

COUNCIL MINUTES
May 11, 2012

Present from Council: Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq., Thomas Doty, Matthew Lugo, Albert Nocciolino, James Orband, Matthew Salanger, and Dr. John Spring

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Mr. Coker, Vice President Craner, Mr. Delviscio, Director Elliott, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Frame, Ms. Gahring, Mr. Geiger, Ms. Glover, Ms. Loso, Interim Provost Mileur, Mr. Nostrom, Ms. O'Neil, Vice President Rose, Interim Vice President Sammakia, and Vice President Van Voorst

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:38 am on Friday, May 11, 2012 by Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq., Chair.

The minutes of the April 20, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stenger reported that this is the last Council meeting of the academic year. He thanked Council members for their attendance, advice, and support over the last few months, which has helped to move the University forward.

April and May are the busiest months of the year in higher education, but it is also a very exciting time, reported President Stenger. During the last couple of weeks President Stenger attended the University Student Excellence Award luncheon, awarded the Council/Foundation Award, the President's Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence, the Paul Battaglia Outstanding Student Award, and a newly created award, the Provost Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. President Stenger also attended the 2012 Philanthropy Incubator Awards with funding for the awards provided by the Learning by Giving Foundation. The 2012 Philanthropy Incubator Award recipients were the Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton (\$5,000); UHS Foundation, School Based Health Clinic (\$4,000); and, Oasis After School Program (\$1,000). In addition, President Stenger attended the first annual undergraduate research recognition presentations by students presenting the culmination of their research and work.

Last week, Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Maurice Hinchey were at Binghamton University to celebrate the grand opening of the Center for Autonomous Solar Power's (CASP) Solar Laboratory and the Integrated Electronics Engineering Center's (IEEC) Reliability and Failure Analysis Laboratory. Both laboratories are located in the Biotechnology Building at the

Innovative Technology Center (ITC). This consolidation of resources will enable the IEEC to more efficiently provide packaging research and support to partner companies and will provide increased economic impact to New York State's economy.

At the end of April, Binghamton University presented their NYSUNY 2020 proposal to Governor Cuomo in Albany. This was an exciting event and the proposal was well received, stated President Stenger. Binghamton University is now awaiting word from Governor Cuomo on approval of the plan which is expected to bring \$35 million to build the Smart Energy Center at the ITC complex, allow Binghamton University to increase out-of-state tuition for undergraduate students, and to grow enrollment by 2000 students over the next 4 years.

The Provost search is progressing very well with campus visits scheduled for the top candidates this week and next week. It is anticipated that the new Provost will be named shortly thereafter with the appointment to begin before the fall 2012 semester begins.

Commencement will be next week with Binghamton University expected to confer 3,285 degrees to 3,231 students. President Stenger noted that approximately 50 students will be receiving more than one degree, with approximately 2,500 undergraduate degrees and 700 graduate degrees to be awarded. In addition, Binghamton University will be awarding Honorary Degrees to Stephen D. Karmen, Mary K. Wakefield, and alum Paul R. Turovsky.

STUDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Matthew Lugo reported that last weekend Spring Fling took place on campus, and it was a very successful event.

Today marks the last day of classes with graduation next week. It is a very exciting time for many.

With this being Mr. Lugo's last Council meeting, he thanked Council members and President Stenger for the opportunity to serve over the last year.

On behalf of Binghamton University Council, Chair Madigan formally acknowledged Mr. Lugo's tremendous contribution to the Council throughout this past year and she presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Council.

REPORT ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT

Vice President Marcia Craner presented her report on External Affairs and Development. See detailed presentation attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next Council meeting will be held on September 21, 2012 in the Couper Administration Building, room AD-148.