



BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL MEETING October 3, 2023, 4:00 PM MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

In person

Ms. Linda Dobmeier
Mr. Robert Zak
Ms. Patricia Farrell
Mr. Kevin Horrigan
Mr. Charles Naughton
Mr. Mo Sumbundu
Mr. Gary Siddall
Mr. Donald DJ Hardwick (student representative)

Excused:

Mr. Pete Grum

FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT (in person):

Interim President Bonita R. Durand
Provost Jim Mayrose
Interim Vice President for Management and Operations, Lisa Krieger
Interim Vice President for Finance and Controller, Jim Thor
Vice President for Student Affairs, Tim Gordon
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, James Finnerty
Vice President for Enrollment Management, Randy Bowen
Dean, School of the Professions, Carol DeNysschen
Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Lisa Morrison-Fronckowiak
College Senate and Head of Information Commons, E.H. Butler Library, Ken Fujiuchi
Chief of Police, Amy Pedlow
Director of Graduate Studies, Kevin Miller
Secretary to the University Council and President's Chief of Staff, LeVar Burke
Interim Executive Assistant to the President, President's Office, Melissa Slisz
Administrative Assistant 1, Enrollment Management, Kristine Kaminsky

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all attending in person and remotely. The Chair welcomed two additions to our Council: Gary Siddal and DJ Hardwick. Each member introduced themselves.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair announced that the Council committees were reconstructed by the Chair based on input from Interim President Durand and Council Secretary Burke to bring them into alignment with education law and ACT guidelines, effective as of September 6, 2023. The reason for this was to enhance the effectiveness of the Council's work. The purpose of this restructuring and creation of new committees and merging of functions of the old is to make the Council stronger and to improve collaboration. Current committees now encompass:

Budget, Citizens Advisory, Facilities, Government Relations, Naming of Buildings and Grounds, Nominated and Presidential Appointment Advisories, Strategic Initiatives, Student Life – includes Student Conduct and Safety.

Descriptions, membership, and administrative staff of each committee can be found on the Buffalo State University Council website. It was mentioned that Buffalo State University's future relies heavily on our shared governance structure. This restructuring aims to establish a solid foundation for a mutually beneficial relationship with the interim administration. It also sets clear expectations for the future permanent President regarding the relationship between the Council and the administration.

ACTION ITEMS

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting. Mr. Zak moved that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Ms. Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A strategic roadmap with three pillars was set forward:

- Addressing enrollment challenges

Retention, persistence, graduation

- Increasing alternative revenue sources

Sports arena, Rockwell Hall, Performing Arts Center, Burchfield Penney, Planetarium,

Grants, Business collaboration with other organizations

- Improving the campus cultural climate and morale

Must learn to work together. Servicing our students is the focus. A second campus

climate survey will be sent out to the campus in spring of 2024.

Our budget situation and SUNY's expectations of Buffalo State were discussed. Buffalo State's enrollment was reviewed. Buffalo State's Middle States accreditation has been approved. Buffalo State's graduate office is being restructured. Each Council member's packet has the President's state of the university speech. If there are any questions, Interim President Durand is open to hear them. The Buffalo State community is strong and will work hard to keep this steady course.

Report concluded (see attached).

The Dean of the School of Professions, Carol DeNysschen presented on the School of Professions (see attached).

COMMITTEES

- **Naming of Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Robert Zak reported for the committee (see attached).

- **President's Community Advisory Board**

Interim President Durand reported for the committee.

On Friday, August 4, 2023, there was an introductory meeting with the Council Chair and the President's Advisory Board members. Buffalo State's Commitment to Access was reviewed with an emphasis on student success. The impact of the Supreme Court's decision was discussed. The director of Roar 2 Success, Shawnte Wilson, gave a

presentation on GRIT. The VP of Enrollment Management went over the Buffalo State Foundation need and merit-based awards. It was decided that a presentation should be incorporated into each meeting to highlight work that is being done between our faculty and staff, and the community.

The next meeting will be on Friday, October 6th. This will include a tour by Enrollment Management and Facilities. The next Council meeting will include a reception entitled “A Night at the Planetarium” where the President’s Advisory Board and University Council will have an opportunity to meet.

- **Student Affairs Committee**

Charles Naughton reported for the committee (see attached).

- **Facilities**

The committee participated in the annual Buffalo State facilities tour on August 28, 2023, facilitated by the Office of Finance and Management. The tour was designed to familiarize Council members with the campus and its facilities and was attended by committee members and BSU staff.

The tour started at Cleveland Hall, covering various notable locations and buildings, including the Science and Mathematics Complex and the Academic Commons at the Butler Library. The tour was more general this year, with fewer walk-throughs at project sites, which allowed us to conclude the tour ahead of the 4:00 p.m. end time.

The Committee extends its gratitude to all participants and looks forward to their continued support and participation in future activities.

The Committee's fall meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Cleveland Hall 205. This will be the first in-person gathering since the start of the pandemic, marking a significant milestone in our operations.

Please note that a full report has been included in the Council members' meeting materials.

- **Government Relations (Linda Dobmeier, Chair)**

No report.

- **Nominations & Presidential Advisory Committee (Linda Dobmeier, Chair)**

No report.

- **Budget (Robert Zak, Chair)**

No report.

- **Strategic Initiatives (Robert Zak, Chair)**

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bengal Dare to Care Day – October 3, Coffee with a Cop – October 4, Anne Frank Project – October 4 – 5, 1970s Class Reunion – October 5 – 7, Faculty/Staff Recognition Ceremony – October 12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called for a motion to move into Executive Session: In accordance with section 105 of the New York State open meetings law, to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Mr. Zak moved that the Council enter into executive session. Mr. Sumbundu seconded it. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

These people were asked to remain: Chief of Police Amy Pedlow, Interim President Bonnie Durand, VP Timothy Gordon, Secretary to the University Council, LeVar Burke.

Ms. Dobmeier asked for a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Zak moved to end executive session and Mr. Naughton seconded the motion. The Council moved out of executive session back to regular meeting status.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Linda Dobmeier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Sumbundu seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LeVar Nathaniel Burke, JD, MPA

Secretary to the University Council



**Divisional Highlights for the President's Report to the College Council
October 3, 2023**

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Buffalo State University Council,

As we embrace the dawn of the 2023-2024 Academic Year, I am honored to present my first President's Report as your Interim President. We find ourselves in a unique moment of transition, which has shaped the nature of this report.

Our focus rests on the transformational power of the entire Buffalo State community, emphasizing the crucial roles of our dedicated faculty, administrative, professional, and clerical staff in upholding our mission. The progress made in recent months reflects the collective strength, wisdom, and dedication of our community.

Our strategic roadmap revolves around three pillars: addressing enrollment challenges, increasing alternative revenue sources, and improving the campus cultural climate and morale. We are working towards transforming Buffalo State into a hub for students from various geographical areas, diversifying our revenue streams, and nurturing an inclusive, respectful, and empowering campus climate.

The past year has seen remarkable achievements in academics, staff and student accomplishments, fundraising initiatives, commitment to social justice, and cost-effective strategies. We pioneered a unique dual graduate degree in conservation, secured several grants, and witnessed a surge in faculty-student engagement. Our staff and students have excelled in service, academics, and athletics, and our alumni have been recognized for significant contributions.

As we navigate through challenges, we are unwavering in our commitment to excellence and resilience. Our achievements stand as a testament to this commitment. We celebrated the conferring of degrees on nearly 1,800 students at the 151st Commencement celebration and received commendation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and the continuation of

accreditation for the graduate education program in speech-language pathology by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA).

We find ourselves in a moment of transition as we are set to welcome the 10th president of our institution, signifying the midpoint of my tenure as your interim president. This phase is as exhilarating as it is challenging, and I am proud to serve as the bridge that connects our past with our future.

We are nestled in the cultural corridor of New York State's second-largest city, and I am confident that we are well-positioned to become the flagship comprehensive university within the SUNY system.

As we move forward, our vision for Buffalo State University is not centered on a single entity but relies on our collective determination and resolve. We aim to become the flagship comprehensive university within the SUNY system, fostering critical and creative thinking, and empowering our students to craft innovative solutions. We are committed to surpassing accreditation requirements and being tenacious in our pursuit of excellence.

This transition is an opportunity for us to redefine ourselves and embrace our collective capacity for greatness. Our vision is not a passive wish but an active pursuit of a better tomorrow.

Please note: You have been provided with the full President's Report, along with hyperlinks to the remarks referenced in the report.

In conclusion, though we are at a crossroads, the state of our university is strong, fortified by our history, passion, and collective will. As we face the future, let us remember the words of our third president, Paul G. Bulger... "Onward and Upward!"

Thank you.

President's Report to the Buffalo State University Council

Delivered by Interim President, Bonita R. Durand, PhD

Introduction

As we embrace the dawn of the 2023-2024 Academic Year, it is with deep honor that I present my first President's Report since assuming the interim presidency on May 1, 2023. As you know, the president's Report is usually a list of highlights and achievements from quarter to quarter. Instead, I took the liberty of providing a different type of report, due to the state of transition we find ourselves in. This report amalgamates key remarks I have delivered since my tenure began, outlining our strategic objectives, and the pivotal roles we all play in realizing these goals. It also contains highlights of the previous year, a summary of the current state of the university, as well as my vision for its future, and a collective call-to-action.

As we chart the course of the new academic year, our focus rests on the transformational power we wield, not just within the President's Office or its occupant, but across the entire Buffalo State community. Our faculty, administrative, professional, and clerical staff are the lifeblood of our institution, upholding our mission through teaching, researching, grant writing, and curriculum development. This body has a special statutory role in the shared governance of Buffalo State University, and therefore, the future of our beloved institution. I am working very closely with Chair Dobmeier to ensure that the Council has the right structure and information to fulfil its obligations effectively and efficiently. The progress we have made in the past few months is a testament to the collective strength, wisdom, and dedication of our college community.

Strategic Priorities

Our strategic roadmap during my interim presidency revolves around three pillars: addressing enrollment challenges, increasing alternative revenue sources, and improving the campus cultural climate and morale. These objectives necessitate the active participation and unwavering commitment of every member of our community.

Enrollment

Transforming Buffalo State into a hub for students across various geographical spheres is a key strategy in addressing our enrollment challenges. We must leverage our innovative approach, passion, dedication, and personal touch to attract, retain, and graduate students.

On enrollment, the university has seen promising signs, with steady enrollment levels, increased first-time students, and a surge in new transfers. The retention rates are also improving, with increased residence hall occupancy.

Non-Tuition Revenue Streams

In our quest to diversify our revenue streams, we strive to position Buffalo State as an investment hotspot. Our innovative research, cutting-edge pedagogy, and dedicated community-engagement initiatives make us a compelling choice for investors. Regarding non-tuition revenue, the university aims to increase this through collaborations with partner agencies, organizations, and external entities. Improved use of technology for space and event management will also contribute to this.

Campus Climate and Morale

Lastly, nurturing an inclusive, respectful, and empowering campus climate is at the core of our mission. A positive campus atmosphere that values every voice, nurtures every talent, and celebrates every achievement is essential in delivering on our promise of academic excellence. Improving the campus climate is another focus. The university aims to foster an atmosphere of transparency, respect, and inclusivity. It is committed to breaking down divisions and enhancing coordination between different governance structures. A second climate survey is scheduled for spring 2024 to assess progress in this area.

First-Year Convocation Address

Our student representative, DJ Hardwick officially opened the academic year at the [First-Year Convocation](#). There I highlighted the transformative power of higher education to our freshmen, urging them to engage fully with their faculty and take advantage of the unique opportunities Buffalo State offers.

Faculty and Academic Staff Charge

As we stepped into this academic year, I spoke at the [Faculty and Academic Staff Kick-Off](#), where I urged each one member of the faculty and academic staff to embody authentic leadership, characterized by influence and impact. I implored them that with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our strategic outcomes, we can transform Buffalo State University into an epitome of academic excellence, a hub of innovation, and a testament to the transformative power of higher education.

Remarks at the Opening Buffalo State Senate Meeting

In my address to the Buffalo State University Senate, I indicated that our shared governance structure, emphasized by the distinct roles of the Buffalo State University Senate, the Buffalo State President's Administration, and the Buffalo State University Council, is our strength. Enhancing coordination between these entities is of utmost importance.

State of the University Address

2023 Highlights

At the [State of the University](#), I highlighted the remarkable achievements in academics, staff and student accomplishments, fundraising initiatives, commitment to social justice, and cost-effective strategies. As the university navigates through the challenges it faces, the achievements of the past year stand as a testament to Buffalo State University's unwavering commitment to excellence and resilience in the face of adversity.

Academic Advancements. Buffalo State University pioneered a dual graduate degree in conservation, the only program of its kind in North America. The university also secured several grants that helped expand research capabilities and enhance academic offerings. The university experienced a surge in faculty-student engagement, with notable contributions from various faculty members. The faculty also distinguished themselves in their respective fields, earning several prestigious awards.

Staff, Student, and Alumni Achievements. Staff at Buffalo State University were recognized for their exceptional service. In the realm of academic awards, community service, and athletics, students have excelled. Alumni have been recognized for their significant contributions, with several featured in Buffalo Business First's 2022 Power 200 Women list and others receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Social Justice Initiatives. The university continued its commitment to social justice through various initiatives such as the establishment of the 5.14 Memorial Scholarship and the appointment of

Associate Provost Amitra A. Wall to the May 14th Memorial Commission. The Anne Frank Project, under the stewardship of Distinguished Professor Drew Kahn, embarked on a journey to Rwanda to train teachers in story-based learning and hosted its 14th annual Social Justice Festival.

Fundraising and Cost-Saving Measures. Buffalo State led all SUNY comprehensives in fundraising for the past two years, securing over \$8 million this year. The university also implemented cost-saving measures, such as training a staff member to service sewing machines across three departments, resulting in significant savings.

Institutional Achievements. The university celebrated the conferring of degrees on nearly 1,300 undergraduate and over 500 graduate students at the 151st Commencement celebration. Highlighting the institution's commitment to excellence, Buffalo State University received commendation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and the continuation of accreditation for the graduate education program in speech-language pathology by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) reaccreditation efforts have been a hallmark achievement, shining a positive light on Buffalo State and reflecting each community members' commitment to educational excellence and quality assurance. I was informed that the Middle States Site Visiting Committee spoke highly of the commitment of the Council who attended in its entirety the session on governance. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone for your unwavering dedication to this endeavor for excellence.

Current State of the University

As we step into this academic year, I urge each member of the Buffalo State community to embody authentic leadership, characterized by influence and impact. With a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our strategic outcomes, we can transform Buffalo State University into an epitome of academic excellence, a hub of innovation, and a testament to the transformative power of higher education.

Vision for the Future of Buffalo State University

We find ourselves in a moment of transition as we are set to welcome the 10th president of our institution, signifying the midpoint of my tenure as your interim president. This phase is as exhilarating as it is challenging, and I am proud to serve as the bridge that connects our past with our future.

We are nestled in the cultural corridor of New York State's second-largest city, and I am confident that we are well-positioned to become the flagship comprehensive university within the SUNY system.

Our vision relies not solely on the next president or a single entity, but on the collective determination and resolve of all members of our community. The Council, the Senate, the Foundation, the administration, faculty, staff, students, and our alumni - we are all co-authors of the next chapter in our university's history.

Our core business remains the academic enterprise, with the president overseeing the institution as a whole—providing leadership and direction in teaching, learning, scholarship, research, and service. Our focus remains on fostering critical and creative thinking, to empower our students to craft innovative solutions.

We are committed to surpassing the requirements for Middle States and our various accreditation bodies and being tenacious in our pursuit of excellence. We champion our cause to the federal and state

governments, philanthropic foundations, and donors, while also being good stewards of our financial and human resources.

Call to Action

This transition is an opportunity to redefine ourselves, to choose hope over fear, and to embrace the power within us to shape our destiny.

Our 44th President, Barack Obama, once said, “Hope is not blind optimism... It’s believing... that we have the power to shape our destiny.” This hope is not a passive wish but an active pursuit of a better tomorrow.

Buffalo State University, this is our moment, our time to create a lasting legacy. Let us seize it with unwavering courage, indomitable spirit, and an unfaltering belief in our collective capacity for greatness.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I report that although we are at a crossroads, the state of our university is strong, fortified by our history, passion, and collective will. In the words of our distinguished third president, Paul G. Bulger... “Onward and Upward!”

Sincerely,

Bonita R. Durand, PhD
Interim President, Buffalo State University



VALUES

Service
Excellence
Inclusion
Innovation
Sustainability
Ethical Practice
Collaboration



MISSION

The School of the Professions is a diverse and inclusive community whose members are dedicated to creative and critical thinking, and responsible leadership.

Building on these defining qualities, the school supports students through innovative and engaged learning.



The School of the Professions

10/03/2023

DEPARTMENTS



- Business (UG & MS)
- Computer Information Systems
- Creativity and Change Leadership (MS)
- Criminal Justice (UG & MS)
- Engineering Technology (UG & MS)
- Fashion and Textile Technology
- Health, Nutrition, and Dietetics (UG & MS)
- Higher Education Administration (MS)
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Small Business Development Center
- Social Work
- Speech Language-Pathology (UG & MS)



SOP FACTS



Created in 2005 to capitalize on synergistic relationships that existed between departments and centers.



SOP FACTS



The School educates future professionals with emphasis on excellence, collaboration, community relationships, and diversity. There is a strong career emphasis in our programs.



SOP FACTS



Top-of-the line facilities (Caudell Hall & Technology Building)



SOP FACTS



Two Distinguished Professors (Dr. Puccio & Dr. Grinburg) and Six Fullbright Scholars





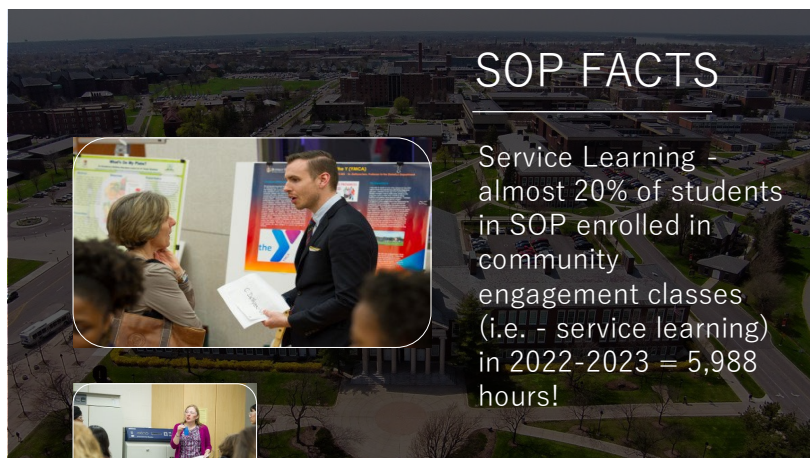
SOP FACTS

Students = 2,269 strong!





SOP FACTS

147 Committed and dynamic faculty & staff

SOP FACTS

Service Learning - almost 20% of students in SOP enrolled in community engagement classes (i.e. - service learning) in 2022-2023 = 5,988 hours!




DEPARTMENT FACTS

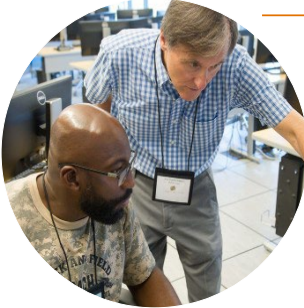
Business

Many business students realize the importance of business-focused internships and the value of learning on -the-job. Placements have expanded to companies located in other parts of the globe.

A recent student completed a management summer internship with W. E. O'Neil Construction, headquartered in El Segundo, California. The student was worked at LAX Airport, involved with expanding the Tom Bradley International Airport in preparation for The World Cup in 2026 and the Summer Olympics in 2028.

Another student completed a sports marketing internship in Lisboa, Portugal working with a professional soccer team. This experience complemented a Spring 2023 internship with TN Sports Management in Buffalo NY.

DEPARTMENT FACTS



Computer Information Technology

Has tracks in programming, web development, networking, cybersecurity, and database management

DEPARTMENT FACTS



Creativity and Change Leadership

- Proposed doctorate of professional studies – BSUs 1st doctoral level program and the 1st of its kind in the nation
- An innovation suite slated for Butler Library is utilizing over \$425,000 in donations

DEPARTMENT FACTS



Criminal Justice

- Prepares students in crime prevention, management, homeland security, and data surveillance.

DEPARTMENT FACTS



Engineering Technology & Nano Science

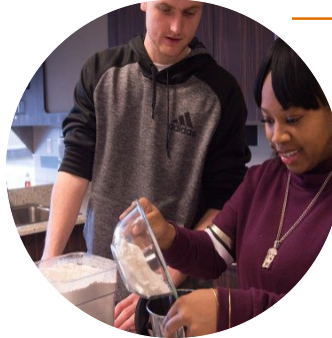
- Hosts a mechanical engineering program, electrical (including smart grid), and industrial technology
- **New** – **Center for Integrated Studies in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology**
 - Multidisc unit of engineering, economics, physics and ethics around clean energy sustainability



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Fashion & Textile Technology

- Annual student run Runway show- raises scholarship funds
- ***Save-the-date: April 20th***
- Partners with the Buffalo Art Movement (BAM) for a scholarship show
- ***Save-the-date: February 17th***



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Health, Nutrition, & Dietetics

- State-of-the art facilities including a teaching kitchen, counseling center, and exercise science lab
- Most graduates go into health-related professions



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Higher Education Administration

- This MS program has an ave. placement rate of 93%
- Utilizing interdisciplinary expertise to develop microcredentials in Data Management and Coaching Skills for Leaders



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Hospitality and Tourism

- Has state-of-the-art culinary teaching labs and as well as placements in the campus restaurant (Campus House) to prepare students for a variety of food service, hotel management, and culinary opportunities



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Social Work

- Provides their seniors with field experiences supervised by professionals in the field



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Speech Language-Pathology

- 100% job placement
- Speech Clinic that serves local schools and serves over 120 clients each semester in the BSU Speech Language Clinic



DEPARTMENT FACTS

Small Business Development Center

- Designated the most active small business development center in the state
- Hosts the Student Entrepreneurship Program- launches students for business start ups



Naming of Building and Grounds Committee Report

College Council Meeting
October 3, 2023

In accordance with the Guidelines for Naming Opportunities on State University Campuses, and in recognition of gifts to Buffalo State in honor of Dr. Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Interim President Bonita R. Durand has approved the naming of the **Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner Office of Civil and Community Engagement** at Buffalo State in Dr. Conway-Turner's honor.

Buffalo State will record this transaction in the record of named spaces maintained at the college. President Conway-Turner's tenure at Buffalo State and the **Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner Office of Civil and Community Engagement** was celebrated at "Bengala 2023" on April 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Zak
Chair, Naming of Building and Grounds Committee
Buffalo State College Council

RESOLUTION

At its October 3, 2023 meeting, the Buffalo State College Council recommended, and Interim President Bonita R. Durand approved, that the **Dr. Katherine Conway-Turner Office of Civil and Community Engagement** be named in her honor.

Katherine S. Conway-Turner, Ph.D., began her tenure as the ninth president of Buffalo State on August 3, 2014. Her professional leadership can be seen in the many and varied aspects that are part of a major academic anchor institution. Dr. Conway-Turner oversees and manages more than 1,500 faculty, staff, and administrators who provide more than 75 undergraduate and 60 graduate academic degree programs to 6,500 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students each year. President Conway-Turner's vision for Buffalo State to become "Buffalo's College" through engagement, excellence, and social responsibility has been embraced and is paying off in dividends for both the college and the community including garnering significant philanthropic support for the institution.

Buffalo State's commitment to service has been recognized nationally under President Conway-Turner's leadership. In 2016, Buffalo State was among five colleges and universities from across the country chosen to share in the Washington Center's annual Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards. The college has also earned the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's Community Engagement Classification under Dr. Conway-Turner, as well as accolades from the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and recognition of excellence from AACSB.

One of President Conway-Turner's signature events, "Bengals Dare to Care Day," was initiated as part of her inauguration week of activities in 2014, and she officially launched the annual service day the following year. Buffalo State students, faculty, alumni, staff, and friends of the college provide community service within the City of Buffalo one Saturday during the fall semester. Each year hundreds of the Buffalo State community members provide service to 40 community agencies throughout the city.

Dr. Conway-Turner also lends her talent and time to several boards, committees, and programs nationally, statewide, and locally. She serves on the Distinguished Alumnus Award Search and Selection Committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and she is a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities' Presidents' Trust. She is also a member of the review and selection panel for the American Council on Education Fellows Program, and she is a member of the Division III President's Council, a member of NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity and Pathway Program mentor for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. President Conway-Turner is the vice chair and commissioner for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which is the

accrediting body for higher education institutions in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. She is the vice chair of the board of Campus Compact and member of the executive board of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU).

Her statewide commitments include service on the Western New York Youth Apprenticeship steering committee. In Buffalo and Western New York, she serves on the advisory board of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, emeriti member the Western New York Women's Foundation, Say Yes Buffalo's Operating Committee, the Richardson Center Corporation Board, and co-chairs the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

President Conway-Turner earned her Ph.D. and master of arts degrees in social psychology, and her bachelor of arts degree in microbiology, all from the University of Kansas. Her scholarship focuses on adult development and aging; the psychological impact of aging on family relations, health, and development; and women and intergenerational relationships. She is the author of numerous articles, chapters, books, and book reviews.

Before coming to Buffalo State, President Conway-Turner was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, from July 2010 until July 2014. From 2004 to 2009, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs at SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Conway-Turner was the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Georgia Southern University and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Delaware, where she also served as director of the women's studies program and graduate program coordinator. She was an American Council on Education (ACE) fellow at the College of New Jersey, and she has held teaching positions at University of Delaware, Santa Clara University and California State University, Long Beach.

President Conway-Turner's personal journey mirrors that of many of her students, past and present. As a first-generation college student, she appreciates the process of education and embraces its transformative aspects. She listens to the ever-changing needs of her students and attempts to implement and monitor new programs and processes to help these students become successful, contributing members of society.

She has also become known on campus and in the community for her social media outreach, including blog posts, tweets, and Instagram posts that highlight activities occurring on campus, as well as many of her humanitarian efforts.

Dr. Conway-Turner is married to Dr. Alvin L. Turner, a psychologist licensed in New York and Delaware, who is engaged in the independent practice of psychotherapy, supervision, training, and forensic psychological services.

This honor is given in consideration of gifts made to Buffalo State in recognition of Dr. Conway-Turner's many years of service as a leader of the Buffalo State University and the Western New York community.

Linda A. Dobmeier, '71, Chair, Buffalo State College Council

LeVar N. Burke, Secretary to the Buffalo State College Council



Timothy W. Gordon, Ph.D.
Vice President, Student Affairs

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University Council Student Life, Conduct, Housing, and Safety Committee

REPORT/SUMMARY

DATE: 9/29/2003

TIME: 1230p-200p

C. Naughton called meeting to order at 1240p

Present: C. Naughton (Chair), P. Farrell, K. Horrigan, DJ Hardwick (council members), A. Pedlow, J. Hammer (staff), T. Gordon (staff liaison for SLCHS committee of the council), J. Brooks, R. Doyle (guests)

Student Affairs and Housing

1. Residence Life (Tim Gordon)

Gordon shared that fall 2023 housing occupancy is 13.3% higher than last year with over 1900 residential Students.

2. Dean of Students (Tim Gordon and Janelle Brooks, Associate Dean of Students)

Brooks shared information regarding Journey to success program that focuses on proactively engaging students 3vents, activities and experiences based on their place on their path in their time at Buffalo State. She shared an update about move in, efforts to continue to engage students in residence halls, and information related to benchmarking survey that was just completed was shared and discussed results being presented at future meeting.

3. Student Conduct (presented by Tim Gordon and Janelle Brooks, Associate Dean of Students)

Proposal for modification of language of section 8b. of code of conduct was presented to add language related to tobacco and smoking paraphernalia was presented. Committee members (voting) approved the language to be presented to the College Council to recommend this change.

Information related to off campus violations, interim suspension, and the code's parameters was discussed along with communication process between outside campus agencies and internal teams to respond to student behavior off campus.

It was requested that at a future meeting that conduct trends be reviewed and Gordon and Brooks will prepare this for a future date.

4. Weigel Health and Wellness (Dr. Rock Doyle)

Dr. Doyle shared information related to trends in students access services as well as the addition of tele counseling, crisis line, assessment services for students who may have learning disabilities, residential counseling, and staffing structure.

5. Athletics (Tim Gordon)

Gordon shared that the campus has 500 student athletes, and this is an increase of approximately 100 over past 2 years. He also shared that Men's volleyball and acrobatics, and tumbling will start competition in 2024.

6. Childcare Center

7. Book program Pilot (Tim Gordon)

Gordon shared information that the campus is currently surveying students about their book costs and how they management them. He also shared that campus piloted a book grant for 500 new students this fall.

Safety

8. University Police

Chief Pedlow discussed working with external police agencies and share a list of efforts to continue to address safety on campus. Chief Pedlow discussed working with external police agencies and share a list of efforts to continue to address safety on campus. Reviewed ongoing campus security and safety initiatives, including installation and upgrade of cameras and other security hardware and software.

9. Other Items

Discussed Student Conduct Code and University Council's responsibility to the Code.

10. Adjourned at approximately 150p.