

# Binghamton University Full Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019



# Peak Admissions Season

- All first-year offers out today, deposits are on target
- ~37,000 applications -- down slightly (~2%) from last year
  - Other SUNY campuses and peer institutions are seeing similar declines
    - demographic – number of high school graduates, esp. in Northeast, is down
- Working on increasing yield of top students – open houses 4/6 and 4/14





# Graduate Admissions

- 3,723 applications as of 4/2
  - Down 4% from last year
    - Most of decline is among international students (down 5.4%, 2.3% domestic)
    - Due to changes in visa processes, increased international competition, strong economy
  - CCPA, DSON, Pharmacy all see increases in applications
  - Acceptances university wide are up 7%
  - Deposits are up 6.4%, especially among domestic students (925 deposited)



# US News and World Report Graduate School Rankings

- *US News and World Report* ranks 14 graduate programs at Binghamton in top 100 in their disciplines in the U.S.
  - *Industrial Engineering* (41)
  - *Clinical psychology* (50)
  - *Political Science* (51)
  - *Earth sciences* (68)
  - *Public Affairs* (68)
  - *History* (69)
  - *Social Work* (70)
  - *Economics* (72)
  - *Psychology* (81)
  - *Mathematics* (86)
  - *Sociology* (87)
  - *Business* (87)
  - *English* (91)
  - *Engineering overall* (95)

# Recent Gift Highlights

- Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls
  - Gift from alumna Ellyn Uram Kaschak '65
  - Professor of English Susan Strehle, founding director
  - Will host April 2020 international conference on women's rights in association with Harpur college's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Special Collections adds Books of Hours
  - Illuminated manuscripts purchased through Support from Alex Huppé '69 and the Bernardo fund
- Marilyn Link Bequest
  - Gift to support the Decker Simulation Center



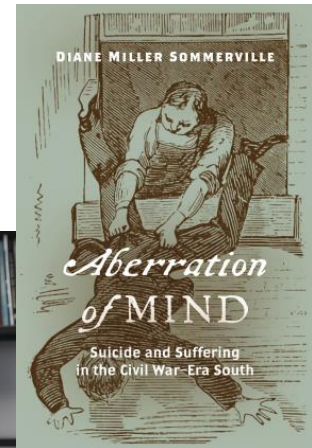
# Student Support Highlights

- Campus partners' support for students
  - Visions Federal Credit Union provides gift to support Student Success Center
  - 800 people attend Celebrating Women's Athletics event
    - In 14 years, more than 40 scholarships provided for students on our women's athletic teams
    - 2019 Speaker Joan Benoit-Samuelson
  - Sodexo: scholarships to 30 students this year
    - In over 20+ years on campus, more than 350 students supported
  - Barnes & Noble: scholarships to 34 students
    - 20-year tally of support of over 300 students



# Faculty research and scholarship

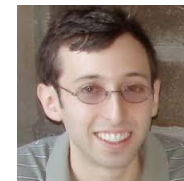
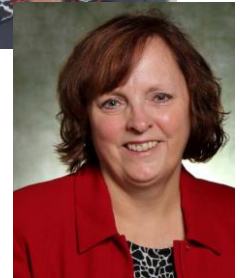
- Diane Miller Sommerville named a finalist for the 2019 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize
  - Award is given annually for the best non-fiction work about the American Civil War.
  - Her book, *Aberration of Mind: Suicide and Suffering in the Civil War-Era South* examines the psychological impact of the war.
  - Previous nominees include distinguished historians Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ken Burns, Eric Foner and James McPherson
- Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy grant
  - Team led by Kanneboyina “Raju” Nagaraju, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
  - Goal is to mitigate effects in gene “skipping” therapies that are a promising treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy that affects about 1 in every 3,600 children, mostly boys





# Research and Scholarship, continued . . .

- Community Schools Grant
  - CCPA faculty and doctoral students provide resources and out-of-school support to 300 local and regional school districts serving 600,000 students
  - Liz Anderson, TLEL CCPA
  - Laura Bronstein, SW CCPA
  - Luann Kida and Sara Hall, Community Schools CCPA
- Center for Heterogeneous Integration Research in Packaging (CHIRP)
  - Support from Semiconductor Research Corporation
  - Bahgat Sammakia, Mechanical Engineering
  - Kanad Ghose, Computer Science
  - Will develop chips with multiple “integrated” functions
- NSF Career awards Scott Schiffres, Ning Zhou
- Distinguished Professors Nkiru Nzegwu and Subimal Chatterjee (Teaching)
- National Academy of Inventors – Jessica Fridrich





# Research and scholarship recognition

- Binghamton earns “R1: Doctoral University – Very High Research” ranking from Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education
  - Based on data from 2016-17 academic year
    - Research and development expenditures
    - Number of faculty researchers and scholars
    - Number of support staff
    - Number of doctoral degrees granted
- Benefits:
  - Enhanced institutional prestige
  - Increased ability to attract external research grants and better overhead cost reimbursement
  - Better recruitment of faculty, graduate students, and post-docs
- AAU?



# Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Reaccreditation



- Last MSCHE accreditation, 2010
  - Periodic Review Report completed, 2016
  - “. . . Binghamton is an institution making extraordinary progress toward its myriad growth. All members of the campus community are to be commended for this relentless pursuit of excellence. The thorough and well-documented report testifies to Binghamton’s achievements and aspirations.”
  - Reaccreditation process began in November 2018
  - Steering Committee composed of equal numbers of senior administrators and faculty chosen by Campus Governance leaders
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|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| • Elizabeth Casteen | Elizabeth Chilton          | Scott Craver   |
| • Nasrin Fatima     | Darcy Fauci                | Jonathan Karp  |
| • Curtis Kendrick   | Anna McGoff (ex officio)   | Michael McGoff |
| • JoAnn Navarro     | Donald Nieman (ex officio) | Steven Ortiz   |
| • James Pitarresi   | Sara Reiter                | Brian Rose     |
| • Thomas Sinclair   | Pamela Smart               | Gale Spencer   |

# MSCHE accreditation, continued . .

- Standards-Based Approach, with focus on progress on Strategic Priorities related to each Standard
  - Organized around MSCHE's Seven Standards of Accreditation
  - I: Mission and Goals;
  - II: Ethics & Integrity;
  - III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience;
  - IV: Support of the Student Experience;
  - V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment;
  - VI: Planning, Resources and Institutional Improvement;
  - VII: Governance, Leadership and Administration
- Working Group for Each Standard
- Lengthy process – final draft of Self-Study to be shared with campus Spring 2020
- MSCHE site visit Fall 2020

# Health Sciences Campus

- Decker School of Nursing (48 Corliss Ave.)
  - Phase 1 (first four floors) under construction
  - \$30M Empire State Development Award to renovate upper floors of facility – Phase 2
  - On schedule to open in 2020 with Phase 1 completion
- Broome County Chamber of Commerce awards Pharmacy School its Transformative Award for its influence on regional industry
- \$15.9 million for research and design facility to support faculty research, design nearing completion





## SUNY and the State Budget

- Critical Maintenance Budget for SUNY
  - \$550M for 2019-20
- Restoration of \$5.4M Educational Opportunity Program funds
- \$200 per year tuition increase for NYS Undergraduates
- \$109.5M Collective bargaining support

# Managing the fiscal challenges

- Binghamton University faces approx. \$5M shortfall for 2019-20
- Cause:
  - 2018-19 enrollment shortfall
- Resolution:
  - 1-year hiring hold
  - delayed implementation of investments and initiatives
  - decentralize revenue responsibility to divisions, schools and colleges
- Exceptions to hiring hold – educational, operational, and campus safety
- Most exceptions are replacement hires for recent departures

## Exceptions approved (November 28, 2018 - March 28, 2019)

- 54 faculty – FT T/TT(30)  
Other FT(16) VAP(6) PT(2)
- 119 staff
- 122 student
- 47 temporary trades
- 342 total

## Crunch time

- Six weeks left in semester
- Peak stress time for students and faculty
- Anniversary of tragedies
  - Multiple Health and Wellness events planned by Student Affairs
  - Additional counselors on hand, with afterhours consultation service, Partnership with UHS Behavioral Health Team for better tracking of at-risk students
  - “Where to Turn for Help” publicity
    - <https://www.binghamton.edu/case-management/support/resources.html>
  - Harm reduction and resiliency workshops and presentations

# Commencement Ceremonies

- Doctoral Hooding
  - Wednesday May 15
- Decker
  - Friday May 17
- Master's Degrees
  - Friday May 17
- Harpur 1, 2, and 3
  - Saturday May 18
- Watson, CCPA, SOM
  - Sunday May 19





## Summary

- Admissions
- Rankings
- Gift Highlights
- Research Highlights
- Carnegie Classification
- Accreditation
- Financial Update
- Crunch time
- Commencement

## Questions?