

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2021

Present from Council:

Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Tony Fiala (via Zoom), Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe, James Orband (via Zoom), Caroline Sandleitner, and Maureen Wilson

Present from the Community:

President Stenger, Ms. Bello, Dr. Bodur, Mr. Brhel (via Zoom), Professor Craver, Ms. Curtin, Vice President Delviscio, Ms. Doyle (via Zoom), Dr. Edouard, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Gahring (via Zoom), Mr. Hayden, Dr. Jacobson, Vice President Jones, Interim Director Kalina, Ms. Legette (via Zoom), Vice Provost Loewen, Ms. Macargel (via Zoom), Professor Mijatovic (via Zoom), Vice President Rose, Vice President Sa g.00915B0 G[ )TJET@.00000912

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In late September, we held Family and Parent weekend. More than 1,750 family members were on campus to participate in 70 different events. We saw twice as many family members than usual for a Family and Parent weekend. We had     game, and we beat Stony Brook 1-0 in overtime. Other special events were conducted by student groups, the music and the theater departments.

Last weekend, we held Homecoming and an in-person Commencement celebration for the class of 2020. This was one of the more successful Homecoming events in recent years with more than 2,800 registered to attend. About half of the attendees were here specifically for the Commencement ceremony.

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school and local Binghamton communities. Violence downtown has always been something that adjacently affects students, but now more than ever it is important that students recognize the realities of living off of University property, or walking around the area late at night. Students should stay together in groups, and educate themselves on the best preventive measures as we transition back to normal activity downtown. This includes locking doors, walking together if going out at night, being aware of where local law enforcement is stationed, and following the local news for increases in reports of violence. These crimes do not define the Binghamton area and, luckily, they have not affected our student population to a large extent, but prevention is much more effective than reaction in the long run.

On a more positive note, the Broome County community hosted Spiedie Fest, highlighting a dish native to the area, and the Hot Air Balloon Rally. This was the first time the event was held during the school session. OCCT busses ran from the Union to the event, on the hour every hour throughout the weekend, and successfully transported hundreds of students to the event. The event and coordination between the festival and OCCT marks an important collaboration between Broome County and the student body that will hopefully encourage more student participation in the local community.

Students are enjoying their first fall break in nearly two years. Fall break started yesterday and will continue through the weekend. Many students went home to spend time with their families. Students are excited to move forward with the fall semester.

### **REPORT ON RESEARCH AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Bahgat Sammakia, Vice President for Research; Dr. Michael Jacobson, Director of Strategic Research Initiatives; and Dr. Per Stromhaug, Assistant Vice President, Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Partnerships, presented their report.

Chair Madigan noted that today is the annual meeting for the Association of Council Members and College Trustees of SUNY (ACT). She will participate in the virtual meeting following the conclusion of the Council meeting. One of our students, Daniel (DJ) Hennie, will be honored at the meeting as the recipient of the Nancy L. Zimpher Scholarship for Teacher Education. DJ received a BS in Human Development with a minor in Education in 2020 from Binghamton University. He is currently a MSED candidate in the Childhood, Early Childhood and Literacy Education Program and expects to graduate in 2022. DJ has been active in a number of clubs and intermural sports at Binghamton, and is the captain of the club baseball team.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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