

Buffalo State College
State University of New York
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2010, 4:00 PM
Cleveland Hall 518
MINUTES

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Mr. John Hoskins by conference call; Vice Chair, Mr. Howard Zemsky; Mr. James Brandys; Mrs. Melissa Brinson; Mr. Charles Naughton; and Student Representative Ms. Nese Yazicilar.

COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT: Interim President Dennis Ponton; Interim Provost Kevin Railey; Vice President for Student Affairs, Hal D. Payne; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Susanne Bair; Vice President & CIO, Voldemar Innus; 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; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Benjamin Christy; Dean, School of Natural & Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Interim Dean, School of the Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Dean, University College, Scott Johnson; College Senate Chair & Professor of Exceptional Education, Sharon Cramer; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for Housing and Auxiliary Services, Timothy Ecklund; Chair & Associate Professor of Geography & Planning, Kelly Frothingham; Professor of Geography & Planning, Stephen Vermette; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zemsky called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Zemsky requested approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting. Mr. Brandys made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. Hoskins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Zemsky also requested the approval of the minutes from the Executive Session of the Council held on February 18, 2010. Mr. Naughton made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. Brandys seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Zemsky thanked Interim President Ponton for his leadership and asked him to deliver his report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Interim President Ponton reported that there is no news on the state budget. At the federal level the college has submitted requests for earmarks for the Great Lakes Center and for CEURE, The Center for Excellence in Urban and Rural Education. At the state level, the college along with all other SUNY institutions is advocating for The Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act.

Dr. Ponton provided the council with brief updates on recent activities:

- The SUNY President's Meeting and SUNY Advocacy Day was held on March 9, 2010 in Albany. The presidents were able to meet with several legislators and or their staff members. Buffalo State's legislative requests are well known. The college is also well represented in both the New York State Senate and Assembly with many alumni serving as elected officials and support staff.
- The Florida Cultivation Trip was held from February 26th through March 5th. The three major events were held in the Villages, Sarasota and Naples where over 250 friends and alumni were in attendance. There were several additional smaller and individual meetings throughout the state. Overall the trip was extremely successful.
- Dr. Ponton asked Interim Provost Railey to introduce the Academic Presentation for the meeting. The presentation focused on the applied research, local community involvement and international efforts of the faculty and students in the Geography & Planning Department. Dr. Railey introduced Dr. Kelly Frothingham, Chair & Associate Professor of the Geography & Planning Department with Dr. Stephen Vermette, Professor of the Geography & Planning Department who made the presentation (see attached).

Interim President Ponton then reported on recent student accomplishments, and upcoming events:

- The women's indoor track team finished in first place in the SUNYAC Conference this year and Coach Eugene Lewis was named "Coach of the Year". Three Buffalo State student athletics also qualified as "All Americans" in a recent national competition in Indianapolis.
- On April 13th three Buffalo State students will join students from other SUNY institutions at a SUNY Wide Research and Creativity Poster Session in Albany to present their research.

- The Graduate School will hold the annual Graduate Student Thesis Award Banquet on April 16th where several of students will be recognize for their outstanding research.
- Some of these exceptional students will join the next college council meeting to share their experiences with the council.
- Dr. Ponton also reminded the council of several upcoming events:
 - April 10th – Spring Open House
 - April 15th – Honors Convocation
 - May 14th Pre-Commencement Dinner
 - May 15th - Commencement

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zemsky delivered the report for the Facilities Committee (see attached). As the report contained no action items, it was received and filed.

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. Mr. Naughton moved that the council move to execute executive session; Mrs. Brinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The council adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

After the executive session, the council reconvened to open session. Mr. Brandys moved for adjournment of the meeting and Ms. Yazicilar seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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