

**Buffalo State
State University of New York
COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2013, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. William Bissett; Mr. James Brandys by conference call; Mr. Gary Brost; Ms. Linda Dobmeier; Mr. Charles Naughton; and Student Representative, Mr. Muhammed Sumbundu.

FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:

President Aaron Podolefsky; Vice President for Finance and Management, Michael LeVine; Vice President for Student Affairs, Hal D. Payne; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; 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 Education, Wendy Paterson; Dean of Students and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, Tim Ecklund; Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management, Mark Petrie; Associate Vice President and Comptroller, James Thor; Associate Vice President for Assessment and Curriculum, Rosalyn Lindner; Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; UUP Chair and Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; Head Varsity Basketball Coach, Fajri Ansari; Head Track and Field Coach, Eugene Lewis; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Students: Ismet Mamnoon, Jessica Stabell, Kira Bruce, Sara Cripps, Amanda Pratt, Jake Simmons, Sasha Henry, Jazmin Dunham and Cory Cox.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zemsky called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Zemsky welcomed all to the last Council meeting of the 2012-2013 academic year.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2013 meeting. Ms. Dobmeier moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Brost seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Zemsky thanked the members of the Council for their support and involvement during the year. He especially appreciated their participation with the Middle States Reaccreditation site visit in March. He also thanked those who attended the Art Conservation Ribbon Cutting on February 26th. Events like the ribbon cutting are a result of the “Transforming Lives: Campaign for Buffalo State” which is co-chaired by Council members Jim Brandys and Linda Dobmeier. Mr. Brandys reported that the campaign has raised over 16 million of the \$20 million goal. He thanked Vice President Bair and her staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Zemsky announced that the 141st Commencement ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 18th. The conveners for this year are Gary Brost at 2:00 p.m., Mylous Hairston at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Zemsky at 10:00 a.m. He encouraged members of the Council to attend at least one ceremony if possible.

Mr. Zemsky recognized the student elected representative to the Council Muhammed Sumbundu, who will graduate from Buffalo State on May 18th with a degree in Political Science. He added that Muhammed will continue his studies at Buffalo State as a graduate student where he will pursue a Master’s degree in Public Administration and Non Profit Management. He also announced that Muhammed has been elected to serve as the student representative for the Council for 2013-2014. The Council is looking forward to working with him for another year.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Podolefsky reported on:

- Middle States Accreditation Visit- March 17-20, 2013

Dr. Podolefsky thanked the members of the Council for their tremendous show of support during the Middle States visit. The members of the site visit team were very impressed with how the Council works with the administration to support the

mission and strategic initiatives of the institution. In fact, President Kathleen Waldron, the chair of the team mentioned that some of the team members might want to come back to Buffalo State to learn more about some of the public/private partnership initiatives that have been successful with providing student housing. Buffalo State expects to know the final decision on reaccreditation by mid- June, the Council will be informed.

- SUNY Class Action Suit

A recent article about a class action suit requiring SUNY institutions to refund tuition to some students has been in the news. This is a result of a lawsuit at SUNY Binghamton where a student who went to a NY high school was charged out-of-state tuition. SUNY campuses have been working on this for over a year, trying to identify if any similar situations exist. At Buffalo State there may be a dozen students that fall into this category and the campus is working directly with SUNY to verify possible affected students.

- State Operating Budget 2013-2014

With regards to the State Operating Budget for 2013-2014, SUNY did not get the funding they hoped for related to the Downstate Medical Center fiscal issues. A \$75million loan to Downstate Medical from SUNY reserves is being considered as a write-off, and it is estimated that Downstate Medical will need \$100 to \$150m for 2013/14 operations. This could impact all SUNY campus budgets if not resolved. A plan is required to be filed by SUNY with the State Division of the Budget and Department of Health by June 1st for approval and implementation by June 15th. Buffalo State will not know its state budget until after this issue is resolved. SUNY requested \$182m for the next five year capital plan but the final State budget for 2013/14 included no funding for capital. In addition, as a result of cash flow issues in the State, Buffalo State is being asked to minimize spending of the \$38.5million remaining from previous five year plan. More detailed information will be included in the revised plan from the Facilities Committee. Both SUNY and the SUNY

Construction Fund are continuing negotiations with the State Division of the Budget for relief from these fiscal constraints.

- Buffalo State Crest

The new Buffalo State Crest has been launched and it is being well received from both internal and external audiences. The members of the Council were given a coffee mug with the new crest.

President Podolefsky personally thanked the members of the Council for their tremendous support of him personally and of the institution throughout the 2012-2013 academic year.

- Student Presentation

Vice President Hal Payne introduced some of Buffalo State's incredibly talented student athletes and their Coaches Fajri Ansari and Eugene Lewis (see attached).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities

Vice President Mike LeVine provided the facilities report (see attached).

Naming of Building and Grounds

William Bissett presented a resolution naming the Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson Advanced Painting Studio (see attached).

Mr. Bissett called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Brandys moved that the resolutions be approved; Ms. Dobmeier seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bissett moved for adjournment of the meeting and Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonita R. Durand". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

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

Naming of Building and Grounds Committee Report

**College Council Meeting
December 4, 2012**

In accordance with the Guidelines for Naming Opportunities on State University Campuses; and in recognition of a gift to Buffalo State from an anonymous donor; President Aaron Podolefsky has approved the naming of the Art Conservation painting studio as the Caroline and Sheldon Keck Painting Conservation Studio.

Buffalo State will record this transaction in the record of named spaces maintained at the university. Arrangements will be made to dedicate the Caroline and Sheldon Keck Painting Conservation Studio in honor/memory of Caroline and Sheldon Keck at a date to be specified.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bissett
Chair, Naming of Building and Grounds Committee

RESOLUTION

At its December 4, 2012 meeting, the Buffalo State College Council recommended; and President Podolefsky approved; that the Art Conservation painting studio be named in honor of Caroline and Sheldon Keck. The donor of this gift wishes to remain anonymous.

A graduate of a State University of New York Art Conservation Program, the donor is making this gift honoring the Kecks, whom the donor considers to be "pioneers of the profession," and "cherished mentors to a generation of students."

This honor is given in consideration of a gift made to Buffalo State by the donor in recognition of the contribution to art conservation made by Caroline and Sheldon Keck. The funds will be used to endow master's level fellowships in Art Conservation.

Howard Zemsky, Chair, Buffalo State College Council

Bonita R. Durand, Secretary to the College Council

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In accordance with the Guidelines for Naming Opportunities on State University Campuses; and in recognition of a gift to Buffalo State from Sylvia L. Rosen; President Aaron Podolefsky has approved the naming of the Senior Ceramics Studio and Library (both current and name transfers to renovated space) as the Sylvia L. Rosen Senior Ceramics Studio and Library.

Buffalo State will record this transaction in the record of named spaces maintained at the university. Arrangements will be made to dedicate the Sylvia L. Rosen Senior Ceramics Studio and Library in honor of Sylvia L. Rosen at a date to be specified.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bissett
Chair, Naming of Building and Grounds Committee

RESOLUTION

At its December 4, 2012 meeting, the Buffalo State College Council recommended; and President Podolefsky approved; that the Sylvia L. Rosen Senior Ceramics Studio and Library be named in honor of Sylvia L. Rosen.

Sylvia L. Rosen earned degrees from The Ohio State University in 1941 (BS Ed) and Buffalo State College in 1971 (MS Ed). She enjoys national renown as a highly regarded ceramist whose work is included in the Buffalo State College Burchfield-Penney Art Center's permanent collection. She taught art at Buffalo State College, SUNY at Buffalo and Amherst Senior High School. Mrs. Rosen has supported various programs, as well as numerous lectures, workshops, awards, exhibitions, and other artistic endeavors to promote an appreciation of craft arts, and elevate its broader recognition in the world of fine arts.

In 1987, Mrs. Rosen and her late husband, Nathan D. Rosen, established The Sylvia L. Rosen Endowment for Fine Arts in the Craft Media Fund, which supports the biennial Craft Art Western New York exhibition, provides funds for the purchase of one or more of the works included in that exhibition for the BPAC's collection, and subsidizes craft art lectures. The Craft Media Fund also encourages craft art education through a multitude of venues, most recently sponsoring the Clay Olympics, an annual event held at Buffalo State College for area high school students.

This honor is given in consideration of a gift made to Buffalo State by Sylvia L. Rosen, and in recognition of her many years of service as a member of the Buffalo State College community.

Howard Zemsky, Chair, Buffalo State College Council

Bonita R. Durand, Secretary to the College Council

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In accordance with the Guidelines for Naming Opportunities on State University Campuses; and in recognition of a gift to Buffalo State from Marilyn L. Wilson; President Aaron Podolefsky has approved the naming of the Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson Advanced Painting Studio in Upton Hall.

Buffalo State will record this transaction in the record of named spaces maintained at the university. Arrangements will be made to dedicate the Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson Advanced Painting Studio in honor/memory of Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson at a date to be specified.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bissett
Chair, Naming of Building and Grounds Committee

RESOLUTION

At its April 17, 2013 meeting, the Buffalo State College Council recommended; and President Podolefsky approved; that the Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson Advanced Painting Studio be named in honor of Robert C. and Marilyn L. Wilson.

Marilyn Laduca Wilson enrolled at Buffalo State in the late 1960s where she not only found a home at the college, but also a pathway to a life filled with art, inspiration, and love. Soon after graduating in 1971, Ms. Laduca landed a "dream job" teaching art to elementary school children in the Buffalo Public Schools. In 1984, she earned a master's degree from Buffalo State in multicultural art history. After retiring in 2004 from Lafayette High School, Mrs. Wilson was asked to teach in the Art Education Department at Buffalo State. She has also embarked on her own projects and is particularly proud of a series of elaborate jewelry pins that correlate with the tragedy behind the glamour of beautiful iconic women.

Marilyn Laduca met Buffalo State faculty member Robert Wilson at Buffalo State and their friendship blossomed into a romance. They married in 1976 and lived on Grand Island.

Robert Curtis Wilson was an artist, writer, and educator. Born in Sullivan, Indiana, in 1926, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his return, he set up a studio in Granada Hills and attended the San Fernando Valley State College, where Mr. Wilson earned both a bachelor of arts and a master of arts. He also won several art competitions. Mr. Wilson joined Buffalo State in 1963 and remained with the Design Department faculty until 1986. More than 36 Robert Wilson paintings already grace various spots on campus. They range from vivid landscapes to bold abstracts.

The gift will provide scholarships to students in the Fine Arts Department with a declared major in painting.

This honor is given in consideration of a gift made to Buffalo State by Marilyn L. Wilson, and in recognition of many years of service of both Marilyn L. Wilson and Robert C. Wilson as members of the Buffalo State College community.

Howard Zemsky, Chair, Buffalo State College Council

Bonita R. Durand, Secretary to the College Council

Facilities Committee Report to the College Council
April 17, 2013
Submitted by Alphonso O'Neil-White, Chair

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I. Capital Budget Overview

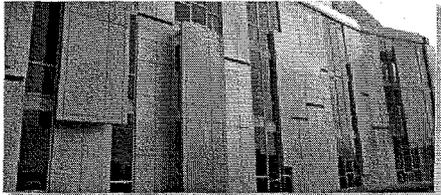
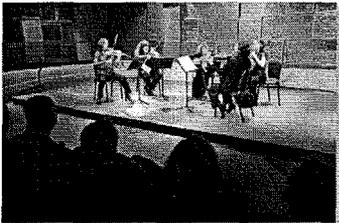
The New York State budget for 2013/14 is expected to include no funding for Buffalo State's next \$182 million five-year capital budget request. In addition, State fiscal constraints have resulted in restrictions being placed on our ability to spend \$38.5 million in funds available from our previous five-year capital plan. As a result, projects scheduled for implementation during the remainder of 2012/13 and into 2013/14 are being impacted as follows:

- Projects summarized below that are currently in the construction phase will continue until completion
- Projects summarized below that are currently in the design phase have been placed on hold and cannot proceed to the next phase of design or construction
- New projects scheduled in our next five-year capital plan will not be started.

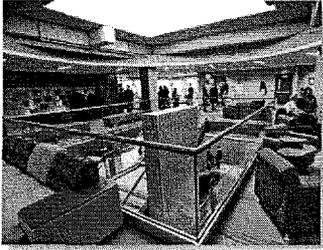
SUNY and the State University Construction Fund continue to negotiate with the State Division of the Budget for relief from these fiscal constraints on the capital budget.

II. Project Report

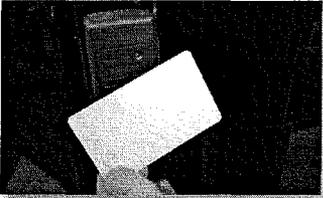
This overview describes capital projects recently completed, those in construction, and those in the design phase:

<i>Projects Recently Completed</i>	
	<p>Science & Mathematics Complex, Phase 1: This \$52.3 million project supports the Buffalo State mission by providing facilities that enhance undergraduate research. It includes an expansive multi-story atrium, an advanced imaging suite and state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities. The building has been in use since January 2013.</p>
	<p>Rockwell Hall Third Floor Renovation: This \$9.5 million renovation includes the addition of the state-of-the-art Louis P. Ciminelli Recital Hall. The rehabilitation also provides expanded laboratory and studio space for the art conservation department, and eight smart classrooms.</p>

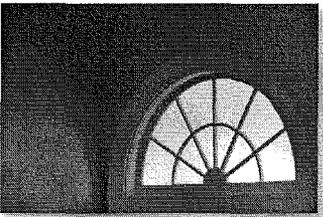
Projects Recently Completed (continued)



Student Union Third Floor Rehabilitation: At a cost of \$5.6 million, this rehabilitation has transformed third-floor spaces -- including the Social Hall, Fireside Lounge, Assembly Hall and adjacent areas -- as well as the main and basement lobbies. Improvements include beautifully renovated and expanded study and community areas for students.



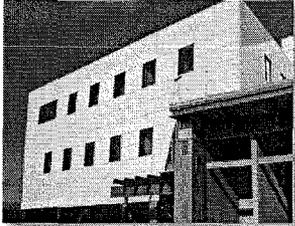
Electronic Security System Rehabilitation and Expansion: This \$500,000 project has replaced security equipment for Buffalo State's University Police Department. It adds electronic access control to 29 exterior entrances and allows for the expansion of the system to closed-circuit TV and the campus emergency phone system.



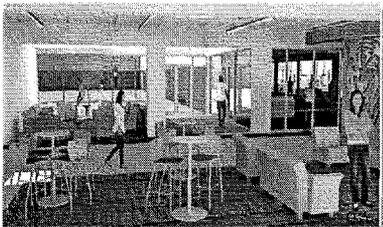
Window Replacements and Exterior Renovations: Windows on Bishop, Chase, Ketchum and Rockwell halls and the Donald Savage Building were recently replaced. Bacon, Ketchum and Rockwell halls, the Savage Building and Twin Rise have also recently received masonry repairs.

Window replacements at Bacon Hall and South Wing, as well as masonry repair projects at Upton Hall and South Wing, are currently underway.

Spring & Summer 2013 Projects in Construction



Technology Building: This project is under its \$38 million budget and on schedule for summer 2013 completion. This "green" building will provide new space for the departments of Technology, Computer Information Systems and Fashion Technology.

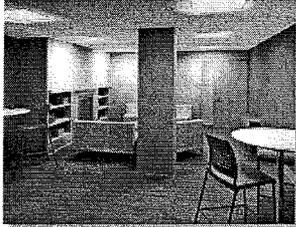


Houston Gymnasium Rehabilitation: This complete building overhaul will modernize athletic facilities and replace outdated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. At a cost of \$28 million, the project will be underway until fall 2014.

Spring & Summer 2013 Projects in Construction (continued)



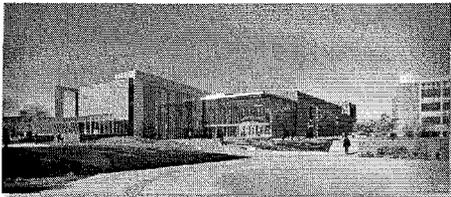
Underground Utilities Replacement, Rockwell Quadrangle & Vicinity: This \$11.2 million project is replacing deteriorated utilities, including water lines and storm sewers, in the eastern portion of the campus. It is slated for completion in winter 2013/14.



Tower 4 and Tower 1 Rehabilitations: Renovations to the Tower 4 dormitory include entrance, lobby and elevator rehabilitation; lounge and laundry room improvements; and updates to student suites. At a cost of \$7.6 million, renovations to Tower 4 will be completed during summer 2013.

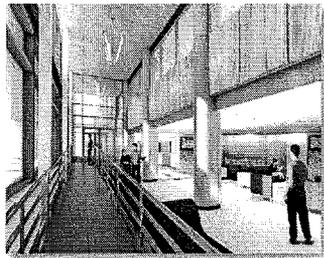
Tower 1 asbestos abatement will also occur during summer 2013, in preparation for building renovations slated to begin in May 2014.

Spring & Summer 2013 Projects in Design

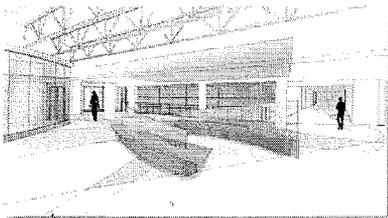


Science and Mathematics Complex, Phase 2: During phase 2 of the Science and Mathematics Complex project, the north wing of the existing Science Building will be renovated at a cost of \$17 million. It will house classrooms and offices for departments in the sciences.

Phase 3 of the project will create a new planetarium, a greenhouse, labs, classrooms and lecture halls at a cost of approximately \$32 million.



Caudell Hall Renovation: This project will rehabilitate spaces for the Hospitality & Tourism, Dietetics and Nutrition, Social Work, and Speech-Language Pathology Departments. At a cost of \$21.2 million, it will include relocation of corridors and re-cladding of the building exterior.



Upton Hall Renovation, Phase 1: This large-scale building renovation, priced at \$48.3 million, will overhaul spaces for the School of Arts & Humanities, expanding the useful life of the building.

Spring & Summer 2013 Projects in Design (continued)



Buckham Hall, Rehabilitation for Surge Space, Phase 2:

This \$3.3 million rehabilitation will provide space for the temporary relocation of programs and offices from Caudell and Upton Halls so that these two buildings may be fully renovated.



Exterior Signage Replacement: This \$1.1 million project will replace exterior signage throughout the campus, providing important way-finding and aesthetic improvements. The project will include large, illuminated entry signs and a complete array of directional signs.