

SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SENATE

SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY-DRAFT

December 9, 2016 Butler 210, 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 11/4/16 were accepted without change.

4. Remarks of the President

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

- **Updates**

- **President Conway-Turner** briefed the Senate on recent campus activities, and answered some Constituent Questions (CQ's). (CQ's will appear in full minutes)
 - **Committee on Community Engagement** is drafting a civic engagement plan for our campus as part of the campus compact, an organization that pulls together campuses dedicated to community service and civic engagement around the country that we have been a part of that for many years. **Laura Rao-Hill** and **Alec Means** are co-chairing this committee. They will continue to gather feedback and the goal is to have them come to the March Senate meeting to present a draft of the plan.
 - **Senators McMillan** and **Grinnell** represented the Senate at the meeting with members of **SUNY Central** on campus. SUNY Provost **Alec Cartwright** led the meeting to talk about the completion agenda for our campus. We discussed our Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) and how are we moving this forward. This was a good meeting where we shared and educated our system colleagues of some of our unique aspects, our Strategic Plan and some of the challenges we have around enrollment and retention. In the spring I will put together a readjusted enrollment goal for SUNY to consider.
 - Buffalo State received the largest gift ever from the Garman family for \$4million to the Art Conservation department. This will support students and faculty.
 - We held a forum for students on how they were feeling regarding the recent national election, and how they were feeling post-election. Discussing this on campus allowed us to address student concerns.
 - **The President** thanked those who partook in the violence against women and girls with the 'To Orange the World Event'.
 - **The President** mentioned that **Vice President Payne** would be retiring on December 31st and a party would be given for his service on February 17, 2017. She thanked him for his 27 years of service and dedication, and commitment

to Buffalo State. Starting in January, **Daniel Velez** will serve as Interim VP of Student Affairs and a formal search for a permanent VP will be underway during summer 2017.

- **The President** mentioned the recent reorganizations of several administrative areas. Enrollment, Financial Aid will now be under the CIO and RITE. Both the Library and Disability Services will now fall under the Provost's area.
 - The Chancellor will be conducting presidential reviews and **Dr. Conway-Turner's** review is being conducted this year. Some members of the Senate and faculty were contacted to complete the survey for her review. The Chancellor will meet with **Dr. Conway-Turner** in the spring.
 - The Copy Center requires no more than 5 business days for copying exams and other course materials – this was in response to a constituent question.
 - **The President** then introduced **Tim Walsh** to present the Marketing report.
- **President's Marketing Report**
 - **Tim Walsh, Director of College Relations** gave President's Marketing report via a Power Point presentation. (Full report in the complete Senate minutes) Additional Report related documents also posted on the Senate website's reports page: <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/reports-senate-2015-2017>
 - There was extensive discussion following the Marketing Report.

5. Remarks of the Chair

- **Stephanie Zuckerman-Aviles** gave an update on the Applied Learning report that she along with **Senators McMillan** and **Emo**, have been working on.
- **Senator McMillan** then spoke to the Senate about her meeting with **USG President Terron Grant** and the concerns he and other student senators had over last month's enrollment report. The students were frustrated at being represented as numbers and statistics during that report. Her conversation with Mr. Grant was productive and she mentioned that we must remember how important our students are and a critical part of why we are here. Senate business still needs to be conducted and a better explanation to the students is warranted.
- **Senator McMillan** stated that both she and President Conway-Turner put together a letter for the campus addressing recent political and social issues and how it relates to the students and the campus community as a whole. Buffalo State's diversity is an asset and our campus has experienced less trouble than others.

6. Committee Reports

- **Academic Plan Committee – Jason Grinnell, Chair**
 - **ACLO-All College Learning Outcomes-updates (Power Point) at:** <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/reports-senate-2015-2017>
 - There were questions and answers following the report.
 - These outcomes will be discussed in February and provided to the Senate and campus community for feedback for a vote in March or April.
- **College Senate Curriculum Committee – Karen Sands O'Connor, Chair**

- Introduced revisions to the current DOPS Policy on Certificates. The revisions include new language to make all SUNY Certificates inclusive of both Undergraduate and Graduate Students, bringing it closer in line to SUNY requirements. These will be voted on in February.
- **Standards for Students – Heather Maldonado, Chair**
 - **Senator Knowles** introduced two motions on behalf of Senator Maldonado. The motions are for Admission Denial Appeal, one for Graduate and one for Undergraduate students. These will be voted on in February.

8. Unfinished Business

- **USG President, Senator Grant** briefly thanked the Senate.

9. New Business

10. Constituent Questions-CQ's

- There were CQ's.
- The President answered some of them during her remarks. (Full 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: 3:45 p.m.