

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2019

Present from Council: Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Dennis McCabe, James Orband, and Franklin Richards

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Dr. Bodur, Mr. Delviscio, Ms. Doyle, Dr. Edouard, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Fatima, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Fiore Conte, Interim Vice President Koch, Ms. Legette, Vice Provost Loewen, Vice President Navarro, Provost Nieman, Ms. O'Neil, Vice President Rose, Vice President Sammakia, and Mr. Yarosh

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019 by Chair Madigan.

The minutes of October 18, 2019 were approved.

Chair Madigan announced that Binghamton University students James Wilkinson and Jacqueline Luchetti were chosen for two of the five ACT awards which were presented at the ACT meeting in Cooperstown on October 19.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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The University also took time to recognize 24 of our faculty and staff at the annual Excellence Awards Dinner the end of October. We recognized them for outstanding research, scholarship, and teaching, as well as internationalism and service to the campus community.

Our initial announcement that Distinguished Professor M. Stanley Whittingham had been awarded the Nobel prize in Chemistry resulted in an avalanche of attention for the campus, with the univ m ħ ? M nâ ħ M M

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Mr. Richards reported that now is possibly the most critical part of the semester. Many student organizations are having their final practices or meetings before their banquets, performances, or other artistic presentations. Additionally, some students are also finishing up final papers and case competitions before final exams. This combined with the shortening of the day in terms of daylight, the frigid temperatures, and other personal situations, may have many students feeling stressed. Mr. Franklin encouraged faculty and staff to continue to check in with students to ensure that all is well.

Mr. Richards attended the ACT Conference with Chair Madigan in October. At the conference, there were only four student representatives who attended. One student representative from SUNY Albany will try to implement a preferred name policy, based on the policy we recently started at Binghamton University.

At the ACT Conference, Mr. Richards had the opportunity to meet and talk with the two Binghamton University students, Jacqueline Luchetti and James Wilkinson, who received scholarships for their outstanding work at Binghamton.

Mr. Richards reported on an event that occurred yesterday on campus. Two student groups organized a tabling event on the spine. One of the student groups was not chartered by the Student Association, the University, or the Graduate Student Organization and as such, the second group did not have the ability to reserve the space. In addition, both groups did not have consent from the University or the Student Association to be present in that space. They were warned on numerous occasions about possible sanctions if rules were violated. Other students who saw these groups on campus protested their beliefs. University Police came to maintain order between those tabling and those protesting. It is important to note, however, that the groups are not being punished for their beliefs. The University and the Student Association both respect the first amendment, individual's right to assemble, and freedom of speech.

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO)'s main priority is stabilizing the organization and finding full-time executive board members. They are holding elections this weekend to fill these roles.

The GSO hosted a graduate student mixer in the Chenango Room where graduate students from various departments had the opportunity to network and learn about other departments. The GSO is promoting their Graduate Enrichment Fund which allows graduate students to fund courses that are not part of their core curriculum. This will enable graduate students to become more well-rounded students.

The executive board of the Student Association wilf !

The Student Association will be partnering with local homeless shelters for a clothes drive. The clothes drive, which started earlier this week, will continue until December 5. Statistics have shown that many members of the LGBTQ+ community have a higher chance of becoming homeless. The homeless shelters that the SA is partnering with have specific counselors dedicated to aiding members of that community.

A delegation of students will be heading to Albany to represent Binghamton University at the SUNY SA conference this weekend.

Mr. Richards wished everyone a safe and happy holiday with their family and friends.

REPORT ON STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Dr. Donald Loewen, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Enrollment, reported on student admissions.

REPORT ON ATHLETICS

Mr. Patrick Elliott, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, reported on Athletics.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.