CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017 by acting chair Linda Biemer.

The minutes of October 20, 2017 were approved.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Stenger reported that students are gearing up for the end of the semester. There will be no classes starting on Wednesday, November 22, for the Thanksgiving break.

Last weekend the new Young Sam Kim Korean Student Center was dedicated, recognizing the generosity of Charles Kim ’98; his wife, Jean Su Meang-Kim; and his brother, James W. Kim ‘99. Over the years Charles Kim has supported scholarships for students from Korea and St. Thomas. He has also helped the School of Management by funding finance curriculum initiatives and Bloomberg terminals for the SOM Trading Room.

We recently held two separate receptions for recipients of scholarships sponsored by Sodexo and Barnes and Noble. All total, we will distribute $2.1 million in student scholarships, fellowships, and awards this year to about 900 students.

The second annual SOM Fundraising Gala was held in New York City with 420 attending. Alumnus Tony Kornheiser served as emcee for the event. During the Gala, University Medals
were presented to Charles Kim ‘98, SOM alumnus, and David Penski ‘97, Harpur alumnus/CEO of Publicis Media Exchange. The Gala raised $460,000 which will be used to support the SOM’s Innovation Lab and the Dean’s Excellence Fund.

In October we welcomed Robert Carr, founder and president of the Give Back Foundation. The Give Back Foundation will partner with BU and will provide more than $1 million to award 50 high school students with full-ride scholarships. The student recipients have been identified and will be mentored during high school.

Also in October our Alumni Association sponsored its first annual Women’s Weekend in New York City. 120 alumnae, parents, and friends attended the conference which included panels on several different topics including professional success, philanthropy, and the history of women’s activism. New York State Senator Kirsten Gillibrand was the closing speaker.

The campus held its second Healthy Campus Summit on November 1, a day-long program highlighting the many areas in which the campus is working to promote wellness for students, faculty, and staff. Dr. Dan Lerner, a well-known professor at NYU and the author of “The Science of Happiness,” was a keynote speaker.

The Bike Share program is part of the Healthy Campus initiative. The program offers free bike rentals to students, faculty and staff. Bikes may be reserved at no charge for two hours and for $5 an hour after the two-hour time period. Thus far, 261 have participated in the program.

Professor Manas Chatterji in the School of Management organized a very successful symposium entitled, “Affordable Care Act: Retrospect and Future of U.S. Healthcare,” that was held earlier this week. The 14th Symposium on Health Care Management and Policy, focused on the changes taking place as a result of the Affordable Care Act. This annual event is sponsored by the School of Management in cooperation with the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

The Master’s in Public Health program will begin next fall. This is an interesting program because graduates with a MPH degree have many career options. This program will be incubated in the Graduate School for the first two years and will accept 25 students in its first year.

The School of Pharmacy building is expected to be completed and occupied next fall. An Upstate Revitalization Initiative program will provide funding for the demolition of a large building near the School of Pharmacy. This space will be used for a large parking lot for the School.

We have learned that Reagan Properties has secured rights to 59 Corliss Avenue, Johnson City, and is proposing a $32 million renovation of the building for moderate income housing.

**STUDENT REPORT**
Mr. Wilkes reported that the Student Association’s fall concert will be held the end of November and will feature a performance by Post Malone. The SA Advocates Program, of which Adam is associated, advises students who are accused of a narcotics violation. Students learn of this program with flyers attached to the official notice that they were being accused of a violation. Mr. Wilkes recently learned from the Dean of Students that this program cannot be relied on anymore. It is important for students to have this service available.

Mr. Wilkes met with Chief Diversity Officer Valerie Hampton, and is concerned that there has been little change in the level of faculty diversity since fall 2011 when 72% of faculty members were white. That number is now 68%, according to Wilkes, but the rates of black and Hispanic professors has remained constant at 4% each. He noted that a diverse faculty is important because it helps students connect with relevancy of material. Dr. Biemer noted that a report on diversity is on the agenda for the December’s Council meeting. Mr. McCabe suggested that further discussion be tabled until after Ms. Hampton’s report at the next Council meeting.

Parking and transportation is still an issue on campus. Mr. Wilkes asked if the Council could send their concerns to the new Director when he/she is hired. It was suggested that Council members could meet with Vice President Rose and the Parking and Transportation Stakeholders Group to hear about their long range plan on improving the parking situation. Mr. Wilkes also expressed concern about overcrowding on OCCT buses.

Mr. Wilkes discussed the review of the changes to Rules of Student Conduct. One issue with student conduct is the criminalization of the use and distribution of marijuana on campus. Mr. Wilkes stated that he has seen students forced out of campus housing with no proof that they sold marijuana. Vice President Rose disagreed, stating that students aren’t removed from housing without proof of distribution, but there is also a distinction between use and distribution/sale of marijuana.

REPORT ON STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Dr. Loewen, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Enrollment, reported on Student Admissions.

REPORT ON ATHLETICS

Mr. Elliott, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, reported on Athletics.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.