

## Strengths and Research at Buffalo State College

### Standard 6: Unit Governance and Resources

#### Strengths at Buffalo State:

##### **Art Education Department**

Buffalo State has conducted SUNY assessments regularly that involved faculty across disciplines. Mary Wyrick served on an Information Management Committee with faculty in Math, Science, Fine Arts, and Political Science faculty as well as library staff. The committee developed a test to be administered in all departments in a junior level class. The test involved computer, critical thinking, and research skills. Art Education was in the upper 25% in test scores, based on testing in AED 398, Computer Fundamentals. Another SUNY assessment on General Education Arts involved several faculty in grading Art History essays according to SUNY Arts Outcomes.

Faculty are involved in self-governance. Chairs are elected by colleagues in their departments. Search committees consisting of faculty are formed to hire faculty and administrators.

Technology fees and other sources of funding supply adequate and up to date equipment for students and faculty. Most departments have their own computer labs which are available to students at convenient places on campus.

Upton Hall where AED majors have classes has been renovated with improved lighting, painting, signage, asbestos removal, and upgrades to the Upton Gallery that art and AED majors regularly use. AED students have an annual juried art exhibits sponsored by the AED BSC Student Chapter of National Art Education Association and the New York State Art Teachers Association.

Recent efforts to improve record keeping and online education have resulted in a new Banner registration system and ANGEL web-enhanced classroom management system.

Performing Arts Center at Buffalo State 11.4 - The Performing Arts Center in Rockwell Hall operated at a surplus for the fifth consecutive year and transferred \$15,000 to the School of Arts and Humanities to support academic programs.

The Art Conservation Department received several grants in 2005–2006, including \$1.65 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and \$254,267 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Art Conservation also established a new partnership with the Royal Castle in Warsaw, Poland, which serves as a museum housing some of Poland's most treasured artifacts.

### **Elementary Education and Reading Department**

- SOE has secured Monies for the Future funding for the PDS for two successive years
- EER includes the governance of the department and its resources as part of the faculty load. Department officers, coordinators and grant directors are given credit accommodations commensurate with their workloads. The Dean of SOE supports this practice.
- New computers and a new Smart Board in BAC 116A and BAC 108 demonstrate the ongoing commitment to technology upgrades
- The renovation of BACON Hall resulted in the creation of 4 new Smart Rooms with extensive technology available
- Ongoing annual SCAP (Student Computer Access Program) funding has provided students with funding support for TASKSTREAM and continues to allow the departments to purchase equipment to enhance classroom instruction
- EER has been supported in each of its 3 requests for “targeted hires” of faculty from minority populations.
- This year, in association with [the Child and the Book](#) group based at Roehampton University in the United Kingdom, Buffalo State College is hosting a graduate student conference on Children's Literature and Social Justice. The conference will be held May 16th-18th, 2008 on campus, and graduate students from all institutions and all disciplines are welcome to attend.

### **Exceptional Education Department**

Representatives from the Department of Exceptional Education on Senate, Teacher Education Council, and School of Education Curriculum Committee.

Member of campus wide TASC.

Members of advisory boards for technology campus wide.

Dr. Sharon Cramer is the chair of the Senate.

Several members are part of College Planning Council.

Dr. Pomerantz is member of Middle States Progress Review Team.

Dr. Sharon Cramer is SPA reviewer (CEC) for NCATE.

### **Literacy Specialist Program**

1. Excellent Literacy Center facilities – for tutoring & diagnosis, for parent conferencing, for staff meetings with candidates

2. technology updates in room 116B (Smart Board, Interwrite notepad)

### **Music Education Program**

Leadership program implemented as result of strategic plan.

### **Science Education**

The Dick Smith Teaching Pavilion, located on the Black Rock Channel at the shoreline of the Great Lakes Center Aquatic Field Station, was completed in fall 2005. This one-story structure features flexible space that can be used for scientific demonstrations and community meetings. The center serves the Western New York and Southern Ontario regions as a technical and scientific resource for addressing environmental issues, as well as for continuing education and specialized training. The pavilion is the second building completed as part of the college's Waterfront Campus.

### **Speech and Language Pathology**

Members of the SLP faculty participate in governance of the academic and clinic programs of the department, School, and college. The department is under the leadership of the chair, who is responsible for overseeing the fiscal, academic, and clinic programs and providing leadership regarding the future of the department. The director of graduate studies, who also services as chair pro tempore in the absence of the chair, has primary responsibility for the graduate program. The clinic director oversees the administration of the department's Speech-Language-Hearing clinic. The department's budget, personnel, facilities, and resources are adequate for the preparation of candidates to meet professional, state, and institutional standards.

### **Related Research or Inquiry at Buffalo State:**

#### **Speech and Language Pathology**

In October 2007, the SLP department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$120,000 from The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation. This grant, along with a commitment of \$50,621 from the college, will be used for space renovations and new digital technology for the department.