

# • COLLEGE SENATE MEETING •

## SMS-SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-draft

May 6, 2016 Butler 210, 2:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *meeting commenced at 2:04 p.m.*
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
  - The Senate meeting agenda was moved by **Senator Sherman** and seconded by **Senator Floss**. It was then approved.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE SENATE MINUTES**
  - Minutes of 4/8/16 were presented. The Minutes were accepted without contest.
4. **REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT** –*full remarks for all reports will appear in the full Senate minutes.*

**President Conway-Turner** updated the Senate on:

  - **Enrollment-Vice President Payne:** <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/>
  - **Housing:** <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/>
    - There was discussion following both reports from **Vice President Payne**.
  - **Facilities Update VP LeVine.**
    - **Link:**  
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/facilities%20report%20to%20the%20college%20senate%20ANNOTATED%20FOR%20VP.pdf>
  - **Budget Report- Status of Campus Budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17 presented by Vice President LeVine**

2015/16

    - At this time last year we projected a \$3m deficit in State Purpose funds
    - We are currently projecting a deficit of \$1.9m
    - Savings accrued from the mild winter, and personnel savings in some units.
    - Can't predict what units will do through the end of the year.
    - Should be able to cover projected deficit with other State revenues, and not have to use campus reserves.

2016/17

    - Rational tuition program was not continued → no new tuition revenue
    - Overall SUNY funding was reduced by \$4.7m, our share is \$193,300. We will also be responsible for additional costs of \$2.4m for negotiated salary increases and DRP repayments, with no additional funding.
    - State budget continued \$18m investment fund for another year (one-time funding). Can be distributed at the discretion of the SUNY Board of Trustees, and we are not sure how SUNY will decide to distribute. We pushed for a distribution in proportion to overall new salary

commitments (\$23m SUNY-wide). SUNY CFO is leaning toward distributing to campuses with financial problems and limited cash. This would mean Buffalo State probably gets \$0.

- Overall deficit on State Purpose will depend on enrollments, and how SUNY handles the \$18m investment fund.
- Capital Budget - \$2m in additional funding added to the Executive budget by the legislature. We have been told to treat this as a one-time increase. Significantly reduced funding (\$25m/year to \$7m/year) and the lack of a long-term funding plan makes planning difficult and limits our ability to take on large scale rehab projects.
  - ***There was brief discussion/responses following the Budget report from Vice President LeVine***
- ***Retention Update-*** presented by ***President Conway-Turner***
  - Ten retention recommendations were listed by the President that will be implemented by Fall 2017
  - (full report/discussion will be disclosed in the full Senate minutes).

#### ***5. REMARKS OF THE CHAIR***

- ***Senator Amy McMillan:*** Thanked the Senate for a very productive year and recognized those Senators who will be leaving. She gave a special thanks to the Executive committee and the Secretary of the Senate.

#### **Recognition of Senate Service-full list will appear in the full Senate minutes**

Six years-two consecutive three year terms

Three years=one three year term

One year Faculty/Pro Staff Senators

One year Student Senators (12)

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

- ***By-Laws & Elections Committee (BL&E)-Kevin Williams, Chair***
  - ***Senator Williams*** updated on the elections and Caucus results. The link below lists all newly elected Senators and Officers.
  - ***Elections Senate webpage link:*** <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/large-college-senate-elections-2016>
    - ***School Elections and PSC***
    - ***At-Large***
    - ***UFS***
    - ***Senate Officers for 2016-17***
- ***Student Welfare Committee (SWC)- Joe Tucceri, Chair and Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair***
  - ***Senator Tucceri*** presented the ***Involuntary Leave Policy*** provided by the Student Health Advisory Committee.
    - Three committees vetted and endorsed the policy.
    - There was discussion from the Senate floor and an overall sense of support from the Senate body.

- Discussion concluded and President will be sent a memo with the Senate's positive response to the policy and an encouragement to adopt the policy.
- **Final Report was then presented to the Senate.**
- **Faculty & Staff Welfare Committee (FSW)-Amitra Wall, Chair**
  - Presents **The Buffalo State Creed**. The committee made some revisions and also included a catch-phrase; suggested by **Senator Knowles**.
    - There was extensive discussion and an eventual motion made by **Senator Ninacs** to postpone this discussion until Fall 2016. This motion was seconded and approved.
  - **Final report was then presented to the Senate.**
- **Instruction & Research (I&R)- Scott Goodman, Chair**
  - **Senator Goodman** brought back the resolution for vote on **Distance Education Policy**. The previous name of this policy was Distance Learning Policy. The committee made the requested revisions. **Senator McMillan** asked the Senate for their vote on this motion. Motion approved. *(The Senate Chair will send the President a memo of recommendation for her approval.)*
  - **Senator Goodman** brought a **CEP Policy** motion for discussion and vote. The Senate approved the motion. *(The Senate Chair will send the President a memo of recommendation for her approval.)*
  - **Senator Goodman** then presented the **Outsourcing Motion Policy** for discussion and vote. There was brief discussion. Then **Senator McMillan** called for a vote on this motion. The Senate approved of the Outsourcing Motion. *(The Senate Chair will send the President a memo of recommendation for her approval.)*
  - **Final report was then presented to the Senate.**
- **Standards for Student Committee (S4S)- Heather Maldonado, Chair**
  - **Certificate Review Motion** was presented and there was discussion.
    - The Senate approved of the Certificate Review recommendation *(The Senate Chair will send the President a memo of the recommendation for her information and action.)*
  - **Final report was then presented to the Senate.**
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee (CSCC)- Marc Bayer, Chair**
  - **Final report was presented to the Senate.**
- **Academic Plan Committee (APC)-Jason Grinnell, Chair**
  - **Senator Grinnell** Gave a brief update on the CPC and the Strategic Planning Process.
  - The first draft of the Strategic Plan from 2016 -2021 is available on the Buffalo State College Website:  
[http://www4.buffalostate.edu/cpc/Sessions/Draft\\_Strategic\\_Plan.html](http://www4.buffalostate.edu/cpc/Sessions/Draft_Strategic_Plan.html)
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7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *There was no Unfinished Business.*

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

- *There was no New Business.*

9. **CONSTITUENT QUESTIONS-CQ's (None)**

10. **Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.

**Next Senate Meeting: Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 3 p.m. in Butler 210.**

**The annual New Senator Orientation, 12:15-1:30 p.m., on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> in CLEV 418 for all newly elected Senators.**