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## CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024 by Dennis McCabe who was serving as active chair. The minutes of the October 18, 2024 Binghamton University Council meeting were approved at 9:18 a.m. with no changes.

## PRESIDENTS REMARKS

President Stenger welcomed everyone back and highlighted some of the events that took place over the last month such as the Haudenosaunee Festival which included a three-sister garden harvest and a lacrosse clinic.

In late October the campus also had a visit from Aaron Mair the former president of the Sierra Club to speak about sustainability.

In what he refers to as his "Farewell Tour", President Stenger met up with Binghamton University Alumni and attended the Men's basketball game versus Miami where the team took an early lead but would not come out victorious in a hard-fought contest. BU Council October 18, 2024 Page 2

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As part of International Education Week, and a student driven funded Roadmap project-"Crossing Borders: Promoting your health in the US" will be held on November 20th from 10:30- 12:30 in UU 111.

To date this year, the Q Center has seen a sharp increase in students utilizing the Q Center and its resources such receiving free clothing from the Gender Bender Clothing Closet. The Q Center also hosted a variety of events for LGBTQ+ History Month in October that all highlighted different components of queer history in the United States.

As announced earlier in the year, the Dean of Students Office successfully launched Baxter the chatbot to all first-year students. With over 2500 independent text messages in just over 2 weeks, the engagement is very high.