaryreport_March2016.docx.pdf)

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Academic Freedom**- presented by **Senate Chair, Amy McMillan**
  - **Senator McMillan** stated the SUNY asked us to review our policy.
  - *There was some discussion/concerns.*

## **8. NEW BUSINESS-(Complete report and stats will be in the full Senate minutes)**

- **Affordable Learning Materials Initiative**- presented by **Brad Fuster, Leah Galka, and Ginger Bidell**
- *Via a projection; the Senate was shown varying costs of textbooks to students and the alternative to lower cost digital resources that are becoming available to students.*
- *\$9.2m was spent on textbooks at Buffalo State last year.*
- *SUNY wide cost was approximately-\$350m on textbooks.*
- *There will be a campus-wide meeting on this initiative on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Butler 210 with the Provost in attendance. Your support is needed.*
- *There was some discussion/concerns/questions.*

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- *Dr. Fuster stated that our campus Bookstore has agreed to match all Amazon prices for textbooks.*
- *Senator McMillan noted to the Senate that the Bookstore will be giving a report at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.*

9. CONSTITUENT QUESTIONS-CQ's (None)

10. *Adjournment-* The meeting adjourned at 5:21p.m.

**Next Senate Meeting: Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 3 pm, in Butler 210.**