

**Buffalo State
State University of New York
COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2017 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Linda Dobmeier; Mr. James Brandys (by conference call); Mr. Todd Brason; Ms. Melissa Brinson; Mr. Allen "Pete" Grum, Mr. Mylous Hairston; Mrs. Leslie Zemsky.

FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:

President Katherine Conway-Turner; Provost Melanie Perreault; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Daniel Velez; Chief Diversity Officer, Karen Clinton Jones; Vice President and Chief Information Officer, David Demers; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for College Relations, Tim Walsh; Buffalo State College Senate Chair & Associate Professor, Biology, Amy McMillan; Director of Athletics & Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; Associate Vice President for Government Relations, William Benfanti; Facilities Planner, Sara Reid; Director, Head Track and Field Coach, Eugene Lewis; Swimming and Diving Coach, Nick Stone; Multimedia Design Specialist, Ken Giangreco; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Students: Jon Battison, Catarra Burroughs, Benjamin Ezike, Niasha Houpe, Alexia Matos Mateo, Heather McCarthy, Monique Owens, Carly Pershyn, Jeremiah Perez-Torres, Jazlyn Porter, Shuntone Pricher, Lydia Sigurdson.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dobmeier called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Ms. Dobmeier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Dobmeier called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28th meeting. Mr. Brason moved that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hairston. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Dobmeier also called for an approval of a resolution awarding The College Council Medal to Jim Brandys in recognition of his more than 20 years of dedicated service to Buffalo State College and the College Council. Ms. Brinson moved that the award be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Brason. Mr. Brandys abstained from the vote. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Dobmeier also reported that this was the last meeting for the student elected representative, Kaicherise McRae. She will graduate in May, receiving her master's degree in Higher Education Student Affairs Administration. To commemorate Kaicherise's tenure on the Buffalo State College Council, a name plate was affixed to her name block with her years of service. The entire College Council thanked Kaicherise for her service and wished her all the best in the future (She was unable to attend the meeting).

Ms. Dobmeier reported that she was delighted to participate in the Naming Ceremony for the Patricia H. and Richard E. Garman Art Conservation Department. It was a momentous occasion for Buffalo State! She thanked the Garman family again for their tremendous generosity. And thanked those members of the College Council who were able to join her at the event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Conway-Turner thanked Ms. Dobmeier for her report. The President added her appreciation to Jim for his many years of service to Buffalo State College and the Council. She told Jim that his commitment has been exceptional and Buffalo State will be indebted to him and his wife Joy for many years to come. President Conway-Turner wish both Jim and Joy all the best as they move into the next phase of their life.

Listed are the items in the President's written report in the board materials.

- NYC Recruitment Events
- Civic Action Plan
- Commencement
- Divisional Highlights

Other discussion items

- State Budget Update
- Urban Teacher Academy Launch on April 3rd
- Garman Naming Ceremony on March 31st
- Upcoming Salvatore and Statler Naming Ceremony on May 24th

Several students who have distinguished themselves academically, as scholar athletes and through their service to the campus and community were invited to the Council meeting. Daniel Velez, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs introduced the students to the Council. Danny introduced the Chancellor's Award winners, President's Medal winners and All-American Athletes that were present.

President's Medal – Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student

Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence- Graduate

- Jon Battison
- Heather McCarthy

Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence - Undergraduate

- Jeremiah Perez-Torres
- Lydia Sigurdson
- Alexia Matos Mateo
- Monique Owens
- Carly Pershyn

All Americans:

Mike DeLaVergne – Men's Hockey

The senior business major became Buffalo State's third men's hockey All-American earning third team honors as a goalie this season. DeLaVergne was also the SUNYAC Goalie of the Year after backstopping Buffalo State to a program single-season record of 18 wins to go with a school-record 1.98 goals against average (10th-best in Division III) and .927 save percentage (18th in D-III) as the Bengals advanced to the SUNYAC Semifinals for the sixth-consecutive year.

Connor Mergler – Men's Swimming

The junior business major earned All-America honors for the second-consecutive time when he finished eighth in the 100 freestyle at the NCAA Division III Championships in Shenandoah, Texas last month. A three-time SUNYAC Champion in the 50, 100 and 200 free, Mergler was also named the SUNYAC Male Swimmer of the Year.

Benjamin Ezike – Men's Track & Field

The senior sociology major captured the national championship in the outdoor triple jump at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Wartburg College in Iowa last May with a winning mark of 15.53 meters on his very first jump. It was the second national title he won in three months after winning the indoor triple jump title last March.

Jazlyn Porter- Women's Track & Field

Prior to graduating last May, the senior public communication major closed out her career as the second-most decorated All-American in Buffalo State history, earning the honor eight times in her four-year career. Two of those honors came at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Iowa, when she placed sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.72 seconds, and also a member of the 4x100-meter relay which finished fifth.

Shuntone Pricher – Women's Track & Field

Earned degree in criminal justice last May

Catarra Burroughs – Women's Track & Field

Junior early childhood education major

Niasha Houpe – Women's Track & Field

Senior health and wellness major

Pricher, Burroughs, and Houpe teamed with Porter to place fifth in the 4x100-meter relay at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Iowa posting a time of 47.17 seconds.

The President thanked Danny for this report.

Committee Reports**Facilities**

Chairman Dobmeier report on the facilities (see report attached).

Government Relations

Mr. William Benfanti reported on government relations (see attached report).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dobmeier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brason moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Brinson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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



Buffalo State College

COLLEGE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

Whereas the College Council Medal was established by the Buffalo State College Council to honor distinguished individuals for their leadership and service to Buffalo State College and the Buffalo community; and

Whereas James (Jim) Brandys, an alumnus of Buffalo State College, receiving both his bachelors of art degree and master's degree in history at the institution, has served with distinction his alma mater in numerous leadership roles for more than twenty years; and

Whereas some of Mr. Brandys' leadership roles at Buffalo State include chairing the highly successful *Endowing the Future* scholarship campaign which gave birth to the college's legacy giving group, *The Peterson Society*; co-chairing the *Transforming Lives Campaign*; serving on the Buffalo State Foundation Board where he was chairman for three years; serving on the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State Board of Directors; chairing, with his wife Joy, both the *125th Anniversary Scholarship Gala* and the *Night In Nairobi Annual Scholarship Gala*; serving on two presidential search committees and providing service to many other campus committees and initiatives. He was also instrumental in establishing the college's the *Bridge the Gap Scholarship Fund*; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandys has received the Buffalo State College Foundation's Chairman's Special Recognition Award in 1991 for special dedication and volunteer efforts throughout the year; the Buffalo State College Foundation's Chairman's Recognition Award for his work as chair of the Planned Giving Committee and the Distinguished Alumnus Award both in 1999; the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraising Award from the Western New York Chapter of the Association of Fundraising

Professionals in 2011; and the Buffalo State College President's Distinguished Service Award in 2015; and

Whereas, Mr. Brandys has served with distinction as a member of the Buffalo State Council for twenty years, first appointed in 1997 and being renewed twice by the governor of the State of New York. He lead the Student Affairs Committee, served on the Naming of Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Student Judicial Appeals Board; and

Whereas Mr. Brandys, has retired as a Managing Director at Merrill Lynch (now a subsidiary of Bank America Corporation) after 39 years of service, receiving a Lifetime Community Achievement Award from the company.

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Buffalo State College Council extends its sincere and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to James (Jim) Brandys for his exceptional and extensive record of service to Buffalo State College; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Buffalo State College Council is honored to award Mr. Brandys with the College Council Medal at the 145th Commencement Ceremony on Saturday May 13, 2017.



Linda A. Dobmeier, Chair, Buffalo State College Council



Bonita R. Durand, Secretary to the Buffalo State College Council

April 4, 2017
Buffalo, New York



Report to the Buffalo State College Council

April 4, 2017

Progress Report, Updates, and Significant Accomplishments

Since the February 28, 2017 meeting.

Prepared by: Kate Conway-Turner, President

Buffalo State in the Mid-Hudson, Big Apple and on the Island

I joined our admissions staff, David Demers, CIO and Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing and Communications and four alumni representatives for recruitment events held in Downstate New York from March 20th through March 22nd. We hosted students and their families in three locations: Mid-Hudson, New York City and Long Island. The focus of our presentations included the following significant attributes about Buffalo State:

- **Broad Array of High-Quality Academic Programs**

As the largest comprehensive college in the State University of New York (SUNY) 64-campus system, Buffalo State offers 177 undergraduate programs along with honors options and more than 60 opportunities for graduate study. At the same time, the college is recognized for its faculty excellence in classroom teaching and scholarship and is known for its small class sizes—nearly 90 percent of all classes have fewer than 40 students. Buffalo State offers the perfect academic blend: small college learning environments coupled with large university opportunities. And we have recently added new programs such as the accelerated 4 + 1 pathway in early childhood and special education.

- **Great Facilities**

You can enjoy the benefits of a campus that has invested nearly \$350 million in new and renovated buildings. Our campus has been revitalized with the newest and

most advanced science and technology educational facilities in the area—not to mention the latest, greatest athletic and student life facilities.

- **Financial Aid**

Looking for an affordable degree that will prepare you for your chosen career? You'll find that Buffalo State is a great investment in your future. More than 80% of our students receive a financial aid package that makes their college dreams attainable. Graduating with a SUNY degree and little-to-no debt is possible at Buffalo State!

- **Scholarships**

You've worked hard in high school—and Buffalo State has a wide array of scholarships available to reward deserving students; as well as Honors programs that further challenges academic potential and offer unique perks.

- **Student Life**

You will find your place at Buffalo State—we have more than 100 student organizations to choose from! That's more options and opportunities than most colleges in Western New York. Whatever your interest—we've got you covered.

- **Diversity**

You can be a part of one of the most diverse student bodies in the SUNY system. Our students come from all backgrounds, giving our campus an open-minded, forward-thinking vibe—and we want to add your voice to the community!

- **Rankings**

We have high standards and the experts agree: Buffalo State offers academic excellence at an affordable cost. Buffalo State has nationally ranked visual arts, physics teacher education, and service-learning programs, to name a few. We provide top-rated academic programs for dedicated, community-minded students.

- **Applied Research**

Buffalo State is a nationally recognized leader in undergraduate research. Our Undergraduate Research Office has facilitated more than \$1 million in programming and fellowships for undergraduate students—and more than 400 students present

their research at our annual Student Research and Creativity Conference. At Buffalo State, there's no need to wait until graduate school to begin your faculty-mentored research!

- **Community Engagement**

You can make a difference at Buffalo State. Buffalo State is recognized as a national leader in community engagement. The college won the 2016 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award from The Washington Center; was named to the 2016 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; and is a recipient of the prestigious Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification. From Bengals Dare to Care Day to academic service-learning opportunities, Buffalo State students make a difference in our community every day!

- **Roar in 4**

Enjoy peace of mind with the "Roar in 4" guarantee that you will graduate in four years. Our new "Roar in 4" completion initiative guarantees that incoming full-time freshmen will be able to take the courses they need to complete a bachelor's degree within four years—or the college will cover the cost of tuition the following academic year.

- **Location**

You'll love living in Buffalo's most vibrant, walkable neighborhood. Imagine the fun and convenience of living on the Buffalo State campus and being just steps away from classes, workout facilities, dining—and the Elmwood Village! It's the best of both worlds. It's the best of college living.

Civic Action Plan

In September 2016, I charged the Buffalo State Civic Action Plan Work Group with developing a Civic Action Plan for Buffalo State in alignment with our campus mission and strategic plan. The purpose of the Civic Action Plan is to forward Buffalo State's role as an urban-engaged campus in the city of Buffalo and expand our civic and community engagement efforts in ways that advance citizenship and positive social change.

After receiving comments from the campus and community in December, the Civic Action Plan Work Group has developed a proposal for a five-year civic action plan. The plan was also discussed at the March College Senate meeting and will be finalized soon. The executive summary of the plan is included at the end of this report for your information. You can also read the full report at the following link:

<http://suny.buffalostate.edu/sites/suny.buffalostate.edu/files/uploads/Documents/civicaactionplan.pdf>

Commencement Speakers and Award Recipients

Our undergraduate commencement speaker for 2017 is Mr. Ed Feibischoff, a 1979 graduate of the Communication Department at Buffalo State. Throughout his career in broadcasting, Ed has received seven Sports Emmy® awards, and has covered the Olympics, NBA and NFL games, and Wimbledon, among other major sporting events. He is currently a sports producer for ESPN. Ed will also be recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The speaker for our graduate ceremony is Dr. Bahira Sherif Trask, Professor and Chair of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Delaware. Her research focuses on globalization and family change in Western and non-Western countries. She presents regularly at international forums including at the United Nations, on topics pertaining to changes in families and gender related concerns. Dr. Trask has authored and edited a number of books in this area including *Women, Work, and Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities* (Routledge, 2014) and *Globalization and Families: Accelerated Systemic Social Change*, (Springer, 2010).

Dr. Ruthann Grey '66, '71 a retired corporate communications specialist will also receive the Distinguished Alumna Award and Dr. Gregory Clabeaux, a 2003 Buffalo State graduate, now a vascular surgeon in Buffalo, will receive the Young Alumnus Achievement Award.

We will also recognize several of our outstanding students at our commencement ceremonies. Our President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate and

student recipients are Jon L. Battison and Heather J. McCarthy. Jon will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degrees in computer information systems and electrical engineering technology with a minor in mathematics, attaining a 3.73 GPA. He continued to serve as a member of the Army Reserve while working on his degree. Jon served a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Heather will earn a Master of Arts degree in multidisciplinary studies, attaining a 4.0 GPA while customizing her studies to align with her career goals in geology and geoscience education. Both Jon and Heather will also be recognized as Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence recipients and they will deliver the student addresses to their fellow graduates at our commencement ceremonies.

Other Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence winners are:

- Alexia D. Matos-Mateo who will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. She has maintained 3.69 GPA while serving as a member of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).
- Jeremiah Perez-Torres who will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice with a 3.84 GPA. Jeremiah participated in the Muriel A. Howard All College Honors Program, McNair Scholars Program, and Ross B. Kenzie Family Presidential Scholarship Program.
- Carly Pershyn who will earn a Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and arts and letters. Carly has attained a 3.73 GPA while completing an honors thesis based on research funded by a small research grant from the Undergraduate Research Office.
- Lydia Sigurdson who will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. She will graduate with a 3.9 GPA. During her time at Buffalo State she has devoted more than 500 hours to community service.
- Monique Owens will earn a master of public administration (M.P.A.) degree. She maintained a 3.9 GPA while working full time as a documentation and learning specialist for Open Buffalo, a nonprofit activist organization dedicated to social and economic justice.

The College Council will have the opportunity to meet some of our outstanding student award recipients at the Council meeting on April 4th along with some of our fine scholar athletes who have attained All American status.

DIVISIONAL UPDATES

I am pleased to share the following division updates with the College Council.

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Facilities Planning, Design and Construction: In addition to the full list of projects updated in the Facilities Committee report to the College Council, several projects to enhance buildings and grounds infrastructure will begin this summer. These will include site lighting improvements and campus-wide fire alarm upgrades.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Alumni House: New gifts of approximately \$600k have been raised for this project. The Foundation Board has agreed to fund \$600k to keep the project on its current timeline, with a 2018 completion. Philanthropic gifts amount to \$2.7M on this \$6.7M project.

Student Philanthropy Club (SPC): The Student Philanthropy Council kicked off its 2017 Student Giving Campaign this February by wrapping colorful bands of fabric on Buffalo State's Commencement Walk along Rockwell Road. Funds raised from this campaign will go to The Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum (MGHA). SPC has partnered with United Students Government (USG), the Biology Club, Chartwell's Dining Services, Friends of the MGHA and several fraternities and sororities. Throughout the month of March they are selling delicious black-and-orange-themed cookies. Funds raised will go toward replacing trees in an effort to restore our campus to its original beauty. To date \$1,000 has been raised from nearly 100 first-time student donors. The hope is to double it by Earth Day, April 20th.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Job and Internship Fair 2017: A record 415 students/alumni attended the fair, interviewing with 63 employers, the largest number of organizations in our history. Many of our alumni, representing the organizations in attendance, returned to hire Buffalo State students and alumni.

Alumni Job Shadowing Program: 10 students participated in our Alumni Job Shadowing and Networking Lunch event at Ingram Micro. Students were able to learn about five employment branches of a local Fortune 500 company by being paired with and shadowing a Buffalo State Alumni. This retention program engages employers in helping students to increase their self-knowledge in relation to identifying career options.

Tau Sigma Transfer National Honor Society: 47 students have accepted the invitation to the Tau Sigma Transfer National Honor society. Eligibility for this honor society requires these students earn 3.5 or higher GPA during spring 2016 or fall 2016.

Transfer Welcome Series: 37 students attended the *Transfer Welcome Series* in February. The series sessions presented were Getting Involved on Campus, Advisement and Service Engagement.

Commuter Events: 278 students have attended in the first four commuter events of the semester (two breakfasts, a dessert bar in Classroom building and the "Mr. No" relaxation event in the library). The Spring Commuter Appreciation Week will occur between April 3rd and 7th.

SophoMORE: The *SophoMORE* event aimed at engaging/reengaging sophomore students was held on February 23rd in the Student Union Lobby during Bengal Pause. 110 student attendees participated in learning opportunities for leadership and involvement on campus (Student Ambassador, RA, CAP, Service Learning, AFP and others).

Peer Leadership Certificate: 5 students received the *Peer Leadership Certificate* (attending all 6 workshops) and many others participated in one of the six workshops offered.

Greek Life: 44 students became members of one of the social letter Greek organizations this spring semester.

Civic Action Plan
Buffalo State College- State University of New York
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Executive Summary

Buffalo State College is presently a leader in civic and community engagement. Buffalo State is the only comprehensive college in the SUNY system located in a city and it takes its role as citizen and partner seriously. As a result of its deep and broad civic engagement efforts, Buffalo State has recently earned Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement in 2015, was awarded the Washington Center Higher Education Civic Engagement Award in 2016, and has been appointed to the President's Community Service Honor Roll eight times. This document provides a roadmap for deepening and expanding our institution's civic and community engagement work.

Through collaborative research and dialogue, the Civic Action Plan Work Group developed this Civic Action Plan in coordination with the office of Buffalo State College President, Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner, in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017. This Civic Action Plan identifies four priority areas where we can strengthen our civic and community engagement efforts across campus and in our community, where we can improve and better communicate our work, and where we can expand and deepen the public purposes of the college. These priority areas are

1. Developing a Shared Language and Culture;
2. Broadening Community Input and Deepening Community Impact;
3. Enhancing Supports for Faculty, Staff, and Students;
4. Coordinating Civic and Community Engagement

Priority Area #1: Developing a Shared Language and Culture

There is a need to establish a shared language and a shared culture across the campus. This will give added coherence, depth, and purpose to our civic and community engagement efforts and will help to articulate a common intention to the work that will help grow civic and community engagement.

Priority Area #2: Broadening Community Input and Deepening Community Impact

There is a need to strengthen the institution's contribution to the health and vitality of the Buffalo community. We must continue to broaden collaborations and reciprocity that will harness the power of campus-community connections and improve both campus outcomes and community priorities.

Priority Area #3: Enhancing Faculty, Staff, and Student Voice and Support

There is a need to enhance faculty, staff, and student voice and support in realizing our civic and community engagement goals. To foster a climate that can encourage faculty, staff, and students to take on this work effectively, additional steps and supports must be developed to give all individuals the tools to be successful.

Priority Area #4: Coordinating Civic and Community Engagement

There is a need to expand coordination of civic and community engagement efforts across the campus through the establishment of an Office of Civic and Community Engagement. The coordination of efforts will deepen internal and external communication and connections, expand potential impact of the work we do, support engagement efforts such as community-based research not currently overseen by existing offices, and strengthen campus commitment.



**Facilities Committee Report to the Buffalo State College Council
April 4, 2017**

<http://facilities.buffalostate.edu/>

Capital Projects Fiscal Environment: Executive Budget Proposal

- The 2017-18 capital budget won't be finalized until April but proposals appear very favorable
- \$500 million for SUNY -- an increase of \$350 million over last year's \$200 million -- is proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget
- A five-year plan is proposed, which greatly enhances our ability to plan
- Funding is limited to critical maintenance on existing facilities

Project Recently Completed



Caudell Hall Renovation

This project has rehabilitated spaces for the Hospitality and Tourism; Health, Nutrition and Dietetics; Social Work; and Speech-Language Pathology departments. Classroom, lab and office spaces have been renovated, and the building exterior has been refurbished as part of this \$21.2 million project. A February 9 ribbon-cutting ceremony officially re-opened the building.

Project in Construction



Buckham Hall B-Wing Renovation

This project is fully renovating an unoccupied wing of Buckham Hall to house departments moving out of Bishop Hall -- so that Bishop Hall may be returned to use as a student residence. This is an \$8.2 million project slated for summer 2017 completion.

Projects in Planning and Design



Bishop Hall Renovation

This project will return Bishop Hall to its original use as a residence hall for first-year students, responding to increased demand for student housing. Bishop Hall will be converted to a 204-bed corridor-style residence hall with kitchen, study, lounge and recreation spaces distributed throughout the building. Renovations will create restrooms with privacy; common spaces; building entryway improvements; and mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire safety updates. This \$16.1 million project, funded through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), is scheduled for a summer 2017 construction start and summer 2018 completion.



Tower 3 and Tower 2 Rehabilitations

Two of the four Tower residence halls -- Towers 1 and 4 -- have been renovated in recent years. These will be the final two rehabs to the Towers, scheduled for completion in 2019 and 2020 respectively. Renovations will include entrance, lobby and elevator rehabilitation; lounge and laundry room improvements; and updates to student suites.



Science and Mathematics Complex, Phase 3

This project will include demolition of the south wing of the existing Science Building, and the addition of a planetarium, a greenhouse, lecture halls, classrooms, offices and labs. The project is currently on hold because bids received in fall 2016 were over budget. Due to funding restrictions the college is unable to add money from elsewhere to cover project overages. We are therefore in the process of separating the demolition package for re-bid, and working to re-bid the overall project with a scope reduced by 15%. This is a \$35.5 million project planned for a fall 2017 construction start and fall 2020 completion.

Projects in Planning and Design (continued)



Academic Achievement Center, Butler Library

As part of its Academic Improvement Plan, the campus will relocate, consolidate and centralize academic support services in Butler Library. The resulting Academic Achievement Center will include academic advising, tutoring, a writing center and similar services for students. Offices, group and individual tutoring rooms, group study rooms, and reception space will be included. Delivery of library services will also be improved. Areas of the first and second floors of the library will be reconfigured and upgraded in this \$10.4 million project planned for a summer 2018 construction start and winter 2019/2020 completion.



Upton Hall, Phase 1: Infrastructure Improvements

Upton Hall houses design programs and their specialized academic equipment. This Phase 1 project will include rehabilitation of the ventilation system for the north wing, and specialized local exhaust systems; a new kiln room and new equipment in the glaze and clay mixing suite; and renovated spaces for the Jewelry/Metals and Wood Furniture programs. This is a \$5.2 million project planned for a winter 2017/2018 construction start and summer 2018 completion.



Athletics Projects

To improve athletics facilities Buffalo State will install lighting at Coyer Field; repair the outdoor running track; renovate the Sports Arena locker rooms; replace the indoor track in the Sports Arena; and replace the telescopic bleachers in the Sports Arena. These projects total \$3.2 million and are scheduled for fall 2017 completion.

Projects in Planning and Design (continued)



Central Heating Plant Construction

Buffalo State's current steam plant is at the end of its life cycle. This project will replace boilers and all associated equipment with new and more efficient versions. This will save costs for fuel, operation and maintenance; reduce harmful emissions and potential for harmful fuel leaks; provide a more reliable source of heat and hot water for the campus; and potentially clear space in the building for other service uses. Energy savings of 15% are anticipated. This \$20.8 million project is expected to begin construction in fall 2018.








Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitor Center

This will be a new building, approximately 10,500 square feet in size, located at the Grant Street campus entrance. It will provide offices, reception space and meeting space for the Alumni Affairs and Admissions offices, and will serve as a visitor center and starting point for tours and other special events. This \$6.8 million project will have a spring 2017 construction start and will be completed in summer 2018.



Great Lakes Center Dock

Buffalo State's Great Lakes Center is dedicated to investigating the ecology of the Great Lakes and their tributaries. The dock at the Center's research facility at the foot of Porter Avenue is in need of replacement. A grant from New York State will be matched by the Oishei Foundation, and the college will pay the remaining expense for this \$500,000 project. Construction is expected to run from summer to fall 2017.

<i>Future Projects</i>	
	<p><i>Classroom Building Renovation</i></p> <p>This will be a phased project to improve data infrastructure, replace ceilings and lighting, upgrade the lecture hall and reconfigure spaces throughout the building.</p>
	<p><i>Iroquois Drive Reconstruction</i></p> <p>This project will rebuild the entire campus road. It will improve drainage, lighting and adjacent walkways, and connect the campus to a bike path to the north.</p>
	<p><i>Upton Hall Full Renovation</i></p> <p>This will be a complete building rehabilitation for the School of Arts and Humanities. Classrooms, labs, studios and offices will be renovated.</p>
	<p><i>Building 50 (Ruslander) Renovation</i></p> <p>This rehabilitation will include new mechanical systems, upgrades to the interior warehouse, and a new fit-out of the one-story office area. Roof replacement and exterior masonry repairs were recently completed on this building.</p>
	<p><i>Additional Student Dining</i></p> <p>This project will add options for student dining on campus. Locations and details are to be determined.</p>

Government Relations Report

The Governmental Relations committee of the College Council met on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 8:00am to discuss the current status of the New York State budget as it applies to SUNY. Attending the meeting were chairperson Linda Dobmeier and Council member Mylous Hairston. At the time of the meeting, the committee was still waiting for confirmation that the one-house budget proposals from the NYS Senate and the NYS Assembly. Those budget proposals were submitted and available later that evening and contained the provisions suggested by each house for SUNY's operating and capital budget.

The major issues of dispute in the budget of critical importance to the campus are the status of the predictable tuition plan (included in the executive budget, slightly modified in the Assembly version, and eliminated from the Senate version), the Excelsior Scholarship program (modified in the Assembly version, and eliminated from the Senate version), maintenance of effort language (not included in executive budget, added in Assembly and Senate versions), increases in the Tuition Assistance Program (not included in the executive budget, different additions in the Assembly and Senate versions), and SUNY capital investment. There are several other issues including EOP investment and other programs, but the proposed funding changes and changes in student aid are at the center of the discussion.

The campus continues its outreach on the budget issues, and works with SUNY to ensure the most favorable outcome for the benefit of our students and the enhancement of our academic and program offerings. Enhanced student aid, predictable funding, and significant capital investment are important issues for the continued success of programs at Buffalo State. Presumably by the date of the full College Council meeting the final version of the State budget for FY 2017-18 will be passed and we will know where we stand on each of these issues.