

SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SENATE SMS SENATE MEETING SUMMARY

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

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- **Senator McMillan** presented the agenda with an amendment needed to include BSAC motion during Student Welfare Committee report. **Senator Sherman** moved and **Senator Loehr** seconded. The amended agenda was approved.

3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 2/10/16 were presented. The minutes of 2.10.17 were accepted with a minor 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 Advisory Implementation Team Report. **The Provost has accepted the report:** Mandatory advisement for all students will take effect beginning in Fall 2017. All new students will have a professional advisor assigned to them as well as a departmental advisor if a major is declared. Departments will need an advising plan for their students.
 - Volunteers are needed for an Academic Advising Council.
 - Starfish will be replacing MapWorks; utilizing a button instead of needing a PIN.
 - **President Conway-Turner** updated the Senate.
 - The Buffalo Billion II will continue. The President has been involved.
 - Cuba trip was successful. Traveled there February 18-26th. Strides made in the soon to be announced partnership/student study exchange program being developed along with six other SUNY campuses. There are many programs we have in common with the Cuban university.
 - Recent College Council meeting – focused on the Graduate School. Interim Dean, Dr. Kevin Miller shared with the College Council his goals and initiatives for the Graduate School.
 - This will be Buffalo State’s first year of graduates from the “Say Yes” program, 46 are expected to receive their diplomas on May 13th 2017. These students averaged a 3.06 GPA.
 - Tony Bannon current Burchfield manager is retiring this year.

- **CIVIC ACTION PLAN REPORT**- draft presented by **Laura Hill-Rao** and **Alexander Means**.

(full report (pdf) on the Senate Reports Page on the website:

<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/reports-senate-2015-2017>

5. Remarks of the Chair

- **Senate Chair Amy McMillan**
 - Noted that book orders are due.
 - Electronic course review report from **Dr. David Demers** is available on the Senate website reports and in the minutes of Feb. 10, 2017.
 - Senate roster has been revised to reflect recent changes.

6. Committee Reports

- **Academic Plan Committee – Jason Grinnell, Chair**
 - **ILO-Institutional Learning Outcomes discussion:**
 - **Senator Kim Kline** gave updates on Senator Grinnell’s behalf.
 - Four outcomes had been revised. The word ‘urban’ was removed.
 - Discussion took place. Many still favored using ‘urban’ instead of ‘community’ as part of the outcome language (*full discussion in the complete minutes*).
 - **Senator Kline** will take back the recommended changes to the APC and come back with a revision to be voted on at the April 14th Senate meeting. You can view and comment on the outcomes on the College Senate website (<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/>) under the Senate Forum/Comment Site tab on the left bar.
- **Bylaws and Elections Committee – Lynn Boorady, Chair**
 - Nomination announcement– 2 at large Senate seats opening and 1 UFS Senator Seat. Nominations will begin March 27th –April 7th 2017, and will be posted in the Daily. Please submit a bio/statement and photo to **Vince** and **Slade** if you are interested or will be nominating a constituent/colleague.
- **Instruction & Research – Scott Goodman, Chair**
 - **Senator Goodman** presented the proposed Academic Calendars.
Academic Calendar notes:
The new Academic Calendar conforms to the construction guidelines established by the Senate last spring (Calendar will follow closer to SUNY guidelines). There was brief discussion. The Provost urged faculty to NOT cancel classes during CEP week.
 - No Friday study days
 - Veteran’s Day is now a class day.
 - A 4-day weekend is scheduled in October. (No class on Tuesday of Fall recess)
 - Tuesday of President’s Day weekend in February is now a class day
 - 41 MWF each semester, 28 TR each semester
 - Future summer session dates are still uncertain due to conflict between J-term and ES sessionI&R wants to reaffirm that the Academic Calendar **must be reviewed by the Senate before being finalized** and published. After review of the calendar, it appears that both **J-term and Early Summer sessions should be reviewed** based on student enrollment, length of classes, start and end dates, and possible elimination or replacement if appropriate.

- **Senator Goodman** introduced a motion for discussion on revisions to the DOPS Policy on Academic Misconduct. A policy comparison chart was also projected to show the revisions made from the original policy. The revised policy will be shorter with some old/outdated language removed.
- There was extensive discussion on the policy.
- **Student Welfare Committee- Gianna Norfleet, Chair and Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair**
 - **Senator Norfleet** presented her revised committee's roster for Senate approval.
 - The Senate approved of the roster without modification.
 - **Senator Norfleet** then presented a motion to increase the Broad Based Fees by \$25.
 - Motion carried over the nays and motion was approved.
- **Budget and Staff Allocations Committee – Fred Floss, Chair**
 - **Senator Floss** noted that his committee was in full support of the motion presented by SWC on the increase for Broad Based Fees. He also stated that these increases were regulated by SUNY and any increase wasn't just a random amount.
 - **Senator Floss** then presented a motion in collaboration with the SWC to recommend the President review moving staff to state lines in cost saving measure. He noted that more and more lines are moving to state purpose lines.
 - There was some questions and discussion over the fee increase motion. Some brief discussion took place on the Staff to State Lines motion.
 - The motion passed.

8. Special Business

- **Senator McMillan** presented for vote a motion on the Applied Learning Initiative.
 - The motion recommended that Applied Learning not be a requirement for graduation at this time. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

9. Unfinished Business –

- **UFS Report**-of the 175th Winter Plenary at SUNY Old Westbury. Report is posted to the Senate website at: <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/university-faculty-senate>

10. New Business - – no new business

11. Constituent Questions-CQ's (Please note that full podcasts are available to listen to this section unedited- March 10, 2017 Senate meeting) <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/senate-meeting-podcasts>

- There were advanced CQ's. Full answers will appear in the complete minutes.
 - **The President** spoke to the inquiries on the recent Investigative Reporters report over the college's association with Greenleaf and the apartment complex being built next to the campus. Also the related student housing problems and the possible new complex being offered as an option to students. She stated there were no inappropriate business arrangements (financial or other) made between our campus and the Greenleaf builders. SUNY has lawyers handling any business exchanges or agreements. This is a non-state building and Buffalo State does not own or operate the future apartment complex currently under construction.

Final draft for Senate/posting SMS.

- **Interim Vice President Velez** answered some CQ's related to the Greenleaf property via Power Point. He gave financial differences on housing issues.
 - He noted that it will take probably four years to level out our housing problems.
 - There was discussion and further questions.
- **Vice President LeVine** addressed other CQ's.
 - Costs to students.
 - Off campus housing options. All students are urged to shop around.
 - Safety issues for all students choosing to live in the new Greenleaf complex. BPD will handle all calls. Buffalo State has no jurisdiction over the property in terms of campus police tending to calls and emergencies.
 - Responds to inquiries about the sad state of our grounds. The college will be contracting out much landscaping work for the campus and plow ruts need fixing.
- There was extensive discussion and questions over the CQ's presented.

CQ's Athletics Report-Jerry Boyce-Director of Athletics-(report will be posted to the Senate's Reports page at: <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/reports-senate-2015-2017>)

- Addressed concerns over concussions and football safety.
 - All students who are going into athletics are educated on concussion protocols and symptoms and awareness if someone has one.
 - Football is 14% of overall budget.
 - Revenues generated from the Athletics Department for the College: over \$2m. Scholarships are given for Division I. There are no scholarships for Division 3.
 - There were some questions and discussion.

Final CQ's addressed by Provost Perreault

- Why is University College being dissolved?
 - It is no longer fulfilling its original intent for the college. Loss in retention, there will be some financial savings to the college.
- Any discussion on consolidating the 'schools'?
 - There is no current discussion about consolidation of any of our four schools.
- Commencement is on May 13, and there will many celebratory events for our students going on. This year the commencement ceremonies are broken up into four schools rather than all at once (addressing overcrowding/fire codes). Also the Graduate School will be holding their ceremony in the evening.
- Ticket limitations this year will be four per student versus previous five. This also coincides with fire code regulations and overcrowding.

12. Adjournment

- Adjournment was at: 5:35 p.m.