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**College Senate 2020**

**Meeting Agenda**

**March 13, 2020 Bulger-217, 3:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

- Senate Chair, Joe Marren

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**3. Presentation of Minutes**

- Minutes of 2/14/2020

**4. Remarks of the President**

- Campus-wide updates.
- Enrollment data update.

**5. Remarks of the Chair**

- Update up on formation of Shared Governance Task Force (SGTF)

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

- **(BSAC) Budget and Staff Allocations Committee** – Ted Schmidt, Chair
  - Introducing Motion on Increases to Student Fees; in joint effort with the Student Welfare Committee.
- **(BYLE) By-Laws & Elections Committee** – Julian Cole, Chair
  - Reminder- Upcoming Spring Elections
  - Presenting for discussion/VOTE New College Faculty By-Laws DRAFT.
- **(CSCC) College Senate Curriculum Committee** – Bhakti Sharma, Chair
  - Introducing resolution on revised DOPS Internship Policy
  - Introducing resolution to revise DOPS IF Policy.
- **(FSW) Faculty & Staff Welfare Committee** – Maria Brickhouse, Chair
  - Introducing information on the upcoming Open Forum with UPD.
  - Report/results of the Campus Climate Survey.
- **(I&R) Instruction & Research** – Kimberly Kline, Chair
  - Introducing Supplemental Policy revision for; Scholarship Encompassing Applied Research, Scholarship of Teaching, and Community-Engaged Research and Scholarship.
  - Introducing DOPS Grading Policy addition. this will add in Graduate grades not currently included on the current policy.

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Revised on 3.12.2020 for the College Senate meeting on 3.13.2020.

- **(SWC) Student Welfare Committee** – Matthew Burch, Chair and Steve Macho, Vice Chair
  - SWC Report.

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

- 2017 UFS Resolution update; for Student who serve in the National Guard.

#### **9. New Business**

#### **10. Constituent Questions**

- Nine (9) CQs sent in advance for the Administration to address at the March Senate meeting:

#### **Corona Virus**

1. UB is reacting to the virus in China. Admittedly, they have many more international students and faculty...but is our school doing anything? **Are we screening faculty and international students who have recently been in China?**

#### **Formation of the School of Arts and Sciences**

2. **Is the decision to merge the schools of Arts & Humanities and the School of Natural and Social Sciences predominantly driven by the declining enrollment and subsequent financial difficulties or are there other reasons?**
3. **Is the decision to merge the schools of Arts & Humanities and the School of Natural and Social Sciences based on hard data from other institutions that such mergers achieve the desired goals? What are the desired goals to bring the two schools together?**
4. **If so, can the data used for the decision-making process be shared with the campus community?**
5. We are curious what will happen to the rest of the Humanities and why someone thinks we are a good match with science. **What is the real purpose for this merger?**
6. **What plans are underway for the renovation of Upton Hall? Is it a systems renovation, i.e. electric and plumbing, or is the intent to renovate for existing programs or to put other programs or departments in the building?**
7. Thank you to the Buffalo State administration for communicating early and often about COVID-19. As the virus continues to spread across the U.S., the CDC and other public health agencies and experts are asking individuals and organizations to implement social distancing efforts. **Is Buffalo State ready to lead on this issue?**
8. **Below are some suggestions for implementation immediately following the spring break.**

**Would Buffalo State consider implementing any/all of these options, and if so, which ones? If not, why not and what specific actions is Buffalo State planning to take to reduce the spread of this virus?**

Allow all face-to-face and hybrid instructors to move to 100% online coursework (as appropriate). Department chairs and deans must be consulted by interested faculty in advance. (Several universities across the country have already taken this step.)  
Replace face-to-face office hours with virtual office hours (telephone, e-mail, Skype).  
Replace face-to-face campus committee meetings with virtual meetings (conference call, Skype, Blackboard Collaborate).  
Move the April and May Senate meetings to Blackboard Collaborate (or similar platform).  
Prepare an emergency back-up plan for an alternative to traditional Commencement.

9. We know the College is being proactive and considering how to implement going 100% online and its implications. Since many of our students are from the NYC area where many of NY's cases are located. **Is there/ will there be a plan for handling students and faculty/staff who travel to areas over Spring Break where they may have come into contact with COVID-19?**

**FYI-Constituent Questions are also taken live at each Senate meeting.**

## **11. Adjournment**