

COUNCIL MINUTES

Jaimee Wriston Colbert, Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing, for her work in developing the field of eco-fiction;

Dean Gloria Meredith, Founding Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for her research and her work as founding dean of two schools of pharmacy;

Pedro Ontanedo, Distinguished Professor of Mathematical Sciences, for his work in topology, specifically his discovery of previously unknown space negative curvature;

Mark Poliks, Director of the Center for Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing and now Distinguished Professor of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering for his research in the field of electronics packaging and developments in flexible and hybrid electronics;

and Daryl Santos, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusiveness, who has been named a Distinguished Service Professor of Systems Science and Industrial Engineering, for his work in support of the University, especially its diversity initiatives.

We also learned that John Frazier, Distinguished Service Professor of Geography, was recognized by the American Association of Geographers (AAG) who awarded him the 2021 Harold Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice for his work exploring core issues in contemporary racial and ethnic geography as well as for his decades-long mentoring and support of colleagues of color.

. Twelve programs are ranked in the top 100 by *US News and World Report* in its ranking of graduate programs, with nine in the top 75. Programs that saw rises include english, nursing, public affairs, and management.

Earlier this month, President Stenger and Dean Dhillon met with SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm to sign an articulation agreement that establishes a new 2+U transfer program that will reserve admission for 25 qualified SUNY Broome students into our School of Management, what is by many measures the most competitive

Freshmen applications set a new record with more than 39,500 applications received. Particularly in demand is Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences where they saw a 36% increase in applications. Currently we are on track with our deposits, however in recent years more students are putting down deposits on multiple schools. We are also seeing increases in graduate applications which are up 15% over last year. We are pleased that international applications and deposits are also up from last year, although we are still concerned that although applications are up, international students are running into difficulties getting visas. This may impact our ability to enroll students who want to attend Binghamton, but we may consider online classes for their first semesters.

As far as budget, first and foremost, there will be no state support budget cut in 2021-2022 with funding held at 2019-2020 levels. Students will see an increase of \$500 to the maximum TAP

difference between TAP awards and tuition) by 33% each year until it is completely eliminated by 2024-2025.

We will be holding a hybrid Commencement this May with both virtual and in-person graduation walks.

