

**Buffalo State College  
State University of New York  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 6, 2009, 4:00 PM  
Cleveland Hall 518  
MINUTES**

**COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Mr. John Hoskins; Vice Chair, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. James Brandys; Ms. Melissa Brinson; Mr. William Bissett; Mr. Charles Naughton and Mr. Gerald Saxe.

**COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:** Interim President Dennis Ponton; Vice President for Finance & Management, Stanley Kardonsky; Vice President & CIO, Voldemar Innus; Vice President for Student Affairs, Hal D. Payne; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Senior Advisor to the President for Equity and Campus Diversity, Dolores Battle; Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the College Council, Bonita R. Durand; Interim Associate Provost & Dean of Graduate School, Paul Theobald; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Benjamin Christy; Dean, Interim Dean , School of Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Dean, University College; Scott Johnson; Dean of the School of Natural & Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mark Petrie; Associate Vice President for Housing and Auxiliary Services, Timothy Ecklund; Associate Vice President for College Relations, Tim Walsh; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for Development, Jane Armbruster; College Senate Chair & Professor of Exceptional Education, Sharon Cramer; UUP Chapter President & Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; Associate Professor, Theatre, Andrew Kahn; Associate Director, External Affairs, Thomas Koller; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Hoskins requested approval of the minutes from the April 28, 2009 meeting. Mr. Zemsky made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. Bissett seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hoskins also entertained a motion to approve the Annual Report for 2007-2008. Mr. Zemsky made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. Bissett seconded the motion. The Annual Report was approved by unanimous vote.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hoskins introduced and welcomed Melissa Brinson. She has been appointed to the Buffalo State College Council by Governor David Paterson to succeed Laurie Brosnahan, whose term expired in June, 2009. Melissa will serve until June 30, 2016. She is town clerk of Tonawanda, New York, and president of the Kenmore-Tonawanda Board of Education. She is an alumna of the University at Buffalo.

Ms. Brinson thanked Mr. Hoskins for the introduction and said she is honored to be a part of the Council and seems like a great group.

Mr. Hoskins reported that The Association of Council Members and College Trustees of the State University of New York will convene for the Fall Conference in Cooperstown, NY on October 23-25, 2009. Council members may have received the registration materials at their home or office but to be sure we included in your board books under the Chair's report Section. He encouraged members of the council to attend the conference. If you are interested, please see Bonnie or Melissa and they will assist you with reservations and travel arrangement.

Mr. Hoskins thanked the Presidential Search Advisory Committee since they have been working diligently throughout the summer and dedication and especially thank Howard Zemsky for his fine leadership as chair.

Mr. Howard Zemsky reported on the visit to Campus of Jessica Kozloff, search consultant from Academic Search. Jessica has very high enthusiasm for the search and was happy to visit the

college getting all her information together with the broad and wide input from the campus community and the college council.

#### Steps Completed

- Ad has been published
- Institutional Profile has been completed and published
- Academic Search Secure Website has been established
- Presidential Search Webpage is up on the Buffalo State Website

Send any nominations and or applications to the Academic Search Website and /or any comments can be sent to the committee via [presidentsearch@buffalostate.edu](mailto:presidentsearch@buffalostate.edu)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Interim President Ponton reported on his executive summary (see attached).

Dr. Ponton is honored to serve the college as interim president and looks forward to continuing the positive outcomes and momentum established under Dr. Howard's tenure. Dr. Ponton appreciates the support and confidence of the members of the College Council and looks forward to working with all of you as we continue the good work of this great institution.

Dr. Ponton introduced some of the other individuals who have stepped up to fill in the roles that have become vacant, due to the presidential change.

- Dr. Paul Theobald who has assumed the role of interim dean of the Graduate School;
- Dr. Kevin Mulcahy, who leads the School of the Professions as interim dean.
- Dr. Kevin Railey, who is now serving as interim provost is not with us today as he is attending an AASCU Conference for provosts.

#### Strategic Plan Overview

The new Strategic Plan for 2009-2013 is now on the college website, in the final format. Buffalo State College is in the process of taking the next step of restructuring the College Planning Council (CPC), with some calls out now for individuals to serve on that committee. We are establishing two standing committees in the CPC: The Dashboard Committee and the Budget and Allocations Committee.

This Strategic Plan will be followed with an Academic Plan that will help the campus focus on many of the academic issues related to Strategic Direction 1 (Quality Learning Experiences). We expect the academic plan to be available later this year. Dr. Railey will be taking the lead on this initiative.

### Campus Buffalo

Campus Buffalo is an initiative of the Western New York Consortium of Higher Education. A website, [Campus Buffalo.org](http://CampusBuffalo.org), has been designed to offer collaborative initiatives and innovative programs to students attending one of the Consortium's 22-member colleges and universities. It connects students to the communities in which they live and, upon graduation, hopefully helps to keep this talent close to home by facilitating regional employment placement. The Consortium is committed to strengthening collaboration among its network of colleges and institutions, as well as forging partnerships with regional private and public sectors, to enhance the experience of students and better local communities by contributing significantly to the knowledge economy of the Buffalo region.

Dr. Kardonsky reported on the Master Planning Process he is also the lead officer from the college for this initiative. Buffalo State is one of the SUNY institutions selected to begin a new Master Planning Process. The Master Plan Assessment Team was recently at the college conducting a campus-wide inspection of all buildings and rooms.

### Enrollment and Occupancy Update

Vice President Payne reported on enrollment with the preliminary numbers in we have good news. The freeze file count is 11,733 Yves Gachette scrubbed the data recording preliminary fall 3nummbers 11722. The head count was 472 above targets at 11250 also fall 2008 were at 11034. Vice President Payne thanked the Enrollment Management Staff under the direction of Mark Petrie for bringing in 11019 freshman applications up about 7.4% from last year. Transfers are also up this year 15% our returning students are also up he thanked the deans for that also. The honored students have also doubled and Vice President Payne thanked Vice President's Kardonsky and Bair for funding. With the new GI Bill we now have 198 veterans enrolled and 108 new veterans and 90 continuing.

### Academic Presentation

#### Dr. Ponton Introduced Drew Kahn and the Anne Frank Project

The Academic Presentation for today's meeting will be presented by Drew Kahn, professor and chair of the Theater Department. He will report to you on the Anne Frank Project. The Anne Frank Project builds on the Theater Department's mission of social change and diversity, which began in 2006 with the production of the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank* here at Buffalo State. The project was launched on September 11<sup>th</sup> with an inaugural daylong conference. At this time, I ask Professor Kahn to provide an overview of the project.

(See attached)

Vice President Kardonsky spoke about the facilities (see attached).

#### Provost Ponton reported on the Economic Impact Report

- The Economic Impact Report has been included in your board books. It provides some interesting information about the overall economic impact of the Buffalo State to the Western New York Region.
- Academic Convocation Programs have also been included in your board books for your information.
- There is also a calendar of events included in your board books. If you are interested in attending any of the many activities that occur on the campus, please contact my office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Hoskins asked Bill Bissett to deliver the Report for the Naming of Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. Bissett delivered the report (see attached).

I will entertain a motion to approve the resolution presented by the Naming of Building and Grounds Committee.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Hoskins called for a motion to Move to Executive Session: In accordance with Section 105 of the New York State Open Meetings Law. Mr. Zemsky moved that the council move to execute executive session; Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The council adjourned to executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

After the executive session ended, the council reconvened to open session. Mr. Hoskins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Zemsky moved for adjournment and Mr. Naughton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bonita R. Durand*

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Secretary to the College Council