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In August, we welcomed 3,000 first-year students, 1,500 new graduate students, and about 750 new transfer students. The new class was drawn from 49,500 applications, which is up 19% from last year, 4,000 transfer applications, and over 4,900 graduate applications. One place where we significantly saw an increase is in international students. We welcomed 585 new international students, 125 are undergraduates and 460 are graduate students, from over 50 countries with the greatest numbers coming from India, China, Turkey, South Korea, and Iran. Many of the transfer students, about 240, came from SUNY Broome Community College. This is the largest number coming from any other community college. The average GPA of transfer students is 3.4, and they are an outstanding group of students.

This is the ranking season, and Binghamton University has been named the #1 SUNY in Forbes' prestigious, "Top Colleges in America" list. Forbes also ranked Binghamton University #52 on its annual list of the top 500 colleges in America; a 13 point jump from our position at #65 in 2022. This ranking puts Binghamton above Tufts University, Florida State University, and Michigan State University.

Over the summer we formed a partnership with a group of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in collaboration with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. There are participants from six different HBCUs: Alabama A&M University, Central State University in Ohio, Tuskegee University in Alabama, Prairie-View University in Texas, the University of the District of Columbia, and Virginia State University. The schools brought students, faculty, and administrators to our campus for a retreat to discuss how we can work together. We are already seeing relationships being built from the retreat, and will



At the end of last semester, she worked with the prior Student Rep, Avery Benzaken, to transition into her new role. She has worked with Vice President Delviscio to finish Avery's project and provide pamphlets outlining mental health and other important resources for students on campus.

During the year, she hopes to work on two projects as Student Representative to Council. One project will be a student out

Homecoming Weekend will be held October 13 – 15. The Athletics Department is hosting their first ever “Midnight Madness” on Friday, 10/13, at 6:07 PM. It will be a pep rally for community members, alumni, and students to see the season’s first official NCAA practice of the men’s and women’s basketball teams. They will have raffles and lots of free swag in an effort to encourage more attendees at games and build more pride. We expect about 5,000 students to attend.

### **REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Mr. Brian Rose, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Kelli Smith, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Director of the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development; Dr. Christen Syzmanski, Director of Students with Disabilities; and Ms. Johann Fiore-Conte, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Health and Wellness Officer, presented the report.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

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