

# FALL 2008 COLLEGE SENATE NEWS ARCHIVE

## Posted December 16, 2008

The College Senate Office would like to extend a warm welcome to Professor Stan Friesen. He will be standing in for Senator Harriet Blitzer for the Spring semester as she will be on sabbatical. Professor Friesen from the Design Department will represent the School of Arts and Humanities.

At the December 12th meeting of the College Senate the revised Alcohol Policy was heavily debated. President Howard asked that this policy presented by the Student Welfare and Faculty and Staff Welfare Committees be referred back to the committee for further research and revisions.

At the December 12th meeting of the College Senate, members of the Senate approved two motions, which have been forwarded to President Howard for her review and approval:

1. [BSC 301 motion \(pdf\)](#), originally presented by the Instruction and Research Committee at the October 15 2008 Senate meeting.
2. Standards for Students Committee presented for action the motion to revise [General Education requirement for Transfer and Readmitted students.\(pdf\)](#)

## Re-Posted December 3, 2008

Open Forum (please note location change\*\*)

The College Senate Curriculum Committee will be holding an Open Forum on Thursday, December 4, 2008 in \*\*Bulger N2A at 12:00-1:30 p.m. The ramifications of the SUNY Transfer and Articulation resolution will be addressed as they relate to transfer students entering Buffalo State College with A.A or A.S. degrees from SUNY two-year colleges.

## Posted November 5, 2008

The Senate Packets will be distributed beginning tomorrow. There will be several important documents included. The cover memo will list all enclosures. On November 14 at noon, there will be an exclusive tour of the new Burchfield Penney Art Center for all Senators. Please RSVP by November 12 to the Senate Office at x 5139. The tour will last for an hour and is prior to the November 14 meeting of the College Senate. There will be pizza served for refreshments at this Senate meeting so come around 2:30 to enjoy the treats and converse with your colleagues.

A [Student Advisory Resolution \(pdf\)](#) is enclosed in your packet and will be presented for discussion at the November 14th Senate meeting.

## Re-Posted November 3, 2008

These two motions (below) will be discussed and acted upon at the November Senate meeting. Please share your thoughts regarding these proposed actions with any member of the College Senate, or with members of the committees sponsoring these motions: *(click the links below)*

- [Limits on the number of credit hours that can be taken by undergraduate students on academic probation \(Standards for Students Committee, Elizabeth Stevens, Chair\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [Revision of the Writing Across the Curriculum Criteria in Intellectual Foundations \(Instruction and Research Committee, Andrew Nicholls, Chair\) \(pdf\)](#)

These resolutions (*links below*) were approved at the University Faculty Senate Plenary meeting in Potsdam in October 2008. The budget resolutions endorse strong attention to SUNY and the Commission on Higher Education report, and the Joint Committee Transfer and Articulation resolution has been discussed with the College Senate several times. If enacted, it will be the guiding policies for transfers within SUNY. The implications of it will be discussed at the meeting.

- [150-01-1 Effect of NYS budget on SUNY \(pdf\)](#)
- [150-02-1 Implement Recommendations CHE \(pdf\)](#)
- [150-03-1 Joint Committee Transfer and Articulation \(pdf\)](#)

### Posted October 23, 2008

The College Senate has forwarded the *"Double Dipping"* motion (presented by the Instruction & Research Committee), that was approved at the October 10th Senate meeting; to President Howard for her approval and action.

The College Senate Office would like to Congratulate our own Senator Al Riess, on this great achievement!

[Al Riess, Librarian, E. H. Butler Library](#), recently marked his 20th year as a radio-show host on Buffalo State's WBNY-FM 91.3. He started with a folk/ethnic/world music program that ran for nearly 15 years. Currently, Riess hosts *The Saturday Morning C-JAM: The Classics of Jazz and More* on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and follows up with *Rhythm, Roots, & Rock 'n' Roll* from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

### Posted October 17, 2008

All of the eight Standing Committee Rosters and the Main Senate Roster have been posted on this website. Go to the Committee Page for those rosters. You can find the link for the Senate Roster on our Home Page, or the Senators Page.

The next Chair and Agenda meetings will be held on October 29th in Cleveland Hall 205.

### Posted October 8, 2008

#### [PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES & ROBERT'S RULES: "LEARN FROM A MASTER"](#)

There will be a Teleconference held on Thursday October 16, 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. in Bulger N2A. Ed Alphonsin the Parliamentarian for the University Faculty Senate, will give an informal overview of Robert's Rules. As an experienced parliamentarian, he has vast experience. This is open to all Buffalo State faculty, staff and students, so come and learn!

### Posted October 7, 2008

On Behalf of the Chair of the College Senate and the Office of the Senate, congratulations to Star Johnson, the new Chair of the Student Welfare Committee. Congratulations to Yolanda Rondon as student representative for the Agenda Committee. Election ballots were tabulated on Friday October 3, official announcement will take place at the October 10th Senate Meeting.

**Posted September 29, 2008**

Ballots are coming into the Senate Office. On Friday October 3rd the ballots will be counted. Good Luck to all of the candidates.

**Posted September 23, 2008**

Dear Senators,

I regret to inform you that new ballots are being issued for the election for chair of the Student Welfare Committee and Student Representative to the Agenda Committee. As you might recall, there was considerable conversation during that portion of last month's meeting, with resulting confusion over who had expressed interest in one of the positions as opposed to who was actually nominated. Consequently, a wrong name appeared on the ballot for Agenda Committee. This mistake was not confirmed until today when that portion of the meeting was transcribed.

Our parliamentarian, Slade Gellin, has ruled the previous ballots out of order based upon a "point of order" mistake. New ones will be distributed, with Yolanda Rondon running for the Agenda Committee instead of Nese Yazicilar. Yolanda's biographical information will be added to the Senate website. The new ballots will be due in the Senate Office by noon on Friday, October 3.

My apologies for all of the confusion.

Best regards,

Bill Raffel

Chair, Senate Bylaws Committee

**Posted September 17, 2008**

The Election Information site is being readapted to include links to bio/photos for candidates running for an elected position. In an effort to eliminate sending out hard copies for candidate information, we will now provide voters with electronic links. This will also be used for the general Senate elections usually held in the spring. Paper Ballots will be used for the current elections for Chair of Student Welfare and Membership on the Agenda Committee. Only Senators will receive them. No electronic ballots will be taken. [This is only for this election.](#)

**Posted September 16, 2008**

At the September 12th meeting of the College Senate, it was determined that elections are to be held for the Chair position of the Student Welfare Committee. The two Student Senators running are: Senator Star Johnson, and Senator Phillip O'Grady. The two Student Senators running for member on the Agenda Committee are: Senator Aaron Gilbee, and Senator Nese Yazicilar. Elections will begin in the coming week. The Senate would like to announce that USG President, Dominique Gabriel has forwarded an official memorandum to the Senate Chair, with the four additional new Student Senators: Renea Johnson, Star Johnson, Yolanda Rondon, and Kanasha Kennedy. Welcome all of our new Senators for the 2008-09 Senate year. The Senate now has twelve Student Senators serving with two of those Graduate Students, which puts the Senate at its goal for Student Senators. We look forward to working with all of our Student representatives this year.

- Starting the new Senate year brings new challenges and new experiences. The Senate website has become more visible this past year thanks to the efforts of our Senate Chair Sharon Cramer. With this we are going to add to the Election Information site, bios, and candidate information. In trying to go "Green" we encourage everyone during elections to use the website to find out about your favorite candidate, which in turn eliminates paper copies and waste. This addition will allow candidates to show photos of themselves and their information so voters can view and choose the right candidate.

#### Posted September 9, 2008

FYI: For all the newly elected Senators, there will be an Orientation on Friday September 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Cleveland Hall room, 416. This meeting is prior to the Senate meeting at 3 p.m., in the Classroom Building C-122. We look forward to meeting you all.

We would like to Congratulate! and announce the Presidential Appointees for the 2008-09 Senate year.

Don Erwin, Associate Vice President, Information Services and Systems

Dr. Kevin Railey, Associate Provost, and Dean of the Graduate School

We would like to Congratulate! and announce The Administrative Liaisons for the Senate Standing Committees for the 2008-09 Senate year:

Academic Plan: Dr. Dennis Ponton, Provost, Academic and Student Affairs

Budget Staff and Allocations: Rebecca Schenk, Director, Budget Office

By-Laws and Elections: Benjamin Christy, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

Curriculum Committee: Dr. Rosalyn Lindner, Associate Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Instruction and Research: Dr. Scott Johnson, Assistant Dean, First Year Academic Support Programs

Faculty and Staff Welfare: Yves Gachette, Director, Institutional Research

Standards for Students: Dr. Charles Kenyon, Associate Vice President, Dean of Students

Student Welfare: Timothy Ecklund, Associate Vice President for Campus Life

**Posted September 4, 2008**

**FYI**: President Howard has accepted motions presented at the May 9, 2008 meeting of the College Senate. You can view the details on our Meetings page. It also appeared in the August 28, 2008 issue of the Bulletin.

The first Senate packet of the 2008-09 year has been distributed today. All Senators should receive their packets by Friday September 5th. If you do not receive your packet, please notify the Senate Office, arrangements can be made to get you one. Please be sure to check your mailbox thoroughly and your department where your mail comes out of. If you have moved to a new office, please notify the Senate Office, and the corrections will be made accordingly.

**Posted August 27, 2008**

The College Senate Office would like to Welcome, and Congratulate! our two new Graduate Student Senators. Aaron Gilbee, in the Creative Studies Department, and Amber Morczek, in the Criminal Justice Department. They were appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School, Dean, Kevin Railey. We encourage all of our Student Senators, to take an initiative, and lend their ideas, input, and share views, by attending the monthly College Senate meetings.

**Posted August 25, 2008**

The College Senate Office would like extend a warm welcome back to all of its Senators, Administrators, and colleagues. We hope you had an enjoyable summer, and will have a prosperous Fall semester. For a reminder to all of the Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees, the first Chair and Agenda meeting for the Fall 2008 semester is this Wednesday, August 27 at 2p.m. in Cleveland Hall 205. The Chair of the Senate has asked that all of the Chairs be present for the Agenda Meeting that follows at 3 p.m. This is a one time request, as your input is important to the start of a new Senate year. If you have any concerns, or questions, please feel free to stop by the Senate Office or call us. The first Senate meeting will be September 12th at 3p.m. in the Classroom Building, C-122. See the Senate Schedule for more information. Once again, welcome back!

**Posted August 20, 2008**

The College Senate Office has begun its Fall hours once again. Hours are 9-4 Monday -Friday. The first Chair, and Agenda Meeting, will take place on Wednesday August 27th. Please check the Senate Schedule link for details. The Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees will be reviewing candidates to serve on their committees for the 2008-09 Academic year. The Senate Office has already received many interested candidates. If you are interested, just go to our Committees page, and click on the Committee Interest Form. Further information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.