

Buffalo State College

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•COLLEGE SENATE MEETING-SMS•

Senate Minutes Summary

November 9, 2018-Bulger 217, 3 p.m.

<u>PRESENT</u>			<u>EXCUSED</u>
Barnum	Holland	Rosen-Brand	Adamo
Ben-Merre	Kenyon	Santa Maria	Bajus on Fall 18' sabbatical
Brickhouse	Knowles	Sarratori	Bewlay
Cole	Loehr	Severson	Carson on Fall 18' FML and Spring 2019 sabbatical
Conway-Turner	Maguire	Sharma	Fronckowiak
D'Angelo	Marren	Shively	Fulcher-Rood
Devonish	Mayrose	Wadsworth	Kline
Du	Mernitz	Wall	Macho
Ederer	Nailor	Williams Kevin	Morales
Ettestad	Nikischer	Williams Kyosha	Patti
Fujiuchi	Patwardhan	Wilson	Schmidt
Gellin	Perreault	Zhang	Shephard
Goodman			Vince Garland
Gordon			ABSENT
			Boakye
			Fortner
			Garrity
			Kelly
			McKillip
			Murray
			Rickard
			Todd
			Ware
			Yusuf

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*The Official Record of the Senate- Audio Podcast:

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*Please go to the Official Podcast to hear all audio with full dialogue on reports, discussions, etc. from each Senate meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: *Senator Marren* officially called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: *Senator Marren* presented the agenda. He made a motion to amend the Agenda so that the Student Welfare report would be moved up below the presentation of the minutes. It was moved and seconded. Hearing no other substantive changes or objections, the November 9, 2018 amended Agenda was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF THE SENATE MINUTES: *Senator Marren* presented the minutes summary of October 12th, 2018. Hearing no substantive changes, the minutes were accepted as presented. For completed viewing of minutes past and presented, go to:
<https://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/senate-minutes>

Student Welfare Committee-Aishwarya Patwardhan, Chair

Senator Patwardhan presents her committee's roster.

Senator Marren: All those in favor of the roster? Any opposed? None. The roster is approved.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

Go to 2:36 into recording to hear the entire President's Remarks

President Conway-Turner: We have been funded for the Title 3 grant, which will help with issues with retention on campus. Help us look at data with our student success and help close some gaps, help with faculty development, help with resources to help coordinate our academic services. We will have five years of predictable funding of \$2.2million. It will lend to efficiency of academic services. We needed this to happen and to help our students. Thanks to all in Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management for their work and efforts to make this happen.

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The President addressed 12 Constituent Questions that were sent in advance to her. She deferred to ***Provost Perreault*** and ***Vice President Barnum*** to respond accordingly to their respect academic areas. ***Below are summaries of the CQ's only.***

Please go to the Podcast to hear the full Constituent Questions and responses in their entirety: <https://newsandevents.buffalostate.edu/podcasts/college-senate-meeting-november-9>

1. CDHS: 150 people lost their jobs and we have a \$7m loss from this. None of this was ever discussed in the Senate. Whose choice was this? Why wasn't this brought to the Senate for discussion? Where are the impacts of this loss?
 - a. **Provost Perreault** addressed this. Negotiations were attempted. Employees were given 11 months' notice to find new employment. Our HR dept. is working on this.
2. Many may have been surprised to learn that SUNY no longer funds our negotiated salaries. Explain the reason that SUNY decided to make this change. What could be done to change this going forward? More political involvement? Governor?
 - a. **Vice President Barnum** addressed this. Governor made that decision not SUNY. This would be a budget cut for BSC, so we would have to find ways to cover this.
3. Given the budget situation on campus, what is being done to ensure oversight of new construction/renovations on campus to ensure that contractors and inspectors are conscientious of building plans and best practices so that Buffalo State's facilities workers are not burdened with fixing problems and picking up a growing tab for corrections and fixes needed on new and newly renovated buildings? As the number of facilities workers on campus shrinks and the number of repairs and infrastructural issues at Buffalo State grows, Buffalo State should not have to invest money to repair new and renovated buildings.
 - a. **VP Barnum** deferred to **Director of Facilities, Design and Construction, Steven Shaffer**. Construction contracts must be awarded to the lowest bidder. WNY has a deficit of skilled craftsmen. Most larger projects adding to this difficulty, the campus is not privy to these contracts, the State University Construction Fund. Lack of quality products and skilled labor. Recent reorganization of facilities, construction and maintenance department that will oversee operating, repairs and renovations of building. We have hired an electrical engineer and mechanical engineer. HVAC upgrades in skills of our staff. Working with the State University Construction Fund who holds those contracts for design and construction. Now includes plumbing, doors and windows. With changes in place, it will make the quality better going forward
4. Could someone talk about what safety precautions we take in the residence halls?
 - a. **VP Barnum** defers to **UPD Chief Peter Carey**. Security precautions taken in residence halls. The RHs are locked 24hrs a day and only residents can attain entrance. We have an escort policy; students must have permission to have a guest. "We do tell students at orientation that they shouldn't hold the door open for people coming behind them who they don't know. They should shut the door, and let those people gain entrance themselves as residents."
 - b. An expansive camera system was installed, and this is what helped in catching the 2 criminals. They have been put in custody and removed from campus. Porter Hall, Bishop Hall, Tower One, Cassety Hall all have expansive camera systems installed. Residence Life as part of a remodel include this addition of camera systems. This is a budgetary and planning process. UPD have increased patrols. We do not have a safety issue on campus.

5. A question from two faculty members in SOP. Why the student lot behind the library and next to campus house, lot I-34, could not be the faculty lot during the construction of Butler library in place of the spots in the Buckham Hall parking, lot R-13?
 - a. **VP Barnum** addressed this. The Student parking fee paid for by students for the use of this lot, so we cannot use this for faculty and staff. Lot R-12 is being used in the interim for relocating faculty and staff. This is not ideal because of distance but there is a shuttle a 7-minute ride. There is a phone app you can use to have the shuttle pick you up.

6. Would it be possible to coordinate with maintenance so that the mowing schedule works better with the classroom instructional hours? For example, mowing the fields during the day and the grass beside the classrooms on off-hours. (*It's too hot to keep windows open in September and May, but we can't teach with them open because of the noise of the mowers.*)
 - a. **VP Barnum addressed.** Grounds crew have 40 acres of land to mow. Difficult to time mowing with classes in session.

7. Why are maintenance vans still driving through the pedestrian walkways on campus when it's clearly not business related?
 - a. **VP Barnum addressed. Steve Shaffer** has shared a new memo and map that will be distributed to all maintenance staff, so that they will not be allowed to drive on those walkways. Some buildings are land-locked which makes it difficult to get to those areas without going over walkways. He will continue to keep close eye on that they are not driving on pedestrian areas when it is not work related.

8. There used to be a fountain/ice sculpture on campus, and it would beautifully freeze every winter (photo attached). Many years ago, it was disassembled and stored away. Is this something we could bring back to life?
 - a. **Provost Perreault** addressed this. The fountain kept breaking (costly to maintain), when wind blew sheets of ice formed around fountain. Parts still remain in storage but not all parts identified, most likely not returning back to campus.

9. Buffalo State owns the lobby mural from the old Buffalo Courier-Express lobby. This is also buried away somewhere in storage or an archive. Is this something that could be incorporated into the current library renovation? It's a wonderful piece of Buffalo history, and the library would be an apt place for it.
 - a. **Provost Perreault** addressed this. It is currently in the History Museum Annex on Forest in storage (climate controlled). Estimate in 1989 to restore was \$10-40K, and it will be much more now. Physically with the remodel, most surfaces will be glass. Not a proper place for it to go. Bringing it back will not be a priority, and it will be costly to restore with the campus budget issues.

10. There was a lot of anxiety about the what SUNY wants us to do with the "Open Access" policy/discussion. At the Agenda Meeting, you explained what this meant and eased all the worry. Could you just tell the Senate body what this entails?

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- a. **Provost Perreault** addressed this. SUNY has passed a resolution that all campuses need to have an open access policy for scholarship. It is not saying to stop doing period publications. It is not mandatory, it is voluntary. Expose faculty research. Across the country they are creating on line open access. This opens it up to a wide range and get to people who cannot afford to pay for the latest journal. Movement that has been started by faculty to insure greater access to research. SUNY is asking us to create a policy. Open access is a good idea, and it is not compulsory for faculty. A lot of journals today are allowing faculty to publish their research/proofs and publish them. We have a tremendous existing digital common, many of our faculty already publish there. It's on the Library website. We can use this for our open access.

11. Last month, there was a constituent question about reporting/not reporting disruptive student behavior on Starfish. This was explained, but colleagues are still unsure about what to do. Can you clarify when students' classroom behavior should be reported and when we shouldn't (due to privacy laws)?
 - a. This is an issue of how a faculty member should know when there is a problem to put into Starfish (SF), or Bengal support portal. It is looked at daily, hourly, by advisors. In SF you raise a flag if a student is being violent or going to do self-harm or other, and it might not be seen for 5-6 hours. If it is urgent, you should contact UPD or walk the student over the counseling.

12. A faculty member was asked by a student to fill out an academic progress report for a sports team coach. The report seemed to violate FIRPA rules. Is this a FIRPA violation? If so, can Athletics be reminded?
 - a. **Provost Perreault:** It is not a violation of FIRPA. Coaches are part of the academic enterprise. And sharing of academic information for the purposes of academic success is certainly allowed by FIRPA. This is not compulsory but to maintain NCAA compliance. It is helpful for the students and the coaches, and to have more people pay attention to student academic progress is important.

There was discussion and questions from the Senate floor.

President Conway-Turner introduced CIO and VP of Marketing, Enrollment & Communications, **Jacquelyn Malcolm** who gave a report on enrollment, which is an additional part of her report from the October 12th Senate meeting. **Please go to the Podcast @ 34:28 into recording to hear the full report, questions and discussion:**

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REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Senator Marren: To hear the Chair's Remarks, go to the Podcast @56:09 into recording.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards for Students Committee, Amy Wilson, Chair

Senator Wilson re-introduced a resolution on for addition to DOPS on Repeating Courses for discussion. This was brought to the Senate at the April 2018 Senate meeting. There was extensive discussion on this resolution. **Resolution in Appendices-appendix A**
To hear presentation and extensive discussion go to the Senate Podcast
<https://newsandevents.buffalostate.edu/podcasts/college-senate-meeting-november-9> @ approx. 1:01:48 into recording.

Unfinished Business There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

University Faculty Senate Report-UFS

UFS Senator Amitra Wall gave report from the 180th Fall Plenary from SUNY Binghamton
The report is posted on the Senate Website's UFS page:
<https://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/COLLEG%20SENATE%202018-2019/REPORTS%20TO%20THE%20SENATE%202018-19/180th%20Plenary%20Fall%202018%20Report%20Binghamton%20Final.pdf>

Go to the podcast @ 1:15:40 into recording to hear the UFS Report.
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Constituent Questions-CQ's

Twelve CQ's were addressed under the Remarks of the President.
There were no additional CQ's.

Senator Marren asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved.

Adjournment: 4:32 p.m.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A

DOPS Revision: Repeating Courses-Re-introduced on November 9, 2018

Originally introduced at the April 2018 Senate meeting by the Standards for Students Committee, Amy Wilson Chair

WHEREAS, the current policy does not allow students to repeat courses outside of Buffalo State; and

WHEREAS, students who wish to improve their academic standing or GPA by completing courses at another institution are prevented by current policy from applying successfully completed transfer courses (except for Cross Registration courses) to their Buffalo State transcripts and from removing the earlier Buffalo State grade from their GPA; and

WHEREAS, students who are able to repeat a course successfully at another institution when that course is not being offered at Buffalo State, may be more likely to recover, maintain their plan of completion, and/or successfully graduate in a timely manner from Buffalo State; and

WHEREAS, 73% of our student population receives federal financial aid that is governed by Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards (Pace and GPA),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Buffalo State amends its DOPS policy on **Repeating Courses** as revised in this document to enhance student success and completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this policy change would go into effect beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year and that the college catalog and college website be updated to ensure that DOPS language is consistently reflected in the catalog and on the website for this policy.

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

Policy Number: I:16:08

Subject: Repeating Courses

Proposed Revised Policy

Repeating Courses at Buffalo State

Students may repeat once any course in which a C-, D+, D, E or EV grade was earned. A course in which a student earned a C-, D+, D, E, or EV cannot be repeated with a Pass/Fail option. All grades remain on the permanent record but only the second grade and those semester hours will be used in calculating the GPA. This policy will pertain *even if* the grade earned during the second attempt is lower than the initial grade. Courses with letter grades A through C cannot be repeated.

Policy regarding practicum courses may differ. Contact the department in which the course is offered.

Repeating courses may affect financial aid. Students should check with the Financial Aid Office for more information regarding repeating courses and financial aid policy.

GPA calculations are completed at the time the degree or certificate is conferred and are not affected by any subsequent coursework at Buffalo State.

If at the initial time of admission to Buffalo State a student is awarded transfer credit for a course that earned a grade of C-, D+ or D, the student may repeat the course at Buffalo State and the grade and credit of the second course will count in the GPA.

Repeating Courses at Other Institutions

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A Buffalo State course in which a C-, D+, D, E or EV was earned may be repeated at another institution with prior department approval of course equivalency on file in the Registrar's Office. The Buffalo State course will be excluded from the GPA and will be so indicated on the transcript. A minimum grade of C is required for transfer credit to be applied. The transfer credit will count toward degree completion, but the transferred course grade will not be included in the overall Buffalo State GPA.

No more than 16 credits may be awarded through course repeat at another institution. Transfer credits obtained through course repeat outside of Buffalo State will count towards the maximum transfer credit allowance.

Current Policy

A student may repeat a given course once for which a C-, D+, D, E or EV grade was earned. The course must have the same prefix number, title, and credit hours. The repeated course must be taken at Buffalo State College. Only the second grade and those semester hours completed will be used in determining the GPA. A student may not repeat a course for a third time.

All grades remain on the permanent record. Students may not use pass-fail to repeat a course for which a C-, D+, D, E or EV grade was earned. A passing grade will not replace an F or a U grade, since F and U are not computed in the GPA. Courses with letter grades above C- cannot be repeated. Courses that were illegally repeated will not be used in computing the cumulative average. Practicum courses may differ. Check with the department that offered the course. Repeating courses affects financial aid. Students should check with the Financial Aid Office for more information regarding repeating courses and financial aid policy.

Once a student has completed a bachelor's degree, a final average for the degree is computed. Courses from that degree may not be repeated, and that final average is not affected by any subsequent coursework at Buffalo State College.