

Buffalo State College
State University of New York
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2010, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES

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COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT; Vice Chair, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. James Brandys; Mrs. Melissa Brinson by conference call; Mr. Charles Naughton by conference call; Mr. Gerald Saxe and Student Representative Ms. Renea Johnson.

COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT: President Aaron Podolefsky; Provost Dennis Ponton; Vice President for Finance and Management Stan Kardonsky; Vice President for Student Affairs, Hal D. Payne; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Senior Advisor to the President for Equity and Campus Diversity, Dolores Battle; Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Associate Provost & 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 Education, Paul Theobald; Interim Dean, School of the Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Dean, University College, Scott Johnson; 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; Senior Associate Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Tom Koller; Associate Director of Residence Life, Michael Heflin; Interim Associate Dean, School of Education, Kathy Wood; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Zemsky welcomed all to a new and exciting academic year at Buffalo State. He officially welcomed the 8th President of Buffalo State College, Aaron Podolefsky on behalf of the College Council. He indicated that the council was delighted to have Dr. Podolefsky as the leader of this fine institution and looked forward to working

with him as they collectively advance the mission of Buffalo State. Mr. Zemsky also welcomed and introduced Renea Johnson, the student elected representative to College Council for 2010-2011. Renea is a senior, majoring in political science with a minor in international finance. The College Council is looking forward to working with her as well.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2010 meeting. Mr. Saxe moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Zemsky also called for a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Annual Report. Mr. Brandys moved that the Annual Report be approved; Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Podolefsky spoke about the letter he sent to the College Council ahead of the meeting that covered the following topics: *(see attachment)*

- *Activities to date (July and August 2010)*
- *Plans for the fall semester*
- *SUNY committee appointments*

President Podolefsky welcomed College Senate Chair, Howard Reid and President of the United University Professions, Richard Stempniak.

Dr. Ponton reported on the following items *(see attachment)*

- *New faculty*
- *New academic programs*
- *Summer session outcome*
- *Veteran's number/initiatives*

Dr. Ponton showed the some video highlights from the first year convocation that took place on August 25th. This is the 6th year of the first year convocation and the second year in the sports arena. The highlights can be viewed at the following link mms://bscv01.buffalostate.edu/publicvideos/ir/fyc_recap_web.wmv

Dr. Kardonsky reported on the following items (*see attached*)

- *Early retirement Incentive*
- *Budget Update*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Naming of Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Brandys presented a resolution for consideration by the College Council on naming opportunities (*see attachment*). After discussion Mr. Brandys called for a motion on the resolution of the Naming Opportunities Guidelines for Buffalo State College as indicated in the report of the Naming of Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mr. Zemsky moved the resolution be approved; Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Brandys provided a preliminary report to the council on enrollment. He indicated that the college is doing a great job with enrollment, numbers are up and are at target (*see attached*). He reported that 2,226 students are living in campus housing as of September 9, on campus capacity is 1,966. They are 369 total first year residents housed in three person rooms. They are being provided with a 25% reduction in their housing rate while occupying a three person room. Two hundred thirty nine transfer students are housed at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Transportation is being provided to and from campus for these students and a free breakfast buffet in the mornings. The college is anticipating housing 160-180

students at the hotel in the fall semester and 50-70 at the onset of spring semester for 2-4 weeks.

Mr. Brandys reported on some capital projects that initial asbestos abatement was conducted in Tower 4 this summer. Tower 4 is to be removed from service during the 2012-2013 academic year for renovation. The construction of the Game Room in the Student Union basement will begin the end of November. This renovation will include office space for the USG student organizations. The design of the 3rd floor (Social Hall, Fireside Lounge and Assembly Hall) and elevators and main lobby will begin shortly. The local architectural firm Barton, Hovey, Nardini, and Tries has been selected to complete the design of the 3.4 million dollar renovation. This construction may take place spring 2012 and take about 9-12 months to complete.

Facilities Committee

Vice President Kardonsky reported on the Buffalo State College Facilities Master Plan (*see attached*).

Executive Session

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to Move to Executive Session: In accordance with Section 105 of the New York State Open Meetings Law to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Saxe moved that the council enter into executive session; Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The council adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council returned from Executive Session. Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Saxe moved for adjournment of the meeting and Mr. Brandys seconded

the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonita R. Durand". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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