



ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

2018-2019

During 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 and binghamton.edu/bu-council/minutes.html.

As part of its normal business, the Council reviewed and approved the 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 alignment with state policy and law. Council also amended and approved a resolution in October 2018 to submit its Annual Report to SUNY on or after September 1 of each year, or as soon after September as may be practicable.

This continues to be an exciting time for Binghamton University. Following are highlights of Binghamton University achievements during the 2018-19 academic year:

- The new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building officially opened the Health Sciences Center in Johnson City during the summer. The school achieved candidate status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.
- Across the street from the School of Pharmacy, a building is being renovated that will house the Decker School of Nursing. The School of Nursing will be transitioning to a larger college with physical, occupational, and speech therapy programs.
- The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education has named us to their elite list of universities that have achieved the R1 – very high research classification. CollegeFactual.com ranked our School of Management's Accounting program #8 in the nation. Watson School ranked among the top 250 engineering schools in the world by Times Higher Education. Decker School of Nursing has been ranked 33 out of 500 schools nationwide in a recent College Factual ranking "Best for the Money."



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- Gifts received in fiscal year 2019 were \$19.1 million.
- Binghamton Athletics will be celebrating 50 years of women's athletics during the 2019-20 year. Beginning with the 1969-70 women's swimming and diving team, more than 1,500 female student-athletes have competed as Colonials and Bearcats.
- The University will complete a self-study that addresses the seven standards of accreditation for Middle States. A steering committee will form the basis of our self-study with a final site visit by Middle States accreditors in fall 2020.
- The University's Center for Flexible Hybrid Medical Device Manufacturing (called FlexMed) was recently designated as New York State Center for Advanced Technology (CAT). CAT will receive \$8.8 million in funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) over the next ten years. FlexMed will develop flexible wearable medical and industrial devices, and expects the Center to serve as a catalyst for future industrial and economic development in the surrounding region.
- The Human Rights Institute was launched to advance research and public policy initiative and to develop high-impact student engagement in human rights. The Institute is studying topics such as labor and sex trafficking, refugees and migration, technology and human rights, and the relationship between religion and human rights.
- We also opened a new Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity that will work to advance the entire spectrum of research and education in information assurance and cybersecurity.

It was again a difficult year for the University with the deaths of sophomore Luke Stempa and senior Albert Cruz. The tragic loss of these two very special students deeply affected everyone at the University.

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