

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2023

Present from Council: Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan, Linda Biemer, Anthony Fiala (via Zoom) Jennifer Lesko, Dennis McCabe, Nora Monasheri, James Orband, and Maureen Wilson

Present from the Community: President Stenger, Ms. Bello, Ms. Coker, Vice President Delviscio, Dean Falcone, Dr. Fatima (via Zoom), Ms. Fauci, Ms. Gahring (via Zoom), Ms. Gilroy, Provost Hall, Ms. Gurram, Dr. Jacobson, Vice President Jones, Vice President Koch, Vice Provost Lees, Ms. Legette (via Zoom), Vice Provost Loewen, Interim Dean Mahler, Director Marshall, Ms. Medionte-Phillips, Dean Nagaraju, Vice President Rose, Vice President Sammakia, Dr. Smith, Dr. Stromhaug. Ms. Weiland, Mr. Winston (via Zoom), and Mr. Yarosh

CALL TO ORDER

The Binghamton University Council meeting was called to order at 9:22 AM on Friday, October 20, 2023 by Chair Kathryn Grant Madigan.

The minutes of the September 15, 2023 Binghamton University Council meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stenger reported that it is now midterm season at Binghamton and students often have a little stress and anxiety during this time. We are looking out for the students, and making sure that they know there are places they can reach out for counseling. We also provide some fun things on campus to help reduce stress such as providing petting zoos, giving out free cookies and hot chocolate, and providing other fun activities.

Family Weekend took place October 6-8 with nearly 5,000 family members registered for the event. This was the largest turn out ever, and the campus was packed.

Homecoming Weekend took place the following weekend, October 13-15, with fewer attendees. The weather was not ideal most of the weekend, but there was a good turn-out for indoor events. We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Harpur's Ferry, and celebrated the 55th Anniversary for Newing College and for the Educational Opportunity Program.

We recently learned that the University received the 2023 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award (HEED) from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The HEED Award is a national honor recognizing colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. Binghamton will be featured, along with 108 other recipients, in the November/December 2023 issue of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. Vice President Karen Jones led the effort and put together our application for the award.

The College of Community and Public Affairs (CCPA) hosted a University Downtown Gala on September 22 entitled

private New York State universities had to retract statements and send out new statements within minutes of their initial statement. It is important that the communication we send

