Buffalo State College
State University of New York
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 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 by conference call; Mr. Charles Naughton; Mr. Alphonso O'Neil-White; Mr. Gerald Saxe 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; 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 the Graduate School, Paul Theobald; 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; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mark Petrie; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; Associate Vice President for Government Relations, William Benfanti; Associate Vice President for Housing and Auxiliary Services, Timothy Ecklund; Associate Vice President for Development, Jane Armbruster; Director & Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; UUP President & Associate Professor of Technology, Rick Stempniak; Assistant Professor of Technology; James Mayrose; Assistant Professor of Design, Tara Nahabetian; President Aaron Podolefsky; President's Spouse, Ms. Ronnie Podolefsky; Staff Assistant, Melissa Slisz; New Student College Council Representative, Renea Johnson; SUNY Student Research Presenters, Tyler Oehman, Alex Hubert and Vincent Pontillo; President's Medal/Chancellor's Awards, Angela Lambrix, Sarah Fehskens; Chancellor's Award, Nicolette Brown, Sooja Lee, Yolanda Rondon.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zemsky called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Mr. Zemsky welcomed Dr. Aaron Podolefsky to our meeting. Aaron's wife Ronnie was also with us.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Zemsky requested approval of the minutes from the March 10, 2009 meeting. Mr. Brandys made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. Saxe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Interim President Ponton reported on his executive summery that covers the following topics: (see attached)

- State-Operated Budget
- National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Accreditation (NCATE) Visit
- Spring Open House
- Honors Convocation

Dr. Ponton introduced Kevin Railey to present our academic presentation and introduce some of our students who have earned awards and honors this semester.

- *SUNY Student Research Presenters*
  - Tyler Oehman (Mentor: James Mayrose)
  - Alex Hubert (Mentor: James Mayrose)
  - Vincent Pontillo (Mentor Tara Nahabetian)

Dr. Railey mentioned that the undergraduate research program has national representation and you can see the work by many students- they attended the showcase in Albany. The program is funded by undergraduate research. Dr. Railey invited all to attend the 12th annual student research creativity celebration on Friday, April 30th from 5-7 p.m.

Vice President Payne reported on our student awards. He thanked Anthony Chase, Assistant to the Dean for chairing the committee.

- Angela Lambrix (Undergraduate) President's Medalist/Chancellor's Award
- Sarah Fehskens (Undergraduate) President's Medalist/Chancellor's Award
- Nicollette Brown (Undergraduate) Chancellor's Award
- Sooja Lee (Undergraduate) Chancellor's Award
- Yolanda Rondon (Undergraduate) Chancellor's Award
- Rachel Berg (Graduate) President's Medalist
- John McGowan (Undergraduate) Chancellor's Award

All in attendance except John McGowan.

Dr. Ponton thanked all the students for attending and also presenting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Jim Brandys to deliver the Student Affairs Committee report. Mr. Brandys reported on highlights from their meeting. Admissions had the best Spring Open house this year with 1,000 students attending. The estimate enrollment is up and fall semester enrollment is positive with strong applications for honor students. The housing on Grant Street: first building will be done by January and second in March and third and complete in May 2011.
The contract for dining services with Sodexho is up in 2011 and bids will be opening in 2011. The renovations to the student union will give the United Students Government a better space in the basement. The fireside lounge and assembly hall will be getting much needed updates. The student union quad will be getting an outdoor dining space. Everyone is excited about the Athletic stadium this will be a multi-year project. All areas of the community are working together including the politicians for lobbying efforts will be a great opportunity for the City of Buffalo. The Student Leadership awards were hosted at the Burchfield Penney Arts Center on April 22. Mr. Brandys also welcomed the new student elected college council member Renea Johnson.

Mr. Bill Bissett reported on the Naming of Building and Grounds (see attached). Mr. Zemsky called for a motion to approve the resolution revising the Naming Opportunities Guidelines for Buffalo State College as indicated in the report of the Naming of Buildings and Grounds

Committee. Mr. Alphonso O'Neil-White made the motion be approved and Ms. Nese Yazicilar seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Ponton made the following announcements:

SUNY Strategic Plan Launch

Chancellor Zimpher and the six SUNY institutions in Western New York hosted an event to introduce the SUNY Strategic Plan, "The Power of SUNY," on Wednesday, April 28 at the Buffalo headquarters of HealthNow New York. Doors opened at 9:30 a.m. and the one-hour program will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Student Research and Creativity Celebration

On April 30 and May 1, BSC held our annual Student Research and Creativity Celebration. In the last 12 years, this has become one of our landmark campus events, and is a true celebration of our students' talent and hard work.

Commencement

The 138th Commencement Ceremonies will occur on Saturday, May 15 in the Sports Arena at the College. Dr. Judy L. Elliott, Chief Academic Officer for the Los Angeles Unified School District and Buffalo State alumna, and poet and educator Sonia Sanchez, will receive SUNY honorary degrees. Linda Dobmeier '71 and Barbara Seals Nevergold '66 will be recognized with Buffalo State College Distinguished Alumna Awards. There will also be a host of student awards and recognitions at the three ceremonies. All College Council members are invited to join the platform party at any or all of the ceremonies. An itinerary for the day is included in your board books.

Howard Zemsky – President's Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Ponton was delighted to announce that Buffalo State College will present Howard Zemsky with the President's Distinguished Service Award on May 7th at the Faculty and Staff Spring Celebration. This award recognizes individuals or groups who have made significant sustained

contributions to Buffalo State College and or the larger community. Recipients are selected by the President upon recommendation of a committee of faculty and staff. The President considers the following criteria in making the award:

- Educating the Individual
- Serving the Public
- Enriching the Community

Dr. Ponton thanked Mr. Zemsky for his continued service to this college and this community and we are extremely honored to present you with this honor.

Dr. Ponton also thanked Dean Ronald Rochon for his outstanding service and wished him the best on his new position as provost at the University of Southern Indiana.

Mr. Zemsky asked Ms. Nese Yazicilar to join him at the podium. The college council has been very fortunate over the years to have student elected representatives that are engaged, thoughtful and who contribute positive to our efforts. This year's representative is no exception. He told Nese it has been a pleasure to work with her during this past year. She has represented the students of Buffalo State College in an exceptional manner. He presented Nese with a name plate which documents your year of service as the student elected representative to the Buffalo State College Council and flowers and wished her the best in your future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bissett moved for adjournment of the meeting and Mr. Saxe seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita R. Durand

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Secretary to the College Council