

Buffalo State College
State University of New York
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2010, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT; Mr. William Bissett; Mr. James Brandys; Mrs. Melissa Brinson by Conference call; Mr. Alphonso O’Neil-White; and Student Representative Mr. Joshua Brown.

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; Chief Information Officer, Don Erwin; Interim Senior Advisor to the President for Equity and Campus Diversity and Dean of University College, Scott Johnson; Chief of Staff and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Kevin Railey; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Ben Christy; Interim Dean, School of Education, Paul Theobald; Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Interim Dean, School of the Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mark Petrie; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for College Relations, Tim Walsh; Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, Tim Ecklund; Buffalo State UUP President and Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; Athletics Director and Head Coach, Jerry Boyes; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; Students: Morris Suttles, Amy Burkett, Kathryn Boughton, Watoii Rabii and Justin Wojcik.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CHAIR’S REPORT

Mr. Bissett welcomed all to the third meeting of the council for the 2010-2011 academic year. At the last meeting we introduced Joshua Brown as the new student elected representative to the College Council. Today, Mr. Bissett thanked Joshua for his service to the council as he will be graduating this May with a degree in media productions. As a keepsake, the council presented Joshua with his name block which documented his service as the student representative to the council. The council wished him all the best in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Bissett called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2011 meeting. Mr. O’Neil-White moved that the minutes be approved; Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Podolefsky advised the council that they have a report in their board books under the President's Report tab that outlines where we are at this point with the SUNY State Operated Budget (see attached). The President reported that a 6.4 reduction in Buffalo State College's state operating budget has already been accomplished. And we are looking at another reduction of about 2.9 million. This second reduction that may be mitigated by a tuition increase, if approved.

Assembly Member Crystal Peoples-Stokes has introduced a bill for a tuition policy that will be beneficial to SUNY institutions. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Seward (see attached). Dr. Podolefsky thanked the members of the College Council for their resolution supporting a rational tuition policy.

End of Year Events and Ceremonies: This is the time of year when the college celebrates the accomplishments of our students with several end of year programs. Some of the major events are listed in the President's executive summary. President Podolefsky reminded the council that on May 17th they will be meeting with Dr. Barbara Loftus, Buffalo State's liaison for the Middle States Accreditation Review. Dr. Loftus will meet with the council at 3:30 p.m. immediately preceding the College Council meeting on that day; packets will be mailed before that meeting.

Academic Presentation:

President Podolefsky introduced Dean Kevin Railey who introduced two graduate students who have been recognized for their academic achievements. Dean Railey thanked the students for all their hard work and mentioned that they were great ambassadors for Buffalo State College. Complete biographies on the students are included in the President's Executive Summary. The students are:

- Morris W. Suttles- "The Death Penalty as Applied to Corporate Crime"
 - A.A. Social Science from Jamestown Community College
 - B.A. Sociology from the University of Buffalo
 - M.S. Criminal Justice from Buffalo State College
 - Adjunct Sociology Instructor at Jamestown Community College
- Amy K. Burkett – "The Effectiveness of Using Picture Schedules plus Differential Reinforcement for Activity Transitions to Reduce Maladaptive Behaviors"
 - B.S. Elementary Education, Pre K – Grade 6
 - M.S.Ed. Exceptional Education
 - Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
- Christopher Janik's poster was displayed he was unable to attend. "Invasive Round Gobies Disrupt Primary Production Dynamics in Lotic Systems"

There presentations are attached.

Vice President Payne introduced the Chancellor's Award and President's Medal Winners that were presented at this College Council meeting. On March 5th the SUNY Chancellor's ceremony was held in Albany there were 249 students from 63 campuses recognized by Chancellor Zimpher.

- Chancellor's Award Winner: Kathryn Boughton
- President's Medal and Chancellor's Award Winners:
Watoii Rabii (undergraduate) and Justin Wojcik (Graduate)

The biographies for these students are also included in the President's Executive summary (see attached).

The President and Mr. Bissett both thanked all the students and congratulated them again on their achievements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bissett called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. O'Neil-White 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,



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