Start of 2018 spring semester

• Spring Break (March 30-April 8)
• Flu outbreak
  – free flu vaccinations
  – 12 students hospitalized
  – Decker Student Health Services Center provides “flu pack”
  – flexible approach to attendance and make-ups, CLT can assist
• Snow-related class cancellations
  – February 7 and March 2 & 8
• Student deaths
  – Aaron “AJ” Dannenbring
  – Haley Anderson
Research and scholarship

- Research expenditures (8 months ending Feb. 28 compared to same time period last year) at ~$30.2M, up 24 percent over last year

- Recent research and scholarship in the news
  - Assoc. Professor of Anthropology Rolf Quam helps discover world’s oldest human fossil outside Africa.
  - Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Congrui Jin explores “self-healing” concrete.
    - BBC radio program “Science in Action” features both
  - hundreds of news hits for psychology Professor Matthew Johnson’s take on opposites NOT attracting

- Stanley Whittingham named to National Academy of Engineering
Admissions

• Surge in applications
  – 38,000 submissions, up 15 percent from last year
  – Excelsior Scholarship program increases value
• quality of applications is very strong, average SAT score predicted is 1370
  – + 10 over last year.
• Focus on early admissions, stronger regional recruiting increases yield
• Graduate international student applications down 25 percent
  – Higher yield among domestic graduate students will partially reduce impact.
Progress on Health Sciences Campus

- School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences nearing completion
  - July move-in
- R&D facility in design phase
- Decker School of Nursing facility on track
  - interior design in process, asbestos removal, environmental work completed
- State funding provided for demolition and removal of adjacent properties
Budget challenges and timeline

• State facing structural deficit of $4.4B +/-
• Uncertainty regarding impact of federal tax law changes on NYS revenues
• Overdue salary increases may not be funded
• Senate and Assembly have submitted budgets
• Budget due April 1
  – Easter Sunday and Passover recess will intrude
  – Effective due date March 29
SUNY Impacts

- Essentially flat funding for most SUNY categories of budget
- Funding for Phase II of Excelsior Scholarships
- Assembly would add $10.7M to EOP funding
- Capital funding:
  - SOPPS and nursing school funded
  - $350M for critical maintenance (Senate and Assembly would add $200-250M more)
  - Executive budget would establish $200M “High Tech Innovation and Economic Development Infrastructure Program”
Roadmap Renewal

• Business plans due at the end of spring semester for University Initiatives:
  
  *Data Science*

  *Health Science Campus*

  *Health Science Core Laboratories*

• Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Initiative is receiving applications for fall start.
Campus communications and values

• Recent statements addressing:
  – sexual assault and harassment
  – student deaths
  – DACA
  – Effect of student protests on admissions
  – March for our lives

• Conversations regarding campus values
  – University seal: Unity, Identity, Excellence
  – Statement is 50 years old; what does this mean for the present and future of the campus?

• Suzanne Nossel from PEN America on Campus Speech April 11 3:30 Chamber Hall
Departures and searches

• Vice President for Advancement James Broschart
  – Now at North Carolina State University
  – Search is to be completed by mid-June
  – In the interim, duties are divided between Vice President for Student Affairs Brian Rose and myself

• Chief Diversity Officer and Director of DDEI Valerie Hampton retires
  – Nicole Sirju-Johnson serving as interim
  – National search will be conducted in the fall

• Search for Chief Information Officer underway
  – Candidates’ presentations last two weeks.

• VPR Sammakia returning to Binghamton in May
Thank You!