

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2021

Present from Council: Linda Biemer, Tony Fiala (via Zoom), Acting Chair Dennis McCabe, James Orband (via Zoom), Caroline Sandleitner, Matthew Salanger (via Zoom), and Maureen Wilson

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Ms. Bello, Dr. Bodur, Dr. Capobianco (via Zoom), Professor Craver (via Zoom), Vice President Delviscio, Dr. Edouard, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Gahring (via Zoom), Mr. Hatami, Mr. Hayden (via Zoom), Mr. Hickey (via Zoom), Mr. Hovancik (via Zoom), Mr. Hubeny, Vice President Jones, Interim Director Kalina, Dean Klin, Ms. Legette, Vice Provost Loewen, Ms. Mignone, Professor Mijatovic, Ms. Mthombeni (via Zoom), Vice President Navarro, Provost Nieman, Vice Provost Pitarresi, Vice President Rose, Dr. Smith, Mr. Wright (via Zoom), and Mr. Yarosh

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021 by Acting Chair McCabe. Attendees participated in-person and via Zoom.

Acting Chair McCabe announced that Jennifer Lesko's father passed away this past week and his funeral

Next week we will hold the formal opening and dedication of our new Violence, Abuse and Rape Crisis Center (VARCC) located on the third floor of Old Johnson Hall. The VARCC provides a place for victims of sexual assault or harassment to report the incident and receive counseling and other services.

We set a record this past year with 7 faculty members who won National Science Foundation CAREER awards. These awards are the NSF's most prestigious awards for early-career faculty members, supporting five years of work and encouraging the integration of education and research. The multi-year grants are given to approximately 10% of Assistant Professors in the country. This is a sign that Binghamton's research programs are on an excellent trajectory and that these professors will be very successful in the future.

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Caroline reported that students are back on campus and resuming in-person activities with great enthusiasm. As the semester kicked off, there have been many events held to engage students in traditional settings for the first time in over a year. The Student Association hosted one of the

