

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 16, 2020

Present from Council via Zoom: Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala, Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe, James Orband, and Maureen Wilson

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Mr. Boettcher, Prof. Klin, Mr. Cordi, Ms. Coker, Ms. Curtin, Vice President Delviscio, Ms. Doyle, Dr. Edouard, Director Elliott, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Fatima, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Faber, Prof. Govindaraju, Mr. Herz, Mr. James, Vice President Jones, Vice President Koch, Ms. Legette, Mr. McGoff, Dean Meredith, Ms. Mthombeni, Vice President Navarro, Provost Nieman, Ms. O'Neil, Prof. Pitarresi, Vice President Rose, Vice President Sammakia, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Yarosh

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020 by Chair Madigan with Council members participating via Zoom.

The minutes of September 18, 2020 were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Homecoming was held virtually with 900 participants.

There currently are no in-person classes. Most students are now self-quarantining themselves. We are currently testing more students. We hope to be able to get back to in-person classes during the week of October 19.

We have pushed the beginning of the spring schedule to try to avoid the overlapping of Covid-19 with the flu season. Classes will start February 11 and end May 18.

Faculty are doing an excellent job of teaching remotely. The best way for us to get back to in-person classes is to reduce activity. We are hoping to get to lower positivity rate by next week.

### **STUDENT REPORT**

Chair Madigan reported that Willa Scolari has resigned as the student representative to the BU Council.

A new election was held and the Student Association has confirmed the election results; we are still waiting for GSO confirmation. Chair Madison introduced Zachary Herz who was elected; Zachary will begin reporting at the November meeting.

### **REPORT ON RESEARCH AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

President Harvey Stenger and Vice President for Research Bahgat Sammakia presented.

### **REPORT ON COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS RELATIONS**

Randall Edouard, Dean of Students, presented.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Provost Nieman reported that yesterday it was announced that Michael McGoff will be retiring January 1, 2021 after working at BU for 53 years. He will be sorely missed.

Sr. Associate Vice President for Budget & Business Affairs John Cordi, who has worked closely with Michael, will become the Chief Financial Officer.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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