

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

The State University of New York

College Senate

Official Agenda

October 11, 2019 Bulger-423, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- **Senator Grinnell**, Senate Vice Chair will chair the meeting on behalf of **Senate Chair Joe Marren**, who is attending, and receiving an award at the 183rd Fall University Faculty Senate Plenary in SUNY Albany.

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 9/13/19

4. Remarks of the President –Fall updates.

- Enrollment Report.
- Budget Report.
- The President will address Constituent Questions that were sent in advance (see below):

CQ-1- *Students are frequently found smoking marijuana in outdoor public spaces on campus. Given smoking-related health concerns, the impact of substance use on academic performance, and the potential consequences of college policy and state/federal laws violations related to these choices, what is being done to address this student behavior and help students develop into better decision makers?*

CQ-2- *Has the college reviewed the impact of removing some registration holds—like outstanding bills of \$499.99 or less—on student persistence, retention, and graduation that was implemented based on CUR recommendations a number of years ago? How do retention rates compare today versus before the policy change? How does the average outstanding balance of a student who was not retained compare today versus before the policy change?*

CQ 3- *Does the college have a policy about Facilities and Maintenance vehicles' use of pedestrian walkways? These vehicles sometimes infringe on pedestrian passage by driving or parking on sidewalks which becomes highly problematic if people have mobility issues, are wheeling bags/carts, or are trying to get around during muddy/wet/snowy conditions. Can you please let the campus know what the expectation is for service vehicles' use of pedestrian walkways and what steps should be taken if sidewalks are blocked?*

CQ 4- Presently Buffalo State is searching for a Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, as well as a Dean of Natural and Social Sciences. Candidates for these positions will need to understand and share an academic vision for Buffalo State. What is your academic vision for this institution, and how do you plan to realize that vision?

5. Remarks of the Chair

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6. Committee Reports

- **(CSCC) Curriculum Committee** – Bhakti Sharma, Chair
 - Resolution on DDPS Policy-New and Revised Curricular Proposals for vote.
- **(I&R) Instruction & Research** – Arlesa Shephard, Chair
 - Introducing additional language to an existing/approved resolution from May 2019. This language addition was at the request of the President and will need to be voted on by the Senate.
- **(SWC) Student Welfare** – Chioma Nweke, Chair and Steve Macho, Vice Chair
 - Committee Roster presented for approval.

8. Unfinished Business

- **GEATFC-General Education Ad Hoc Task Force on Curriculum-Bhakti Sharma, Chair**
 - Updates.

9. New Business

10. Constituent Questions

- Please see under Remarks of the President the listed CQ's for the administration to address.
- Additional CQ's will be taken from Senators on the floor under Constituent Questions during the meeting.

11. Adjournment