

**Buffalo State College**  
**State University of New York**  
**COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 1, 2009, 4:00 PM**  
**Cleveland Hall 518**  
**MINUTES**

**COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Mr. John Hoskins; Mr. James Brandys; Mr. William Bissett; Mrs. Melissa Brinson; Mr. Charles Naughton; Mr. Alphonso O'Neil-White and Student Representative Nese Yazicilar.

**COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF PRESENT:** Interim President Dennis Ponton; Interim Provost Kevin Railey; Vice President for Finance & Management, Stanley Kardonsky; 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; Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Benjamin Christy; Dean of the School of Natural & Social Sciences, Mark Severson; Interim Dean, School of Professions, Kevin Mulcahy; Interim Associate Provost & Dean of Graduate School, Paul Theobald; Dean, University College, Scott Johnson; College Senate Chair & Professor of Exceptional Education, Sharon Cramer; UUP Chapter President & Associate Professor of Technology, Richard Stempniak; SUNY Distinguished Professor of English, Ann Colley; Dean of Students & Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles Kenyon; 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; Associate Vice President for Development, Jane Armbruster; Senior Associate Vice President for Information Services & Systems, Don Erwin; Director & Head Football Coach, Jerry Boyes; Director, Orientation & New Student Programs, Robert Mead-Cosgrove; 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 October 6, 2009 meeting. Mrs. Brinson made the motion that the minutes be approved; Mr. O'Neil-White seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ponton reported on the following items:

- State Operating Budget for Buffalo State
- The SUNY Strategic Plan
- Enrollment and Occupancy Report

Budget Update: The SUNY Board of Trustees voted at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to reduce the current Buffalo State financial plan for 2009-2010 by \$1,775,200 in January. This reduction and similar ones by other SUNY units should satisfy the Governor's directive of a \$90 million mid-year reduction for SUNY. Vice President Kardonsky provided insight on the implications of this action for Buffalo State as well as some projected information on next year's budget (see attached).

SUNY Strategic Plan: Last summer Chancellor Nancy Zimpher informed all SUNY institutions of her plan to develop and implement a new Strategic Plan for SUNY. The development of the plan is well underway under the leadership of the SUNY Strategic Steering Committee. This committee plays a pivotal role in shaping the development of SUNY's new Strategic Plan and ensuring that the planning process is inclusive and transparent and that the Plan is bold and transformative. Approximately 200 faculty, students, administrators, and affiliates from SUNY institutions have been selected to participate in the planning process. Buffalo State is represented by four individuals:

- Kevin Miller, chair and associate professor of Exceptional Education;
- Voldemar Innus, vice president and chief information officer;
- Matthew Levin-Stankevich, member of the Buffalo State College Alumni Board; and
- Bonita Durand, executive assistant to the president and secretary to the College Council.

Dr. Durand provided the council with an update on the progress of the Strategic Plan development (see attached).

Enrollment and Occupancy Update: Vice President Payne delivered the report on the college's final Enrollment and Occupancy statistics for Fall 2009 (see attached).

Vice President Payne also welcomed Student Representative Nese Yazicilar to her first meeting with the College Council.

Academic Presentation: Dr. Ponton introduced with tremendous pride and honor the Academic Presentation for the meeting. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the SUNY Board of Trustees conferred the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor upon a Buffalo State faculty member, Professor Ann Colley. She becomes the fifth member of the Buffalo State College faculty to receive this distinction since 1973. The honor is conferred upon individuals at SUNY campuses who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within their field or discipline. The appointment to the rank of Distinguished Professor is SUNY's highest academic rank and is conferred solely by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Dr. Ponton asked interim provost Kevin Railey to introduce Professor Colley to the College Council. Dr. Colley provided some remarks about the body of scholarship that has earned her this prestigious distinction. Dr. Ponton thanked Distinguished Professor Colley and congratulated her again on her achievements.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Jim Brandys delivered the Report for the Student Affairs Committee (see attached).

### **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 moved for adjournment of the meeting and Mrs. Brinson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bonita R. Durand*

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Secretary to the College Council