

# SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SENATE

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

February 10, Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

- **Senator McMillan** presented the agenda for adoption. The agenda was approved.

### 3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 12/9/16 were accepted without change.

### 4. Remarks of the President

*(NOTE: Full report/discussions by the President will be in the Full Senate Minutes)*

- **Updates**
  - **Provost Perreault** briefed the Senate on recent campus and SUNY activities
    - **January meeting of faculty** - Recruitment, retention, and effectiveness were the themes for the meeting. Provost's office is summarizing these ideas and will hold another meeting in August to discuss where the campus is on these initiatives.
    - **COACHE survey** – is coming that asks about faculty satisfaction. SUNY is paying, please fill out so we can compare ourselves to other SUNY institutions.
  - **VP Levine** updated us on the budget.
    - Final State budget should come out around April 1. Current state operating budget has no change in state support to SUNY, no additions, no dollars to cover the negotiated salary increases. No rational tuition increase. Provides a continuation of the Performance fund (\$18 million) to SUNY. Tuition free plan – state says will cost \$163 million and will only cover “last dollar” amounts and for four years only.
    - Buffalo State budget – we have a structural deficit of 3.3 million. Next year negotiated increases will cost 2.6 million. Projected enrollment is a reduction in students, leading to ~8 million deficit for next year. SUNY-wide decreases in EOP support, small business development support, and graduate diversity fellowship support.
    - SAMC status question – completed first 2 phases, last phase over budget. Attempting to contract demolition for fall 2017 and redo project plans (shrink building to get within budget).
    - Many other issues discussed – full report in the February minutes.

### 5. Remarks of the Chair

- **Senate Chair Amy McMillan** introduced two new graduate student senators: **Justine Jacobi** and **Monique Owens**.

## 6. Committee Reports

- **Academic Plan Committee – Jason Grinnell, Chair**
  - **ACLO-All College Learning Outcomes discussion:**
    - We had a lively discussion on the wording in the Institutional (All College) Learning Outcomes.
    - Senator Grinnell will take back to committee one more time and we will solicit one more round of feedback on Senate Forum  
<https://buffalostateo.sharepoint.com/sites/senate/Lists/Categories/Category.aspx?CategoryId=6/>.
    - Vote during March 10, 2017 meeting.
- **Budget and Staff Allocations Committee – Fred Floss, Chair**
  - **AVP and Comptroller Jim Thor** provided a preview of broad-based fees for 2017-18. The financial plan calls for a \$25 increase with \$8 for Athletics, \$8 for Health, \$9 for Technology. No increase in NFTA for one more year. We will vote on the increase in broad-based fees at the March Senate meeting.
  - **Fred Floss** discussed SUNY and Buffalo State enrollment trends. Full report will be included in Senate minutes.
- **Bylaws and Elections Committee – Lynn Boorady, Chair**
  - Elections announced – 2 at large Senate seats opening and UFS Senator seat. Nominations will begin March 27 and will be posted in the Daily.
  - Election for a student member of the Agenda Committee (previous student member resigned). **Student Senator Justine Jacobi** was the only candidate and accepted the position.
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee – Karen Sands O’Connor, Chair**
  - Motion on DOPS Policy on Certificates revision passed.
  - Senator O’Connor reminded Senate about the KissFlow process.
- **Standards for Students – Heather Maldonado, Chair**
  - Motions for Admission Denial Appeal for Graduate and Undergraduate students passed.
  - DOPS revisions for Promotion and Guidelines for Documenting Teaching Effectiveness were introduced that added advisement as an explicit aspect of the faculty teaching portfolio. Discussion ensued. Motions will be voted on at the April Senate meeting.

## 7. Special Business

- *Applied Learning Report –Stephanie Zuckerman-Aviles and Senator Ann Emo* provided a report on the Applied Learning Task Force response to the SUNY Applied Learning Campus Plans Parts V-VII. The full report will be included in the February Senate minutes. Senate will vote on whether to agree with the final decision that Buffalo State will not require applied learning as a graduation requirement at this time during the March meeting.

**8. Unfinished Business** – no unfinished business

**9. New Business** - - no new business

**10. Constituent Questions-CQ's**

- There were CQ's. VP Levine answered some of them during his report. (CQ's and responses will appear in the full Senate minutes. They also can be heard on the podcast posted to the Senate website.

**11. Adjournment**

- Adjournment was at: 5:30 p.m.