



# Binghamton University Full Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

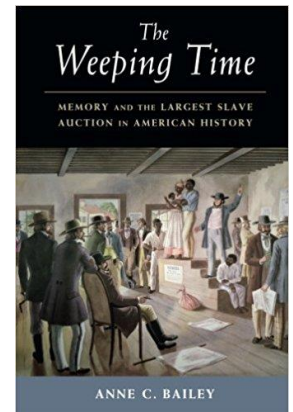
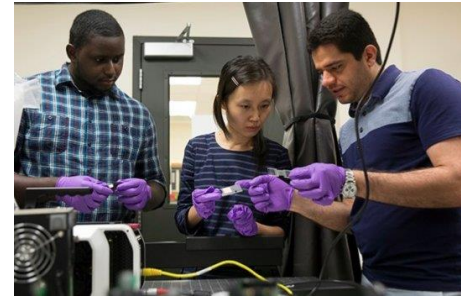
# Start of 2018 spring semester

- Spring Break (March 30-April 8)
- Flu outbreak
  - free flu vaccinations
  - 12 students hospitalized
  - Decker Student Health Services Center provides “flu pack”
  - flexible approach to attendance and make-ups, CLT can assist
- Snow-related class cancellations
  - February 7 and March 2 & 8
- Student deaths
  - Aaron “AJ” Dannenbring
  - Haley Anderson



# Research and scholarship

- Research expenditures (8 months ending Feb. 28 compared to same time period last year) at ~\$30.2M, up 24 percent over last year
- Recent research and scholarship in the news
  - Assoc. Professor of Anthropology Rolf Quam helps discover world's oldest human fossil outside Africa.
  - Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Congru Jin explores “self-healing” concrete.
    - BBC radio program “Science in Action” features both
  - hundreds of news hits for psychology Professor Matthew Johnson’s take on opposites NOT attracting
  - History Assoc. Professor Anne C. Bailey’s book on largest slave auction in antebellum America, *The Weeping Time*, receives positive reviews in both popular and academic press.
- Stanley Whittingham named to National Academy of Engineering





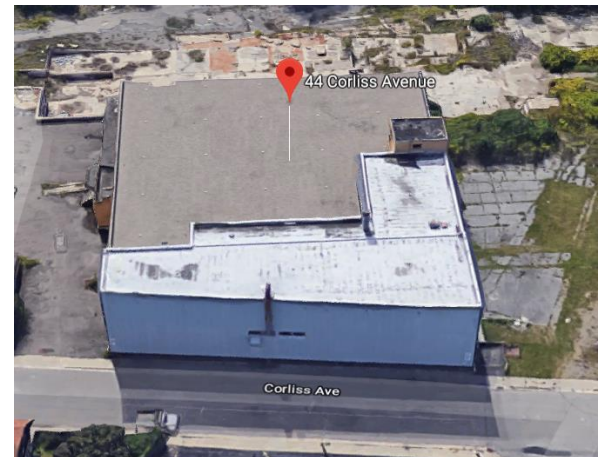
# Admissions

- Surge in applications
  - 38,000 submissions, up 15 percent from last year
  - Excelsior Scholarship program increases value
- quality of applications is very strong, average SAT score predicted is 1370
  - + 10 over last year.
- Focus on early admissions, stronger regional recruiting increases yield
- Graduate international student applications down 25 percent
  - Higher yield among domestic graduate students will partially reduce impact.



# Progress on Health Sciences Campus

- School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences nearing completion
  - July move-in
- R&D facility in design phase
- Decker School of Nursing facility on track
  - interior design in process, asbestos removal, environmental work completed
- State funding provided for demolition and removal of adjacent properties





# Budget challenges and timeline

- State facing structural deficit of \$4.4B +/-
- Uncertainty regarding impact of federal tax law changes on NYS revenues
- Overdue salary increases may not be funded
- Senate and Assembly have submitted budgets
- Budget due April 1
  - Easter Sunday and Passover recess will intrude
  - Effective due date March 29

# SUNY Impacts

- Essentially flat funding for most SUNY categories of budget
- Funding for Phase II of Excelsior Scholarships
- Assembly would add \$10.7M to EOP funding
- Capital funding:
  - SOPPS and nursing school funded
  - \$350M for critical maintenance (Senate and Assembly would add \$200-250M more)
  - executive budget would establish \$200M “High Tech Innovation and Economic Development Infrastructure Program”





# Roadmap Renewal

- Business plans due at the end of spring semester for University Initiatives:

*Data Science*

*Health Science Campus*

*Health Science Core Laboratories*

- Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Initiative is receiving applications for fall start.

# **B** Campus communications and values

- Recent statements addressing:
  - sexual assault and harassment
  - student deaths
  - DACA
  - Effect of student protests on admissions
  - March for our lives
- Conversations regarding campus values
  - University seal: Unity, Identity, Excellence
  - Statement is 50 years old; what does this mean for the present and future of the campus?
- Suzanne Nossel from PEN America on Campus Speech April 11 3:30 Chamber Hall





# Departures and searches

- **Vice President for Advancement James Broschart**
  - Now at North Carolina State University
  - Search is to be completed by mid-June
  - In the interim, duties are divided between Vice President for Student Affairs Brian Rose and myself
- **Chief Diversity Officer and Director of DDEI Valerie Hampton retires**
  - Nicole Sirju-Johnson serving as interim
  - National search will be conducted in the fall
- **Search for Chief Information Officer underway**
  - Candidates' presentations last two weeks.
- **VPR Sammakia returning to Binghamton in May**



# Thank You!

