

**Buffalo State  
State University of New York  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 8, 2014, 4:00 PM  
Cleveland Hall 518  
MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. Jim Brandys (by conference call); Mr. Todd Brason; Mr. Gary Brost; Ms. Linda Dobmeier; Mr. Charles Naughton; Mr. Robert Zak; and Student Representative, Mr. Muhammed Sumbundu.

**FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:**

Interim President Howard Cohen; Provost and Vice President Dennis Ponton; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Chief Diversity Officer, Karen Clinton Jones; Chief Information Officer, Don Erwin; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Kevin Railey; Dean, University College, Scott Johnson; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Benjamin Christy; Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for Student Success, Daniel Velez; Associate Vice President of Housing and Auxiliary Enterprises, Tim Ecklund; Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brad Fuster; Director and Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; UUP Chair and Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; Head Volleyball Coach, Maria DePeters; Swimming Head Coach, Dan Allen; Men's Head Hockey Coach, Nick Carriere; Track and Fiedl Head Coach, Eugene Lewis; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Students: Adza Beda, Anthony Bruno, Cory Cox, Jazmin Dunham, Alec Fleet, Daniel Frontera, Niasha Houpe, Timea Kernacova, Tara Murphy, Samantha Parente, Rich Pete, Shuntone Pricher, Jazlyn Porter, Eric Sauerzopf, Sasa Vann.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Zemsky called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Zemsky welcomed all to the Council meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2014 meeting. Ms. Dobmeier moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Sumbundu seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Updates on Six Priorities:

- **Enrollment Growth**
  - Increase in freshmen applications
  - China Agreements
  - Teach for America graduate student
  - Marketing Group is focusing on:
    - Counselors
    - Parents
    - Current undergraduate students continuing at Buffalo State in graduate school
- **Strategic Planning**
  - The draft to go to College Planning Council and then to the campus
- **Institutional Sustainability and Program Array**
  - The Advisory Group has completed:
    - Adopting a framework for examination of all academic programs
    - Reviewing data on program enrollments by minor
    - Reviewing data on program enrollments by secondary major
    - Reviewing data on three year trend in program degrees and certificates
    - Reviewing data on three year trends in freshman and transfer applications by program
    - Reviewing data on three year trends in major enrollments by program
    - Creating a list of possible new program offerings
  - Data collection is underway for the following additional items.
    - Using CIP code to identify program cost and look at three year trends in program cost, revenue, and net revenue
    - Measure program contribution to other internal programs and non-majors
  - A meeting of the Academic Program Array Advisory Group is anticipated for late April or early May to review additional data collections and determine next steps to complete the analyses of academic programs.
- **All Funds Budgeting**
  - Includes all state accounts for this year
  - Other non-state accounts to be added next year

- Will begin training for departments this Spring
- **Start Up New York**
  - The SUNY Buffalo State Plan has been approved
  - The campus oversight committee has been established
  - We have 3 potential clients in advance talks
  - There are an additional 15 clients in early talks
  - Also have some additional leads
  - The challenge is in finding appropriate spaces
- **Update Campus Master Plan**
  - RFP for Housing Master Plan
  - Alumni House
  - Campus Crest has decided not to move forward

President Cohen announced the following:

- Buffalo State is first among comprehensive institutions and 7<sup>th</sup> overall in SUNY for 2012-13 fundraising
- Ithaka Project

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) has formed a partnership with Ithaka S+R, a nonprofit research organization, to study how social networks among college and university faculty, staff, and administration might facilitate innovation. Buffalo State has been selected as one of 8 AASCU institutions to participate in this pilot project. The first step involves one hour interviews with senior administrators on our campus over the course of one day. All faculty and staff will then be asked to complete a brief online survey. Individual faculty and staff members may choose to opt out of the survey. The benefits of participating in the pilot study to SUNY Buffalo State include:

- Consulting services provided by Ithaka S+R and Syndio Social.
- All expenses paid for up to ten individuals from SUNY Buffalo State to participate in a two-day workshop at the Gates Foundation in Seattle on innovation and transformation.

AASCU believes this study will provide campuses with a rich set of insights and understandings about social networks at their respective institutions. I am excited about the opportunity to participate in this pilot study and look forward to using the findings to enhance our programs at Buffalo State.

Began study with interviews today

Next step is campus wide survey which is optional for all faculty and staff.

- Buffalo State Faculty, Staff and students will participate in Science Week in the Buffalo Public Schools April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>
- We have engaged the firm of Margolis Healy to conduct a study on Community Policing. The Consultants will be on campus April 15-18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Introduction of Student Award Winners**

Charles Kenyon, Dean of Students introduced Danny Velez, Associate Vice President for Student Success and Jerry Boyes, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Head Football Coach and they introduced some of our talented students.

Buffalo State Athletics have had nine student-athletes earn All-America honors during 2013-14 athletic seasons, the most to this point in a single season in school history. He introduced the nine student-athletes and their coaches:

Women's volleyball player Samantha Parente and her head coach Maria DePeters. This past fall, Sam helped lead the Bengals to their first-ever SUNYAC Championship and a trip to the NCAA playoffs and went on to become the first All-American in the history of women's volleyball at Buffalo State.

He introduced freshman diver Alec Fleet who was here with his head coach Dan Allen. Alec represented Buffalo State at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis last month and became the Bengals' first men's swimming and diving All-American since 1977 as he placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation on the 3-meter diving board. He then introduced the next All-American in men's hockey, senior Kevin Carr was represented by head coach Nick Carriere. Kevin was unable to attend. A four-year member of the men's hockey team, he owns 10

different school goalie records and just became the second All-American in program history this season. He is completing this semester's coursework online and will earn his bachelor's in health and wellness next month as he is currently playing professional hockey with the Colorado Eagles of the ECHL double-AA professional hockey league.

We also had six indoor track and field All-Americans who competed at the NCAA Division III Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska last month and are here today with their head coach, Eugene Lewis. Sasa Vann, Jazlyn Porter, Tara Murphy and Niasha Houpe earned All-America certificates together as members of the 4x400-meter relay team, placing fifth in the event with a school record time of 3:50.48. Junior Rich Pete earned his second All-America certificate, placing fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 14.43 meters. Junior Cory Cox also earned his second career All-America certificate, finishing fourth in the long jump with a distance of 7.11 meters. We also had several All-America honorees in outdoor track and field last spring that did not get a chance to recognize, two of these students are here today: Shuntone Pricher and Jazmin Dunham were part of the team that posted the highest finish in school history at the NCAA Division III Championships, finishing tied for third at the meet hosted by Wisconsin-Lacrosse. Shuntone was an All-American with the 4x100-meter relay team that finished as the runner-up at the NCAA Championships with a school record time of 46.22 seconds. Jazmin Dunham collected three All-America certificates at that meet, running a leg of the second-place 4x100-meter relay, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter dash, and won the fourth-ever national championship by a Buffalo State woman in the 200-meter dash with a school record time of 24.34 seconds.

## **ALL-AMERICANS**

### **Track & Field:**

Sasa Vann	So.	Mastic Beach, NY	Hospitality & Tourism
Jazlyn Porter	So.	Niagara Falls, NY	Communication
Tara Murphy	Sr.	Rochester, NY	Sociology

Niasha Houpe	Fr.	Mastic Beach, NY	Health & Wellness
Rich Pete	Jr.	Utica, NY	Business
Cory Cox	Jr.	Rochester, NY	Health & Wellness
Shuntone Pricher	So.	Brooklyn, NY	Criminal Justice
Jazmin Dunham	Sr.	Rochester, NY	Health & Wellness

**Men's Ice Hockey:**

Kevin Carr	Sr.	Unionville, ON	Health & Wellness
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**Swimming & Diving:**

Alec Fleet	Fr.	Addison, NY	Criminal Justice
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**Volleyball:**

Samantha Parente Jr.	E. Patchogue, NY	Elementary Education
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**President's Medal /Chancellor's Award**

Adza Beda, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Anthony Bruno, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Daniel Frontera, Graduate President's Medal & Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Timea Kernacova, Undergraduate President's Medal & Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Eric Sauerzopf, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Melissa Ash, Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Affairs**

Mr. Jim Brandys reported on the Residence Hall Internet service. This project is expected to be completed by the fall. The service is Wi-Fi technology with 100% deployment, 24 hour network maintenance and 5 wireless locations. It has a call center and an on-site coordinator. This of course will enhance the student experience and will be comprehensive and cost effective.

Jim also mentioned the 4 phases of the Housing Master Plan—Strategic Plan, Market Survey, Review and Recommendation. He also reported on the Students of Concern- Care Team led by Charles Kenyon. The safety of our students is #1. He asked all to be involved and go to the website- The Students of Concern Care Team intervenes to provide support for students who raise concern about the potential for

harm to themselves or others. The Care Team will assess the potential risk to personal and campus safety that might result from the actions of individual students. They will connect students in need with appropriate resources and will monitor compliance with required support plans.

The Care Team includes faculty and staff from the following offices:

- Academic Deans
- Counseling Center
- Dean of Students
- Office of Judicial Affairs
- Disability Services
- Residence Life
- Student Life
- University Police
- University College Academic Standards
- Weigel Health Center
- Equity and Campus Diversity

The team is charged with taking steps:

(1.) to **collect** information about students who demonstrate, through current or past behavior, conduct or expression that they may pose a safety risk to either themselves or the campus community

(2.) to **connect** information that is collected into an assessment of risk that may exist

(3.) to **prevent** possible harm by recommending appropriate action to either assist an individual in fulfilling their obligations as a student or to remove an individual student from the campus community. The committee is led by Charles B. Kenyon, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, and its proceedings are confidential.

### **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.

Ms. Dobmeier moved that the council enter into executive session; Mr. Naughton

seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The council adjourned to executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council returned from Executive Session. No action was taken during Executive Session. Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sumbundu moved for adjournment of the meeting and Ms. Dobmeier seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonita R. Durand".

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