

Buffalo State College
State University of New York
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2010, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT; Vice Chair, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. William Bissett; Mr. James Brandys by Conference call; Mrs. Melissa Brinson; Mr. Charles Naughton; and Student Representative Mr. Joshua Brown.

COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT: President Aaron Podolefsky; Provost Dennis Ponton; Vice President for Student Affairs, Hal D. Payne; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Interim Senior Advisor to the President for Equity and Campus Diversity and Dean of University College, Scott Johnson; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Kevin Railey; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Benjamin Christy; Dean, School of Natural & Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Interim Dean, School of the Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mark Petrie; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Buffalo State UUP President & Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; College Senate Chair and Professor of Psychology, Howard Reid; Athletics Director and Head Coach, Jerry Boyes; Director Small Business Development Center, Susan McCartney; Head Varsity Basketball Coach, Fajri Ansari; Head Track and Field Coach, Eugene Lewis; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Student Athletes, Justin Allen, Glenroy Carr, Erica Johnson, Seth Johnson, Xavier Mateen, Jake Simmons.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zemsky called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Zemsky welcomed all to the second meeting of the council for the 2010-2011 academic year. Mr. Zemsky advised the council that in December 2010, former Governor Paterson reappointed Jim Brandys as a member of the Buffalo State College Council for a term to expire June 30, 2017. He congratulated Mr. Brandys and commented that he is delighted that Mr. Brandys will continue his outstanding service on the council. Mr. Zemsky also welcomed and introduced Joshua Brown; the student elected representative to College Council for the remainder of the year 2010-2011, Joshua replaces Renea Johnson in this position. Joshua is a senior, majoring in media productions. The College Council is looking forward to working with him as well. The State University Board of Trustees passed a resolution at its January 11, 2011 meeting that provides direction to campuses on those matters that should be considered major plans under the NYS Education Law Section 356 and, therefore, brought before the College Council for review and recommendation prior to implementation by the campus. A copy of the resolution adopted at the

recent Board Meeting along with a letter from SUNY Counsel was included in the board book (see attached).

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting. Mr. Bissett moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Naughton seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Podolefsky reported that the 2011 academic year has been a banner season for our Intercollegiate Athletics Department. The Women's Soccer Team hosted a State University of New York (SUNYAC) playoff game for the first time in the history of this program, and they have continued to see outstanding performance throughout this winter season.

The Women's Basketball Team made it to the SUNYAC Championships and the Men's Ice Hockey Team hosted a SUNYAC Playoff game for the second time in the history of the program. The President and his wife Ronnie drove to Rochester, NY on Friday, March 11th, to watch the Men's Basketball Team play St. Mary's College in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division III Basketball Championships. The Men's Basketball Team, which had already been crowned champions of the SUNYAC Conference, advanced to The Sweet 16 for only the third time since the program attained varsity status in 1926. This is truly a landmark achievement. The President introduced the Men's Basketball Coach, Fajri Ansari and team members Glenroy Carr, Jake Simmons and Seth Johnson to the council. They stood and received a round of applause for a job well done. They certainly have given us all lots to be proud of!

The President reported on highlights of the achievement of three Buffalo State College athletes, which represented the capstone of the winter season. Earlier this season, both the Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Teams won the Indoor SUNYAC Conference. The Men went on to win the East Coast Conference Championships (ECAC), while the women placed third.

However, the highlight of the season occurred on March 12th, at the Division III National Championship on the campus of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Erica Johnson a junior majoring in Health and Wellness from Poughkeepsie, NY; Justin Allen a sophomore, currently undecided from Mt. Vernon, NY; and Xavier Mateen a senior majoring in Computer Information Systems from New Rochelle, NY all raced to individual national titles at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Erica became the first Buffalo State female to capture a national title, winning the 55-meter dash, breaking her own school record and running the fastest time in Division III this season at 6.97 seconds. Her time also set a new facility record.

Justin also blazed his way to a national championship in the 400-meter dash, winning by less than one-hundredth of a second, clocking 48.27 seconds.

Xavier also claimed a share of a national title in the men's 55-meter dash with a Division III season best time of 6.37 seconds and tied Phillip Jones of Dubuque, Iowa to the thousandth of a second.

Their coach, Eugene Lewis has been named Coach of the Year, a national recognition by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA). Congratulations to Erica, Justin, Xavier, and Coach Lewis.

President Podolefsky reported on the Preliminary Budget Reduction Strategy and referred the council to his full report that was included in the board book (see attachment).

He then reported on Economic Development: SUNY is taking a leadership role in the development of Regional Economic Development Councils. He provided some information recently distributed by Chancellor Zimpher on how SUNY believes it can best be of support to the Governor and Lieutenant with this initiative. He also hosted the SUNY institutions in the Western New York Economic Development Region on March 10th to begin the dialogue on how we can begin to organize around this effort. The institutions represented at that meeting included: Alfred State, Buffalo State, Erie Community College, Jamestown Community College, Niagara County Community College, SUNY Fredonia and the University at Buffalo.

Voldemar Innus, who served Buffalo State as vice president for information services and systems and chief information officer, has agreed to take on the newly created role of special assistant to the president for economic development and community outreach. The new special assistant to the president will be responsible for developing and implementing the "Buffalo State Economic Development and Community Outreach Strategy".

Provost Ponton introduced Mrs. Susan McCartney, Director of the Small Business Development Center who provided the council with an overview of how the center serves constituents in Western New York (see attachment).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Relations Committee

Mr. Bissett reported on the 2011 SUNY Budget Request (see attached). There are three areas of focus:

1. A 5-year rational tuition plan
2. Procurement reform
3. Public and private partnerships reform

After some discussion Mr. Bissett presented a resolution supporting a rational tuition plan for the council's consideration (see attached).

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the resolution in support of a five-year rational tuition plan for SUNY. Mr. Naughton moved that the resolution be approved; Mr. Bissett seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Brandys reported that we had a record number of admissions applications for the 2010-2011 year. SUNY approved a headcount target of 11,600 for Buffalo State. The college enrolled a total of 11,695 students (9,788 undergraduate and 1,907 graduate) which is 95 students above the approved target.

Vice President Payne reported on occupancy. The new residence hall will be ready for occupancy in summer 2011 and will be used as housing for summer programs. In fall 2011 undergraduates will begin using the new dorms. The new dormitory will have 507 new beds. Vice President Payne thanked Vice Presidents Bair and Kardonsky for all their efforts with the Housing Corporation that have led to the project being completed on time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Brinson moved for adjournment of the meeting and Mr. Bissett seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bonita R. Durand", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Bonita R. Durand, Ph.D.
Secretary to the College Council