

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 2016

Present from Council: Kathryn Madigan, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala, Sarah Glose, Dennis McCabe, Albert Nocciolino, James Orband, and Matthew Salanger

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Vice President Broschart, Mr. Coker, Mr. Delviscio, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Elliott, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Gantt, Ms. Hampton, Dean Meredith, Vice President Navarro, Provost Nieman, Ms. O'Neil, Vice President Rose, Ms. Sager, and Mr. Yarosh

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016 by chair Kathryn Madigan.

The minutes of the March 18, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Stenger reported that the annual TEDx conference was held with 1,000 attendees. Speakers included Ellen Stofan, NASA's chief scientist, Samar Habib, and two Binghamton University students who have started a virtual reality company.

Research Days are going on now, highlighting all research on campus. This is the fourth year we have held these. Ainissa Ramirez, a nationally known promoter of science, is the keynote speaker. Last week we hosted the 42nd Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC). The research and technologies discussed are at the cutting edge of knowledge and invention and promise to change our way of diagnosing illnesses, delivering medicines, and repairing damaged tissue.

We also hosted a symposium by Johnson City Innovation Associates who we have a number of partnerships with. Last week we had Governor Cuomo here to announce a \$20 million state award to support development and production of flexible electronics through participation in the Flex-Tech Alliance.

Last week our Theatre Department invited several successful alumni back to campus for a panel discussion, workshops, and networking events for students in the Theater program. They helped

the students to develop their acting skills and the students received great feedback from the alumni.

The University also hosted, for the first time, the annual bi-lateral meeting of the coordinators of the Turkish-SUNY dual diploma program. This dual diploma program was started 12 years ago and 742 students have graduated from the program to date.

The final budget for SUNY is one that reflects compromises between the legislature and the Governor. The NYSUNY 2020 was not reauthorized. In the end, there was a slight increase in funding for SUNY (for one year) and tuition for out-of-state students will increase, but this does not make up for lost revenue from NYSUNY 2020.

A recent ranking by *Buffalo Business First* indicates that Binghamton University graduates are 9th in the state in terms of annual earnings. Binghamton is the first public University on the list.

We are starting to implement an all-tobacco-free campus which will become effective August 1, 2017. Committees are working on how to help people get ready for this change.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms. Glose reported that David Sedaris was in Binghamton and had great things to say about the area.

Spring Fling entertainment has just been announced and Walk the Moon and T-Pain will be here. The Student Association is working on student communication between the Binghamton Police and the University, issuing press releases, posting crimes on its Facebook page, etc. The SA is also working to codify new rules from NYS about child protection; this is an important step since so many of our student groups work with children.

Queen Latifah came to Binghamton, and though she got a flat tire on the way here, the event seemed to go very well! Creed Bratton from *The Office* was also at Binghamton. It's great to see such awesome people coming to Binghamton and even better to see so many students go out to see them and engage with the opportunities being offered.

In GSO news, the revote on the SUNY fee referendum was yesterday, so we will see how that goes. The budget for each department was decided last week. Party With a Purpose was this past weekend and raised about \$3,000 for a charity to be decided.

Graduate students get wrapped up in theses and dissertations in the spring, so not too much is happening, but the wheels are in motion for next year, and you can expect the GSO to hit the ground running with their new e-board.

The national elections are coming up and Binghamton is bringing two presidential candidates and a former president to town. Students are engaged in the process.

BU Council elections are coming up and the SA and GSO are looking to change the process for next year.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Vice President Rose reported that three years ago the Code of Student Conduct was completely rebuilt. This year, feedback was solicited and open meetings were held asking for feedback. The only changes suggested were technical changes so these will be incorporated in next year's code.

REPORT ON ADVANCEMENT

See attached presentation made by Vice President Broschart.

REPORT ON BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

See attached presentation made by the Foundation's Executive Director, Sheila Doyle.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.