

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 8, 2015

Present from Council: Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq., Linda Biemer, Thomas Doty, Anthony Fiala, Sarah Glose, Dennis McCabe, Esq., Albert Nocciolino, and Matthew Salanger

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Ms. Andrews, Ms. Benner, Vice President Broschart, Mr. Coker, Mr. Delviscio, Ms. Doyle, Director Elliott, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Frierman, Dean Gal, Ms. Gardner, Mr. Kane, Professor Lees, Dean Meredith, Professor Mischen, Provost Nieman, Ms. O’Neil, Vice President Rose, Vice President Sammakia, Ms. Westbrook Scarlett, Esq., Mr. Sheikh, Mr. Yarosh

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015 by Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq., chair.

The minutes of the April 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Next week most students will be taking finals. They’ve spent the last few weeks preparing presentations and team projects. For many of our students, this will mark the last finals of their academic career. More than 3,400 students will be graduating during eight ceremonies, including our Graduate ceremony. We expect more than 22,000 guests on campus with an economic impact of over \$1.65 million for the local economy.

We will be awarding three honorary degrees at Friday’s ceremony. Horace Gibson is the founder of the International School in Florence, Italy, one of the first international schools. He will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters. Philosopher Jason Stanley whose work focuses on language, epistemology and the history of analytic philosophy, but is also recognized as a prominent public intellectual, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters. Tien Wu, a noted leader in semiconductor design, chief operating officer and member of the board of directors of Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc. will receive a Doctor of Science degree.

We will have 11 student speakers throughout the weekend. In addition, we will have three Harpur Alumnus of the Year Awards. Stephanie Courtney ‘92, “Flo” on the Progressive Insurance commercials, will be speaking at the Division of Fine Arts and Humanities ceremony. Dr. Yasmin Hurd, Professor of Neuroscience at Mt. Sinai Hospital, will speak at the Harpur

Science and Mathematics ceremony, and Dr. Salvatore Caruana, '73 CEO of Foster Capital Corporation, will receive his award at the Division of Social Sciences ceremony. Howard Unger, Founder of Saw Mill Capital, a private equities firm focusing on manufacturing and the service sector will receive a School of Management Alumnus award on Saturday.

Cheolkyo Kim, President and CEO of Samsung Techwin in South Korea will receive the University Medal at the Watson School Ceremonies in recognition of his efforts to establish international partnerships with the school and sponsoring summer internship programs at Samsung.

The Student Scholars Recognition ceremony was held on April 26 where Sarah Glose was recognized. The Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony was held last week with 200 students eligible to join. Our Student Undergraduate awards ceremony recognized 16 of the University's very best juniors and seniors from each of the University's schools and colleges.

Baseball Coach Tim Sinicki achieved a rare milestone with his 500th win as a Bearcats Coach. He has the most wins of any BU coach.

We want to recognize the donors who are supporting our study abroad programs. Dr. Israel Rosefsky established the first scholarship to support study abroad in 1988. Timothy and Kim Myers have recently provided scholarships to ten students each year and the University will match additional funds from the Strategic Initiatives Fund so that an additional ten students per year can participate.

We want to recognize Joyce Ferrario, Dean of the Decker School of Nursing, who has announced her retirement. Dean Ferrario came to Binghamton in 1985 and was appointed associate dean in 1999, interim dean in 2003, and has served as dean since 2005. During her tenure as dean, the School of Nursing has seen a significant increase in undergraduate demand and enrollment, but it has been in the growth of its graduate programs where Joyce's leadership has really shone. Graduate enrollment has tripled since 2005 with new doctoral programs in nursing practice focusing on family, community health, gerontological and psychiatric nursing.

An Alumni Global Day of Service was held on April 18 with 47 organized service projects. Our Senior Officers Group helped clean up the vacant land and park near where the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will be constructed. There were more than a dozen projects locally.

Construction of the Smart Energy building remains on schedule. We expect occupancy in late 2016 or early 2017.

The design phase of the architectural plan for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building is coming to a close. We are in the process of gaining accreditation and hiring an associate dean.

Assemblywoman Lupardo and Governor Cuomo continue to work on securing funding for the Castle project. We are working with the Office of Mental Health to develop a memo of understanding regarding responsibilities and our access to the property.

On this last Council meeting of the year, President Stenger thanked the members of the Council for their service on behalf of the University, especially student representative Sarah Glose.

### **STUDENT REPORT:**

Ms. Glose reported that the school year is wrapping up and the warm weather is here, which is very good for morale. The Dean of Students Office is putting on many de-stress events – free bubble wrap on the spine, yoga classes, group exercise classes, and free coffee and snacks in the dining halls.

The recent President's Awards ceremony was wonderful recognition of all the great work our students do in and out of the classroom.

Registration was much smoother than last semester. The cohorts for registration were made smaller so there was less stress on the system. A new college scheduler has been rolled out that seamlessly integrates with Banner. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the program.

There was a huge turnout for Research Days held in April. Over 100 students from science, humanities, and social sciences had poster presentations, more than 300 people came to hear the keynote speaker, and students from local high schools came in to learn about research.

Spring Fling was a big success.

The Student Association is gearing up for a leadership switch but Ms. Glose fully expects the new e-board to hit the ground running next year. There is a new e-board for GSO. The GSO end-of-year party is at maximum capacity. As the graduate student population grows, it is important to connect graduate students to each other and help them find a support system.

Ms. Glose plans to continue her work on her student project in the fall. Over the summer she will review what steps can be taken. Over the past few months, we have seen definite improvement in communications via technology, i.e. new streams via cell phones.

Ms. Glose thanked President Stenger and members of the Binghamton Council for a great experience serving on the Council.

Chair Kathryn Madigan thanked Ms. Glose for her service and presented the student resolution.

### **REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING:**

Mr. Delviscio reported on Communications and Marketing (see attached presentation).

### **REPORT ON ADVANCEMENT:**

Ms. Doyle reported on the Binghamton University Foundation and Vice President Broschart reported on the Division of Advancement (see attached presentation).

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