

**Buffalo State
State University of New York
COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2016 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ms. Linda Dobmeier; Mr. Todd Brason; Mr. James Brandys; Ms. Melissa Brinson; Mr. Allen “Pete” Grum.

FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:

President Katherine Conway-Turner; Provost Melanie Perreault; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Chief Diversity Officer, Karen Clinton Jones; Chief Information Officer, David Demers; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Dean, Graduate School, Kevin Railey; Dean, School of Education, Wendy Paterson; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Ben Christy; Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Dean, School of the Professions, James Mayrose; Dean, University College, Scott Johnson; Vice President for Student Success; Daniel Velez; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Erin Alonzo; Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Buffalo State College Senate Chair & Associate Professor, Biology, Amy McMillan; Director of Athletics & Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; Women’s Soccer Coach, Nick DeMarsh; Head Swimming & Diving Coach, Nicholas Stone; Head Track & Field Coach, Eugene Lewis; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Students: Gabrianna Boldinski, Cory Cox, Jazmin Dunham, Benjamin Ezike, Niasha Houpe, Connor Mergler, Elizabeth Malinowski, Jazlyn Porter, Sasa Vann.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Dobmeier called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Ms. Dobmeier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Dobmeier called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Brason moved that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Ms. Brinson. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Dobmeier encouraged all in attendance to take a look around before leaving the Library. It’s certainly not the library that she remembers from her undergraduate years! Butler Library has more than 546,000 printed books, 320,000 electronic books, and access to full-text articles from over 79,000 unique print and electronic journals. All

of this information can be accessed from any computer or wireless web device, any time of the day or night. The [StudyQuad](#), is open and staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the academic year so that students can prepare for classes at any time of day or night. There are more than 200 new computers available for use by all patrons while in the library. There is also a laptop loan program for students if they need to do work outside of this building. Refreshments for the meeting were provided by the Library's own Argo Tea Room. The library is not what it used to be when some of us were in school. Ms. Dobmeier thanked the Chief Information Officer David Demers and library director Marc Bayer for hosting the Council meeting.

Ms. Dobmeier continued that she was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Buffalo State College Foundation Scholarship Gala on Saturday, April 9th and thanked Jim and Joy Brandys for serving as the gala chairs this year. She impressed upon everyone enough how important this event and the golf tournament in the fall are to the success of the students in the Muriel A. Howard Honors Program.

Ms. Dobmeier reported that the 144th commencement ceremonies will be held on May 14th in the Sports Arena at the College. She thanked Bob Zak and Pete Grum for serving as conveners for the 2pm and 6pm ceremonies, respectively. She will convene at 10am.

Ms. Dobmeier also mentioned this is the last meeting for the student elected council representative, Emily Leminger. Emily will be among the graduates next month, receiving her Bachelors of music degree. To commemorate her tenure on the Buffalo State College Council, a plaque has been affixed to her name plate noting her years of service. Emily was not able to attend the Council meeting as she was preparing for her senior recital. Ms. Dobmeier acknowledged her service to the Council and wished her all the best in her absence.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Conway-Turner gave highlights from her written report. The full report is attached to these minutes. President Conway-Turner also thanked Emily Leminger and said she is a very talented and gifted vocalist with a strong commitment to services in her community. She said that

we at Buffalo State was extremely proud of Emily’s accomplishments and will be proud to welcome her to the rank of alumna in May.

1. President’s Report. Kate Conway-Turner

- Introduced the videos shown at the NY Downstate recruitment events.
 - NYC Student Testimonials
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6bCIAbNSr0>
 - 2016 Campus Snapshot Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QT-u3kZLr0>
- Commencement Highlights: – May 14, 2016
 - Undergraduate Speaker and Young Alumnus Award Recipient: Kyle Bradstreet '02, '04.
 - “Golden-Globe winner” for the USA Network series *Mr. Robot*. (“Best Drama Series”);
 - Kyle is a writer and supervising producer on the show.
 - Graduate Speaker and Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient: NYS Regent Catherine Collins '75.
 - Author;
 - Health Educator;
 - Former Buffalo School Board Member;
 - First nurse appointed to the NYS Corrections Medical Review Board.
 - Honorary Degree Recipient: Madeline Davis
 - Noted gay rights activist, author, lecturer, actor and musician;
 - In 1972, she became the first openly lesbian delegate at a major political convention when she was elected to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, Florida;
 - The Madeline Davis Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Archives of Western N.Y., which is collecting and preserving the history of Buffalo's gay communities, was donated to Buffalo State College in 2009 where it remains a treasured and frequently used resource.
- Distinguished Alumnus Award: Dr. David Cywinski

- Practices orthopedic medicine in the Finger Lakes Region;
 - He and his partners provided medical assistance to the people of Haiti in 2010.
- Five students will be recognized with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. They could not be in attendance at the Council meeting because they were being recognized by Chancellor Nancy Zimpher at the SUNY wide Chancellor's Award event in Albany. These students will be recognized at the upcoming commencement ceremonies:

Sasa E. Vann

Sasa Vann will be recognized for receiving both the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and the President's Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Student. She will graduate in May with a dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and hospitality administration, attaining a 3.8 GPA while participating in the McNair Scholars Program and earning two-time All-American status as captain of the Buffalo State track and field team. Sasa will deliver the student address at the undergraduate commencement ceremonies.

Devan V. Brady

Devan Brady will be recognized for receiving the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. She will graduate in May with a dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in media production and public communication, attaining a 3.95 GPA while combining academic achievement with a commitment to community service and a proclivity for research.

Elizabeth A. Malinowski

Elizabeth Malinowski will be recognized for receiving the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. She will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in childhood education with a concentration in mathematics, attaining a 3.69 GPA while serving as captain of the Buffalo State women's soccer team.

Ashley L. Weselak

Ashley Weselak has will be recognized for receiving both the Chancellor's Award for

Graduate Student Excellence and the President's Medal for Outstanding Graduate Student. She will graduate in May with a master of science in education degree in English education, attaining a 3.96 GPA while excelling in campus leadership roles and representing her school in unique international experiences. Ashley will deliver the student address at the graduate commencement ceremony.

Kenise K. Adams

Kenise Adams will be recognized for receiving the Chancellor's Award for Graduate Student Excellence. She will earned a Master of Science degree in higher education and student affairs administration, attaining a 4.0 GPA while being actively involved in the campus and global communities.

- Several Buffalo State College student athletes have distinguished themselves by reaching the ranks of "All American" in their given sport this year. Some were in attendance at the Council meeting.

President Conway-Turner introduced Jerry Boyes and he introduced the students.

Gabrianna Boldinski – Senior, Defender, Tonawanda, NY/Kenmore East

Major: Criminal Justice

Became the first All-American in the history of the Bengals' women's soccer team after leading Buffalo State to a record-setting season with 15 wins and the program's first regular season SUNYAC title. She was named second team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and was third team All-American by D3Soccer.com.

Elizabeth Malinowski – Senior, Center Back/Sweeper, NY/Williamsville South

Major: Childhood Education

Played four years varsity soccer. She has excelled in the classroom being named to the Dean's List for six semesters. Served as captain of the team both her junior and senior year.

Connor Mergler – Sophomore, Sprints, E. Amherst, NY/Williamsville North

Major: Business

Became Buffalo State's first swimming All-American in 40 years at the NCAA Division III Championships in March in Greensboro, N.C. He earned All-America honors, placing fourth in the 100 free and sixth in the 50 free, and was also an honorable mention All-American in the 200 free, finishing 16th. He set school and SUNYAC records in all three events.

Jazlyn Porter – Senior, Jumps/Sprints, Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls

Major: Communication

Became just one of four Buffalo State students ever to earn six All-American certificates. Her most recent honor was earned this past March at the NCAA Division III Championships in Iowa when she placed sixth in the 400-meter dash. She also captured All-American honors twice last May at the Outdoor Championships at St. Lawrence when she was eighth in the long jump and placed fifth with the 4x400m relay.

Cory Cox – Senior, Jumps, Rochester, NY/East

Major: Health & Wellness

Earned his fourth All-America honor in March at the NCAA Division III Championships in Iowa where he finished sixth in the long jump.

Benjamin Ezike – Junior, Jumps, Staten Island, NY/Susan Wagner

Major: Sociology

Became the ninth national champion in the history of Buffalo State's men's track & field team when he won the triple jump title at the NCAA Division III Championships in Iowa in March. A transfer from Division I University of Rhode Island, Ezike claimed the first national championship for Buffalo State's men's team since 2011.

The Women's 4x400-meter Relay Team – achieved All American Status in May, 2015 by placing fifth at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships at St. Lawrence University.

The members of the team included:

Niasha Houpe – Junior, Rochester, NY/William Floyd – Major: Health & Wellness

Sasa Vann – Senior, Mastic Beach, NY/Bishop McGann-Mercy – Majors:
Hospitality/Psychology

Jazlyn Porter – Senior, Niagara Falls, NY/Niagara Falls – Major: Communication

Jazmin Dunham – Graduated in May 2015.

Committee Reports

Facilities Report

Ms. Dobmeier discussed this report (see attached).

Student Affairs

Mr. James Brandys reported on enrollment. Applications are up 255 from 2015. The target for fall 2016 is 10,535 an increase of 1.3%. Buffalo State also received funding for 100 additional EOP students.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dobmeier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brandys moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Brason seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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