



## ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

2017-2018

**D**uring the year, the Binghamton University Council held six regularly scheduled meetings. As required, agendas and minutes from all meetings are located on our website at [binghamton.edu/bu-council/agendas.html](http://binghamton.edu/bu-council/agendas.html) and [binghamton.edu/bu-council/minutes.html](http://binghamton.edu/bu-council/minutes.html).

As part of its normal business, the Council reviewed and approved the 18 proposed changes to the Code of Student Conduct. These proposed amendments were vetted with student leaders and were changes to correct general error or to create alignments with state policy and law. At the April 2018 meeting, the Council approved a formal resolution (which is now being amended) regarding the filing of our Annual Council Report to the SUNY Board of Trustees.

This continues to be an exciting time for Binghamton University. Following are highlights of Binghamton University achievements during the 2017-18 academic year:

- Our Smart Energy Building at our Innovative Technologies Complex opened for the fall 2017 semester.
- The new Young Sam Kim Korean Student Center was dedicated in October, 2017.
- Applications for admissions totaled 43,350 for the fall 2018 class (38,716 Freshmen and 4,634 Transfers), representing a 14% increase over last year. Total enrollment for undergraduate and graduate students now stands at over 17,700. Average SAT scores also increased to over 1370 for regular admission. According to the *US News and World Report* 2018 rankings, Binghamton University has the 6th highest SAT scores among national public universities.
- The Binghamton Art Museum celebrated its 50th Anniversary.



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- The Binghamton Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention held its inaugural conference at the SUNY Global Center in NYC in April.
- Four fellowships were added to Binghamton's new Presidential Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellowships designed to attract minority faculty to the Binghamton campus.
- Progress continues in the development of Binghamton's Health Sciences Campus in Johnson City. We welcomed the first class in our new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, in our new, state-of-the-art, real-world facility. In time, it will be joined by the Decker School of Nursing.

- Research expenditures grew by 19% to \$47.5M in 2017-18 and Binghamton's *U.S. News* ranking increased from 87 to 80.
- Gifts received in fiscal year 2018 were \$12 million.

March and April were the most difficult months in Binghamton's history with the homicide of Haley Anderson in her off-campus apartment in March and when freshman Joao Souza was stabbed to death in his room on campus in April. The tragic loss of these two very special students deeply affected everyone at the University. It has resulted in initiatives to improve campus-wide alerts and other communications as well as enhanced mental health services for our students.

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