

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 2024

- Present from Council: Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala, Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe, Nora Monasheri, James Orband, and Maureen Wilson
- Present from the Community: President Harvey Stenger, Provost Donald Hall, Vice President Greg Delviscio, Vice President Karen Jones, Vice President John Koch, Vice President Brian Rose, Dean Andrea Falcone, Trisha Bello, Gabby Bonilla, Caitlin Cavanaugh, Mackenzie Cooper, Shelia Doyle, Darcy Fauci, Madhusudhan Govinda, Kevin Hayden, David Hubeny, Emily Juozitis, Alistair Lees, Karima Legette, Eugene Marshall, Lieutenant Christopher Meyn, Bathabile Mthombeni, James Pitarresi, Chief Matthew Rossie, Deputy Chief Quanson Wright.
- Online from the Community: Isabelle Beatus, Aaron Beedle, Diana Castellanos, Alanna Chen, Paris Defocites, Elisheva Ezor, KT Fitzgerald, Lisa Gilroy, Adel Hamdi, Sai Harshitha Gurrām, Gerald Hovancik, Courtney Ignarri, Sam Kaplan, Ann Marie Kellogg, Sameeha Khan, Charlene Kim, Alice Leonardo, Kristen Lodge, Michaela McManus, Gabriella Mazza, Denise Nawrocki, Yongabi Ngoh, Anjani Pranect, Pat Reilly, Anika Reja, Brianna Rodriguez, Emily Settle, Didio Tang, Eveonni Tordesillas, Joseph Turdo, John Wilcko, Matt Wilson (others joined but did not identify themselves)

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM on Friday, April 19, 2024 by Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan.

The minutes of the March 15, 2024 Binghamton University Council meeting were approved at 9:14 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stenger reported there are several exciting things happening at the University with Commencement right around the corner.

Yesterday the University's EXCELERATOR challenge ended. This challenge was a key piece to the EXCELERATE campaign that is ending in June. The campaign ran for 1,946 minutes in an effort to get at least 1000 gifts. Gifts were based on donors and not donation amounts. Final numbers for the campaign were 2,043 gifts raising a total of over \$757,000.

Last month, we were able to announce a \$5 million-dollar gift from Tom Secunda a Binghamton alum to help with research in Artificial Intelligence. We thank Tom for his generosity and can't wait to see how the University will be able to grow its AI capacities through this gift.

The Road Map team has been busy updating the University's Strategic Planning process after soliciting new proposals earlier this year. These proposals came from individuals across campus. We asked for new ideas to help improve the University. Six proposals were chosen and the awardees have been notified. Announcement of the winners will be distributed later this afternoon via Bing News and Monday on Dateline.

Last week, the Fleishman Center held its eighth annual Career Champions Breakfast at Old Union Hall. The Event honored more than 150 faculty and staff from across campus for their efforts in going above and beyond to help students prepare for careers. Our faculty and staff do tremendous things as researchers, as teachers and as professionals and their skills as mentors and friends are especially meaningful to students.

The University men's tennis team has won the Northeast Conference Championship over St. Francis (PA). They will be heading to the NCAA tournament with the selection process taking place on April 21, 2024.

Commencement will be taking place on May 9, 10, and 11 with 9 ceremonies happening over that span. We have four honorary degree recipients: Govindasamy Viswanathan, Alexander Vindman, Yasmin Hurd, and co-founder of the band Sonic Youth Lee Ranaldo.

Many of our programs have improved their rankings in the U.S. News and World Report's 2024 best Graduate School Rankings. Some of the rankings included: School of Management's MBA program moving up to No. 90, CCPA's public administration program up to No. 65, and Pharmacy up to No. 95. These reports are a meaningful measure of our programs for prospective students and their families. Along with creating a sense of pride for the staff and faculty in these programs.

Martha Gahrng has retired after 30 years. She played a huge part supporting the University Council. A going away party took place and all council members will be shared her address.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms. Monasheri reported that SA and GSO elections were held with sophomore McKenzie Skrastins as SA President, and Anjani Pradeet Meuvu as GSO President.

Mackenzie Cooper was introduced as the incoming Student Representative on the council starting in the fall as Nora Monasheri's term will end with her graduation in May.

On Saturday, April 6, the MRC and Dean of Students Office hosted its 3rd annual Men of Color Summit, which united men from across 9 different schools. Over 200 participants attended this event at the ITC.

The Q-Center, along with the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Koffman Incubator, and SUNY Broome, hosted the Women's Empowerment Luncheon and evening symposium.

A record 152 faculty and staff members were recognized at the 9th annual Career Champions program hosted by the Fleishman Career Center. This recognizes non-career center faculty or staff who help support students career development.

On Monday April 15, the Athletics department hosted its 19th annual Celebrating Women's Athletics Luncheon. The event held at the Events center was sold out and had over 800 attendees. Which was geared towards raising support for the Binghamton Bearcats Athletics Association (BBAA) Women's Scholarship Fund.

March 17, students came together for a night of education, empowerment and performance for the Powerful United Ladies Striving to Elevate (PULSE)'s 10th-annual banquet. All proceeds for the event went to the Discovery Center of the Southern Tier, an interactive children's museum.

Spring Fling will be happening next weekend on Saturday, April 27, 2024. There will be a festival located on the spine from 1-5 p.m. and a concert featuring NEON TREES takes place from 6-9 p.m.

A new contraceptive vending machine has been placed on the ground floor of the Library. This will provide greater access to Plan B for students for years to come.

Ms. Monasheri thanked the council and President Stenger for their continued support and commitment to excellence at Binghamton University. Council Chair Madigan thanked Ms. Monasheri for her ability to share the pulse of the student body in a balanced way. Ms. Monasheri was presented with a plaque with a resolution of recognition for her efforts on the council in the 23-24 academic year.

WHEREAS, as a student member of the Council for the 2023-24 academic year, Nora Monasheri has provided a valuable perspective on student concerns and issues through regular reports and active participation in discussions at Council meetings, and WHEREAS, she has played an important role in representing student interests, and WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her commitment to addressing the needs of all members of the University community bringing to the Council's attention concerns of both graduate and undergraduate students, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the State University of New York at Binghamton extends to Nora Monasheri this expression of respect and gratitude for her contributions and extends every best wish for her continued success.

REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Mr. Brian Rose, Vice President for Student Affairs and Ms. Amy Zieziula, Director of Student Conduct presented the report. The report included only minor grammatical changes without any changes of substance. Motion to approve the updates was passed at 9:32 a.m.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Ms. JoAnn Navarro, Vice President for Operations, and Chief Matthew Rossie, Chief of Police, and Mr. David Hubeny, Executive Director for Office of Emergency Management presented the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Shelia Doyle, Director of BU Foundation announced there is an anonymous donor who is looking to provide a donation for Track and Field improvements. The University does not like to release the names of donors or potential donors until half the funding for the project is received.

There was no Executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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