

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 21, 2020

Present from Council: Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala, Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe, Maureen Wilson, and Franklin Richards

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Prof. Brown, Mr. Delviscio, Dr. Edouard, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Elliott, Ms. Klinger, Interim Vice President Koch, Ms. Legette, Dean Meredith, Ms. Mthombeni, Vice President Navarro, Provost Nieman, Ms. O'Neil, Vice President Rose, Ms. Ross, Ms. Scarlett, Dr. Sirju-Johnson, Ms. Theo, Ms. Thesier, and Mr. Yarosh

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020 by Chair Madigan.

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In Johnson City, work continues at 48 Corliss, which will be the new home of our Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

We also have purchased several properties adjacent to the campusBT/F6 12 Tf1 h will

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Richards reported on some campus events surrounding Black History Month, highlighting two events put on by the Black Student Union (BSU). The Black Museum highlighted the legacy of artistry within the black community. This was done by portraying black history and art through painters, photographers, dancers, musicians, poets and other artistic forms. A second event will be held with BSU's annual keynote speaker, Cyntoia Brown. Cyntonia Brown is a young woman who was released from prison after spending 15 years for killing her sex-trafficker in self-defense and was sentenced to life. At the time of her arrest and sentencing, she was only 16 years old. Her story is a very interesting one that caught the attention of major news outlets and social media.

Binghamton had its seventh annual Hackathon. The Hackathon was held over a 24-hour period, the weekend of a major snowstorm that cancelled classes on Friday.

Mr. Richards reported that the University's \$60 million donation was met with mixed reaction from students. Some wanted to see the donation used towards different activities and other university functions. However, for the most part, it seems that most students understand and appreciated the donation and the positive impact it will have on Binghamton University.

Both the Student Association and the Graduate Student Organization are looking at their upcoming elections. Mr. Richards noted that two students, Willa Scolari (a psychology major) and Dante Turnbull (a junior majoring in philosophy and history) are running for 2020-2021 BU Council student representative.

The GSO has been working closely with the Fleishman Center to offer career advice to graduate students. They have set up weekly workshops on Tuesdays in the GSO office. Additionally, the GSO is sponsoring "Party with a Purpose," dedicated to raising money for nonprofit organizations in the local Binghamton area. The event is planned by students in the Masters of Public Administration program, is open to everyone, and will be held at Lost Dog Café on March 21.

Student Association's Mr. John Santare, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mr. Khaleel James, Vice President of Multicultural Affairs, and Mr. Richards are working on the Housing Advisory Project, and have hired interns to be a part of this program. They met with the Binghamton Code Enforcement Officer who provided them with insight and advice to pass on to students.

SA President Ms. Emma Ross is happy to announce that the climate survey that was announced in a previous Council meeting will be going ahead. The climate survey looks to properly understand sexual assault in our college community. This survey will help us better understand how we compare to campuses of similar sizes and what can be done to address this situation. Ms. Ross has been working closely with Associate Provost for Institutional Research, Dr. Nasrin Fatima.

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