

COLLEGE SENATE NEWS FALL 2007

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Campus members, and especially members of the College Senates across SUNY, have been asked for their input on the New York State Commission on Higher Education's preliminary report. We have been asked by the University Faculty Senate President, Carl Wiezalis, to engage our respective groups to seek their feedback.

[Read the reports and send your comments.](#)

Posted November 27, 2007

The November, 2007 Senate meeting included updates on the [Buffalo State College Budget \(PDF, 82KB\)](#) and [enrollment \(PPT, 144KB\)](#) as part of the President's remarks. The Chair's remarks included [general comments \(PDF, 389KB\)](#), information about the status of [book adoptions \(PDF, 65KB\)](#) and, in response to a constituent question, information for use by faculty and students to [save/post electronic documents \(PDF, 145KB\)](#). Senators were encouraged to share the status of book adoptions from the October 2007 meeting, the current status of book adoptions and the Vista Office documents with their constituents.

In order to respond to the many constituent questions from the October 2007 Senate meeting, the Provost created a [separate document \(PDF, 60KB\)](#) for use by the Senate for follow up.

Minutes from September 2007 were re-approved and from October 2007 were approved. These minutes are posted in the [Minutes](#) section of the College Senate web site.

A [report \(PDF, 102KB\)](#) from the Senator David Carson from the University Faculty Senate Plenary in October 2007 was presented.

Two action items are to be reported. First, the definition of Upper Division courses was withdrawn by the Curriculum Committee. Passage or defeat of the motion [\(PDF, 23KB\)](#) would not have any impact on the way in which the Curriculum Committee uses the definition, and therefore the motion was withdrawn. Second, the recommendation for delayed implementation of BSC 301 (from fall 2008 to fall 2010) [\(PDF, 24KB\)](#) was approved.

Posted October 30, 2007

At the October 2007 meeting of the College Senate, the members were given an overview of the Voluntary System of Accountability by President Howard [\(PPT, 2.13MB\)](#), an update on student housing [\(PDF, 23KB\)](#), and a summary of the communication policy related to emergencies [\(PDF, 25KB\)](#). The Senate also heard from Chair Cramer [\(PPT, 249KB\)](#). In addition, the Senate received a FAQ Bookstore report [\(PDF, 86KB\)](#), illustrating the reasons for early book orders by faculty for the Spring 2008 semester.

Three motions passed: two new awards, *Career Achievement for Faculty and Career Achievement for Staff*, and they will be recommended to the President. A third motion was to encourage all Schools and Professional Staff Caucus to elect their representatives to SIFOC at their next round of elections.

Three items presented for discussion at the meeting will be voted upon at the November 2007 meeting: the definition for Upper Division courses, Curriculum Committee [\(PDF, 23KB\)](#) and whether to suspend the implementation of BSC 301 until fall 2010, Instruction and Research Committee [\(PDF, 24KB\)](#). The

award to recognize Faculty/Staff mentors of Faculty and Staff will be voted on also (Professional/Staff welfare committee).

Members of the campus community are encouraged to discuss these motions with their Senate representatives, their representatives on either of the committees, or with any At Large senator. Information about the Senators can be found at <http://www.buffalostate.edu/collegesenate/documents/senateroster.pdf>

Posted September 23, 2007

At the September 2007 meeting of the College Senate, the following motion was approved: (Moved by Qualls, seconded by McFarland) To explore alternatives for sharing information between Senate meetings.

The [agenda](#) and [formal materials](#) from the September 2007 meeting have been posted on the College Senate Web site in a preliminary response to this motion. In addition, senators and other campus constituents are invited to participate in the [College Senate's online forum](#) to consider podcasting future meetings.