

# Spring 2017 Full Faculty Meeting

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# Stella!

- Record-breaking 31.1 inch snowfall
- Closing the campus
- Roll of “essential employees”
- Impact on academic schedule
  - Test and Mid-terms rescheduling
  - Makeup “lecture” on line through Camtasia software in My Courses)
    - Training available through CLT



## A tragic loss

- Conor Donnelly, first year student
- Home: Pearl River, NY
- Accident being investigated by Binghamton Police Department
- Death has been ruled accidental
- Counseling available
- Faculty consideration of accommodations



# Gifts and Donations

- \$11.5million in donations in 2015-16, up 27% from 2014-15
- 2016-17 is running 20% ahead of 2015-16
- Professor Emeritus Tsuming Wu and Grace Chin-Fa: graduate fellowship in mathematics or the natural sciences
- Anonymous gift in memory of Distinguished Professor George Klir: endowed professorship in the Watson School
- Jim Warner '60 retired Air Force Colonel, endowment to provide scholarship to local students who commute
- Mabel Payne '70, retired SED employee, largest gift to EOP in history
- Anonymous donation, arranged by alumnus Owen Pell: establishes Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention – Pensky and Rubaii co-directors
- Visions Federal Credit Union Financial Wellness Center in Fleishman CDC
- Celebrating Women's Athletics luncheon

# Student Success

- Binghamton alumni at age 34, earn, on average \$65,700 – *NY Times* report
  - about \$5,000 more than their peers
  - Binghamton among the top ten universities in New York
  - top 4% of all colleges in the survey—over 2,100 colleges
  - Binghamton ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 25 selective public colleges in New York in terms of promoting social mobility.



# Faculty Recognition

- Education: Professor Adam Laats will publish fourth book from Oxford University Press
- DSON/CCPA: Professors Nicole Rouhanna, Judith Quaranta, Victoria Rizzo inducted as Distinguished Fellows in National Academies of Practice
- Watson: Vice President for Research Bahgat Sammakia Appointed Interim President for SUNY Polytechnic
- Biomedical professor Guy German receives NSF CAREER Award





# Faculty Recognition



- SOM: Associate Professor Surinder Singh Kahai and Associate Professor Ali Alper Yayla received recognition for their research on using information in social media to make crowdfunding more efficient



- SOPPS: Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Anthony J. Di Pasqua, received press for developing radiotherapeutic bandages, called *Curiwrap*, to treat skin cancers



Harpur: chemistry professor Omowunmi Sadik awarded Nigerian National Order of Merit for her work on biosensors

- Libraries: Stephanie Hess, electronic resources manager, and library support for faculty in Environmental Studies and Geology, working to meet changing technological demands



- Associate Professor of Classics John Starks appointed Lord High Executioner in Summer Savoyards production of “The Mikado”



## Athletics

- Four Binghamton University coaches named conference coach of the year
  - volleyball coach Glenn Kiriyaama
  - women's basketball coach Linda Cimino
  - softball coach Michelle Burrell
  - baseball coach Tim Sinicki.
    - Sinicki led the Bearcats to their third NCAA tournament appearance in four years
- Patrick Elliott named Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year, NCAA Division I-AAA (non-football)





## Faculty Hiring

- 61 searches authorized
- 25 positions confirm
- 8 offers outstanding
- Approximately 52 net new hires

# Administrative Changes

- New Dean For Harpur
  - Elizabeth Chilton, currently associate vice chancellor for research and engagement at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst
  - Former director of the Center for Heritage & Society at UMass
  - Professor of Anthropology with a focus on Native American culture
- Graduate School of Education merges with CCPA
  - CCPA has strong background in educational research and outreach
  - Chair of new department to be announced soon
- Graduate School Dean search ongoing



# Budget

- Excelsior Scholarships
  - Free tuition for families up to \$125,000
  - Impact:
    - Increase pool of highly qualified students
    - Pressure to increase enrollment, without plan for future state support or infrastructure investments
- Faculty raises: UUP negotiations underway
- Maintenance of Effort under discussion
- Critical Maintenance increase, but uncertain how much
- Final budget expected April 1, 2017



# Admissions

- Record 33,156 freshman applications versus 32,080 last year for 2,600 seats
- Completed applications 28,809 vs. 25,412
- 9% of students from out of state
- Graduate Admissions:
  - Graduate enrollment up 28% in five years
  - Applications down slightly, but yield is up
  - Concerns about international recruiting
- SOPPS
  - receives pre-candidate status from accrediting agency
  - Strong pool of applicants
  - will enter first class in Fall 2017
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# Construction Update

- Incubator
  - Soft opening April 18 donor's name to be announced
  - Tenants arrive April 1 (SBDC, TAAC, SUNY-Broome)
- Johnson City Health Sciences campus
  - SOPPS: structural steel completed, interior work beginning
  - DSON: asbestos abatement ongoing
- UDC refund
  - \$2 million from FEMA
  - Applied to Living Building and new Welcome Center
- Dry Room for NECCES battery research
  - Funding through REDC
- Beginning renovations of Science IV—Psychology labs and office spaces



## Road Map

- Road Map has generated more than 120 initiatives in the past 4 years
  - including School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Freshman Research Immersion (FRI) and enhanced Center for Learning and Teaching
- Renewal will utilize same strategic priorities and processes, but focus on collaboration
- Teams are meeting and developing projects
- Final proposals will be submitted by May 1



Questions?