

•COLLEGE SENATE MEETING-SMS•

Senate Minutes Summary

September 8, 2017-Butler 210, 3 p.m.

<u>PRESENT</u>			<u>EXCUSED</u>
Alford	Harris	Reid	Ben-Merre
Ameyaw	Hunt	Rosen-Brand	Boorady
Bajus	Jean-Baptiste	Santa Maria	Brickhouse
Bayer	Kenyon	Sarratori	Loehr
Bewlay	Kline	Severson	Louis
Blakes	Knowles	Sharma	Perreault
Carson	LeVine	Shephard	Qualls (on Fall leave)
Conway-Turner	Macho	Velez	
D'Angelo	Maldonado	Vince Garland	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ederer	Marren	Wall	Francois
Emo	Mayrose	Williams	Martin
Ettestad	Mernitz	Wilson	Ramos
Floss	Morales	Zhang	Shively
Fronckowiak	Ndiaye		
Garrity	Nikischer		
Gellin	Ninacs		
Gordan	Oyer		
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CALL TO ORDER: *Senator Reid* officially called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., following a short performance from the Buffalo State Trombone Quartet. *Senator Reid* thanked the Quartet for their performance kick starting the Senate year off.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: *Senator Reid* presented the agenda. Hearing no objections, it was moved and seconded. The September 8, 2017 Agenda was adopted/approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES: *Senator Reid* presented the minutes of May 12, 2017. The minutes of 5.12.17 were accepted without modifications.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Senator Reid welcomed the Senate to a new year. The senate, in essentially its present form, dates to 1971. What is clear is that this is a body that has stood the test of time. And just as the college is proud of its diversity, this senate's diversity is one of its greatest strengths. We consist of student senators, a support staff senator, professional staff senators, faculty senators, including our senator from the library, two university senators, and administrators and presidential appointees. Each of us comes with a unique background and each of us brings a unique perspective. Every member has the potential to make a valuable contribution. This body welcomes and encourages you to share your insights, for we recognize that this enhances our potential to come to creative solutions to the important issues we collectively face. I appreciate your response to my email asking for you to identify issues of concern. I will be sharing these with the administration and senate chairs. Please continue to provide your input

in 2009, again in 2011, and again in 2012, BSC was recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education as being a "Great College to Work For". In each of those years Buffalo State was one of a select group of institutions to receive special recognition in the area of collaborative governance. This recognition did not occur by accident, and no single person, or even small group, can take all of the credit. Across this campus members of the college community; students, administrators, staff, and faculty, everywhere people stepped up to the challenge to have BSC reach its potential. It took a concerted effort and I am confident that today's senate can continue to play a critical role in creating an even more vibrant, more creative, and more inclusive BSC. I have already noted that one of the senate's strengths is its diversity, but that is only one of the critical elements. I submit that the success, and longevity, of this body is based upon at least 3 additional qualities:

- 1 respect
- 2 humility
- 3 shared purpose

As you are all aware, it is Friday afternoon, and I suspect that each of you has somewhere else you could be. So why are you spending your Friday afternoons here? I suggest it is because of your commitment to a shared purpose, and that shared purpose is to make BSC an even more impressive institution of higher

education. I believe that each of you also recognizes that some goals can only be accomplished by working with others. So, we meet, and to have a successful senate meeting requires a sense of humility. The realization that no one, not you, not me, not the person in front, next to or behind you, no one has all the answers. It also requires respect for the opinions of others, the recognition that everyone has the potential to make a significant contribution. Respect, humility, shared purpose, and diversity, these I believe are the keys to the senate's success.

I am certain you agree that BSC is a wonderful place to learn, to work, to serve, and to grow and each of you, as members of this senate, has an opportunity, and I might add, a responsibility to enhance the wonderful tradition that the senate has built at BSC. I am confident that you will each rise to the challenges that we will face this year and we do face challenges, always have, always will. Yet I remain convinced that together we will once again be able to look back on a year with many accomplishments. So, once again, welcome to the 2017-2018 BSC Senate. I look forward to working with each of you during what promises, as always, to be a very significant year for our college.

The full listing of Senators is at: <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/senators-official-2017-2018-listing>
Senator Reid also discussed the upcoming changes to the way the minutes are constructed. After consulting with the Senate Parliamentarian and Robert Rules, it is not mandated that we transcribe lengthy and scripted versions of the minutes. Instead all that is needed is a summary of what happened at the meetings. He encouraged the Senate to take advantage of the Podcasts and listen to the entire meetings. The podcasts began being posted in 2016, under then **Chair Amy McMillan**.

Senator Reid concluded his remarks with a quotation from Henry Ford; "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." I think we can. In fact, I am absolutely convinced we can.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

President Conway-Turner addressed the Senate with a full report:
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/2017-18REPORTS%20TO%20SENATE/BSC%20Senate%20President%27s%20Report%2009.08.17%20take%20t%20wo.pdf>

There was no discussion following **President Conway-Turner's** report

Vice President LeVine's Budget update summary (Power Point) to the Senate:
<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/reports-senate-2015-2018>

There were brief questions and answers following **VP LeVine's** Budget report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All completed Committee Rosters will be posted on the Standing Committee's page, on the Senate website at this link: <http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/college-senate-standing-committees>

Academic Plan Committee (APC)-Kimberly Kline, Chair

Presented Committee Roster for Senate approval.
The Senate approved of the APC roster for 2017-18.

Budget & Staff Allocations Committee-(BSAC)- Fred Floss, Chair

Presented Committee Roster for Senate approval. **Senator Floss** stated he is seeking a student member for his committee.

Senator Reid then noted to the Senate that the BSAC roster will come back at the October 13th meeting for approval.

The Senate approved/accepted the decision of the BSAC roster to come back to the Senate in October for final approval.

By-Laws & Elections Committee (BYLE)- Amy Rosen Brand, Chair

First presented her Committee Roster for Senate approval.

The Senate approved of the BYLE roster for 2017-18.

NOMINATION CALL AND ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE (SWC)

Senator Amy Rosen-Brand called for nominations for a student senator to serve as Chair of SWC. **Senator Keyshawn Blakes**, self-nominated, **Senator Ameyaw** nominated, **Senator Briana Alford**, and via email **Senator Kitiana Louis**, self-nominated. **Senators Blakes** and **Alford** gave brief statements to the Senate describing their interests in serving as Chair of SWC.

Paper ballots were then distributed to all voting members of the Senate. The **Senate Parliamentarian Slade Gellin**, counted the ballots.

Senator Rosen Brand then announced that **Senator Keyshawn Blakes** won the election and will serve as Student Chair of the Student Welfare Committee. He will work with his Faculty Vice Chair, **Senator Steve Macho**.

NOMINATION CALL AND ELECTION OF A STUDENT SENATOR REP FOR SENATE AGENDA COMMITTEE (SAC)

Senator Reid stated that **Senator Amy Rosen-Brand** would now call for nominations for a student senator to serve as student representative on the Senate Agenda Committee (SAC). **Senator Gaelle Jean-Baptiste**, and **Senator Kevin Ameyaw**, self-nominated. **Senators Jean-Baptiste** and **Ameyaw** gave brief statements to the Senate as to their interests for serving as a student rep for the SAC.

Paper ballots were then distributed to all voting members of the Senate. The **Senate Parliamentarian Slade Gellin**, counted the ballots.

Senator Rosen Brand then announced that **Senator Kevin Ameyaw** won the election, and will serve as the Student Senator representative on the SAC.

College Senate Curriculum Committee-(CSCC)- Ann Emo, Chair

Presented Committee Roster for Senate approval.

The Senate approved of the CSCC roster for 2017-18.

Faculty & Staff Welfare Committee-(FSW)- Maria Brickhouse, Chair

In **Senator Brickhouse's** absence, **Senator Reid** presented the FSW Committee Roster for Senate approval.

Final draft of September 8, 2017 Senate Minute Summary for *ESP Senate send out on 10.5.17 VM*

The Senate approved of the FSW roster for 2017-18.

Instruction and Research-(I&R)- Arlesa Shephard, Chair

Presented Committee Roster for Senate approval.
The Senate approved of the I&R roster for 2017-18.

Standards for Students-(S4S)- Amy Wilson, Chair

Presented Committee Roster for Senate approval.
The Senate approved of the S4S roster for 2017-18.

Senator Reid encouraged the Student Welfare Committee to present its roster at the October 13th Senate meeting now that a chair has been elected.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

There was one item brought forth by **Senator Hunt**. Below is the direct link to the resolution on DACA statement of support. This resolution came to the Senate as presentation and for an immediate vote. It does not require administrative action.

<http://collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/sites/collegesenate.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/2017-18REPORTS%20TO%20SENATE/DACA%20Senate%20Resolution%209-7-17.pdf>

The resolution was projected. **Senator Hunt** explained to the Senate the impact of DACA on students and the concern that there would be action by the U.S. President to stop this program.

Senator Reid asked for questions/comments. **Senator Floss** spoke in support of, and added discussions/actions to be taken going forward. **VP Velez** added that further panel discussions will take place, beginning with faculty. Hearing no further comments, **Senator Reid** called for a vote in favor of the DACA resolution. The Senate unanimously voted in favor. The DACA resolution was approved.

Constituent Questions-CQ's *(there were no CQ's presented):*

11. Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.