

# SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SENATE

## SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-DRAFT

October 14, 2016 Butler 210, 3:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

- **Senator McMillan** presented the agenda for adoption. **Senator Sherman** moved and **Senator Loehr** seconded. The agenda was approved.

### 3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 9/9/16 for accepted without change.

### 4. Remarks of the President

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

- **Updates**
  - **President Conway-Turner** briefed the Senate on her recent SUNY president's meeting in Saratoga Springs. Discussion of most high priorities that all SUNY campuses are facing including the enrollment and retention issues. It is a system wide effort focusing on retention, recruiting teachers for Education programs.
  - The next SUNY President's meeting will be in December. **President Conway-Turner** will give report to the Senate at the February 10, 2017 Senate meeting.
- **Enrollment report**
  - **President Conway-Turner** gave the enrollment report via a PowerPoint. Full report will be in the complete Senate minutes.
  - Decline in students higher in the Northeast than in the South.
  - Decline in enrollment at community colleges and this is affecting transfer enrollment for comprehensive campuses.
  - Graduate School enrollment is down considerably over the last five years.
- **Budget and Housing**
  - **President Conway-Turner** briefed the Senate on current housing.
  - More students want to live on campus.
  - Working at eliminating non-academic holds that affect student retention and on campus housing totals.
  - Working with Greenleaf for Fall 2017 housing project at Grant St. and Rockwell Rd. This is not a dorm. Students can live there, which give the campus the opportunity for near campus housing and opportunities for improved enrollment/retention numbers.
  - Mandatory advisement will begin in May 2017 for all students.
  - There is a \$4.7m budget deficit.
  - Hiring freeze in effect campus wide.

### 5. Remarks of the Chair

- **Senator McMillan** thanked the President for the reports. She then welcomed **Elie Fortune** to the Senate Office as the new student assistant, compliments of the Provost. She also

welcomed **Peter Loehr** who has taken **Kevin Miller's** (Interim Dean of the Graduate School) seat on the Senate. **Senator McMillan** briefed the Senate on the Administrative Review Committee; **Senators Ron Stewart, Katie Morales** and **Karen Sands O'Connor** will be representing the Senate on that committee.

- **Applied Learning updates**
  - **Stephanie Zuckerman-Aviles-Director of the Career Development Center**
    - **Ann Emo, Amy McMillan** and **Stephanie** are leadership for Applied Learning for our campus.
    - There are seven parts to this undertaking, four are completed. **Stephanie** directed all to Senate website, Applied Learning page for all completed and upcoming parts. <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/applied-learning>
    - Feasibility Studies stage is next, and the implications for graduation.
      - The applied learning team has talked to various groups, will send out a chair survey and have a survey available to the rest of the campus. Student input is very important – working on ways to reach them.
      - **Senator McMillan** in closing stated that this survey (which must be completed by November), is very important and stressed to please complete the survey. The data will be collected and used to compile a draft report. They will present at the March Senate meeting. This must be completed by end of academic year.

## 6. Committee Reports

- **Budget Staff and Allocations – Frederick Floss, Chair**
  - Presented the updated roster for approval. BSAC updated roster was approved.
- **Faculty and Staff Welfare – Maria Brickhouse, Chair**
  - **Senator McMillan** makes a motion to withdraw the Buffalo State Creed (unfinished business from May, 2016). Motion passed.
  - **Senator Brickhouse** presented the 'Statement of Ethical Principles' – motion to endorse the UFS statement of ethical principles and adopt them at Buffalo State.
    - There was some discussion from the Senate floor. **Senator Floss** motioned to postpone the motion to add language on academic freedom. There was a second and motion was approved.
- **Standards for Students – Heather Maldonado, Chair**
  - Presented the updated roster for approval. The Standards for Students updated roster was approved.
  - **Senator Maldonado** introduced a motion for a revision on the DOPS Policy for Student Eligibility for an Academic Minor. There was some brief discussion. The motion will come back for a vote at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.
- **Student Welfare – Gianna Norfleet, Chair and Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair**
  - Roster presented for approval. The Student Welfare Committee roster was approved.
  - **Senator Norfleet** then briefed the Senate on the planned work for her committee.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- There was no Unfinished Business.

**9. New Business**

- There was no New Business.

**10. Constituent Questions –**

- **The full CQ's and responses will appear in the Complete Senate Minutes.**
- **Senator McMillan** presented some advanced CQ's to the Senate for the administration to respond to.
- **Vice President LeVine** addressed some CQ's regarding snow removal concerns, shuttle service on campus, students with mobility issues; inclusive of accessibility conveniences, older staff cleaning snow, exterior window cleaning for SAMC.
- **Vice President Payne** addressed a CQ on the position of Enrollment Management Coordinator. Vice President Payne stated it wasn't a new position and the funding was from a previous source already available.
- **Senator Santa Maria** asked why there are not any Faculty Adjunct Senate seats. **Senator McMillan** said this will be addressed this year, and has been previously considered.

**11. Adjournment**

- Adjournment was at: 5:00 p.m.