

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 18, 2022

Present from Council:

Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan, Avery Benzaken, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala, Jr. (via Zoom), Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe (via Zoom), and Maureen Wilson (via Zoom)

Present from the Community:

President Stenger, Ms. Beckmann (via Zoom), Professor Bohan, Mr. Brhel (via Zoom), Ms. Curtin, Vice President Delviscio, Ms. Doyle, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Fauci, Ms. Fiore Conte, Ms. Gahring (via Zoom), Provost Hall, Mr. Hovancik (via Zoom), Ms. Ignarri, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Jones (via Zoom), Vice President Jones, Interim Director Kalina, Vice President Koch, Ms. Legette, Vice Provost Pitarresi, Ms. Reuther, Vice President Rose, Chief Rossie, Vice President Sammakia, Ms. Savidge-Morris, Dr. Smith, Mr. Yarosh, and Ms. Zwierlein (via Zoom)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022 by Chair Madigan.

The minutes of the October 21, 2022 Binghamton University Council meeting were approved.

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President Stenger reported that it has been a very busy month and students are now in crunch time as they get near the end of the semester. After the students return from Thanksgiving break, there will only be two weeks of classes and then finals. The semester has gone very quickly, but the students have done a great job during the semester and it has been a really successful semester all around campus.

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In October, the University hosted a Legacy Celebration in New York City for former School of Management Dean Upinder Dhillon. Many attended the Celebration including Kimberly Kelly '13 and '14, chair of the SOM Young Alumni Advisory Board, and Laura Roth '10, former chair of the Board, who spoke about the impact Dean Dhillon made on the students. Upinder's sons also spoke about their dad. Howard Unger '82, chair of the University's Fundraising campaign, announced \$1.3 million in commitments from friends of the School to establish the Dhillon Family Faculty Fellow Endowment.

Binghamton University's EXCELERATE Campaign is moving forward and we are working hard to raise support for the Campaign. President Stenger just returned from a trip to California where he met with alumni and friends. Jim and Heather Bankoski hosted a dinner for alumni and friends at their home in Los Gatos, and David and Martha Ho hosted a dinner at their home in Pasadena for another group of alumni and friends. We wanted to connect with alumni that we haven't connected with in the past, and the hosts were able to tell their story and express why they are committed to Binghamton University. The campus has raised a little over \$160 million, and we are about 73% of our campaign goal of \$220 million. We have a lot of work to do.

We are also focused on the State's faculty hiring initiative and are excited that we will have continuity in the state's Executive branch. The goals that were set by the Governor in her State of the State address and her budget for the State of New York supports SUNY significantly. Binghamton's share of the Governor's \$53 million hiring initiative is approximately \$6.5 million, and will fund 36 new research faculty this year. In addition, we are hiring 30 replacement faculty, so we expect to have 65 searches this coming year for new faculty positions. The timing will be critical to bring the new faculty onboard and make sure that they have the support and space they need for their research. We ar96.39

interest in each student and it was a great meeting. Chair Tisch spoke about the importance of voting, with election day just two days after her visit. She encouraged them to talk to their peers about the importance of voting, too. Mr. Benzaken reached out to the Center for Civic Engagement and learned that around 710 on-