

Provost's Update

Professional Staff Senate
February 25, 2016



Campus Updates

New Medical School Building Progress:

- Construction on track to finish in 2017
- Offers new opportunities for student engagement, experiences, and UB-community partnerships

New Brand Strategy:

- Rolling out this spring
- Will provide distinctive messaging strategy to enhance UB recognition, pride and interest



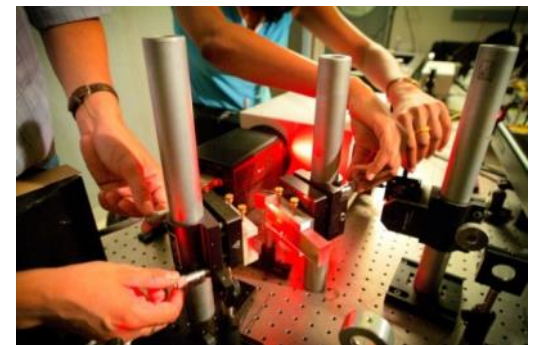
Dean Searches:

- Searches for deans of School of Management, School of Dental Medicine, and College of Arts and Sciences are underway
- See <http://www.buffalo.edu/leadership-searches.html> for search updates and information on how UB community can participate
- We expect the searches to be complete by Fall 2016



Communities of Excellence

- “Glue” infrastructures that connect faculty, students and staff from across the university and enable them to address grand challenges facing humanity
- Build on foundation of faculty strength
- Interdisciplinary approach to research, education and engagement



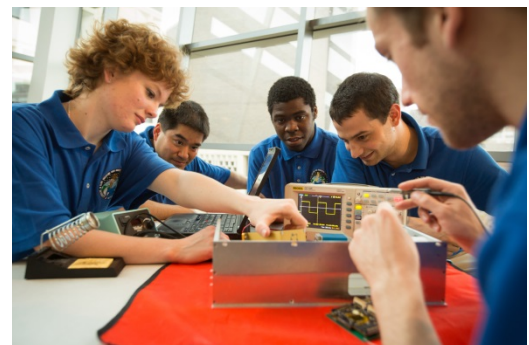
Communities of Excellence:

- The Genome, the Environment and the Microbiome (GEM)
- Global Health Equity
- Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART)
- Research and Education in eEnergy, Environment, and Water (RENEW)



UB Curriculum

- Approximately **1,000** new and revised courses approved, **1/3** of UG catalog:
 - **140** UB Seminars
 - New courses in writing, diversity, math, and natural science
 - **51** integrative pathways
- Astonishing creativity, range and depth of courses
- Unprecedented revision of undergraduate curriculum
- Grateful to faculty and staff from across the university for contributions
- **Fall 2016** implementation





SUNY Excels: Performance Improvement Plan

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- SUNY initiative to increase degrees awarded annually and improve performance system-wide.
- Two parts (for all SUNY campuses): **Performance Improvement Plan** and **Investment and Performance Fund**

Performance Improvement Plan:

- Highlights strengths and sets performance goals in key areas. UB's goals (by 2020) include increasing:
 - Enrollment by more than **2,000**
 - Retention to **91%**
 - Mean SAT score to **1200**
 - 4-year graduation rate to **60%** and 6-year rate to **75%**
 - Applied and experiential learning activities across campus

SUNY Excels: Investment and Performance Fund

Increasing Access, Completion and Seamless Transfer Success (\$1 M):

- Joint effort including Stony Brook, Binghamton and Albany, led by UB
- Proposes establishing common learning outcomes and measures, diagnostic tools, and collecting open source resources for key gateway courses

Professional Pathways for the Arts and Humanities (\$1.75 M):

- Develop innovative programs that provide pathways to employment such as Master's degree programs in areas like "Social Media," "Speech, Language, and Hearing Science," and "Genetic Counseling"

Expanding and Enhancing UB's Educational Opportunity Program (\$207,000)



New Experiential Learning Opportunities

Blackstone LaunchPad:

- **\$4.5** million grant from Blackstone Charitable Foundation to establish New York State LaunchPad
- Introduces and supports entrepreneurship for students in all majors and levels
- LaunchPad network of **500,000** student peers and expert advisors
- Opens in March in Student Union



Creative Arts Initiative

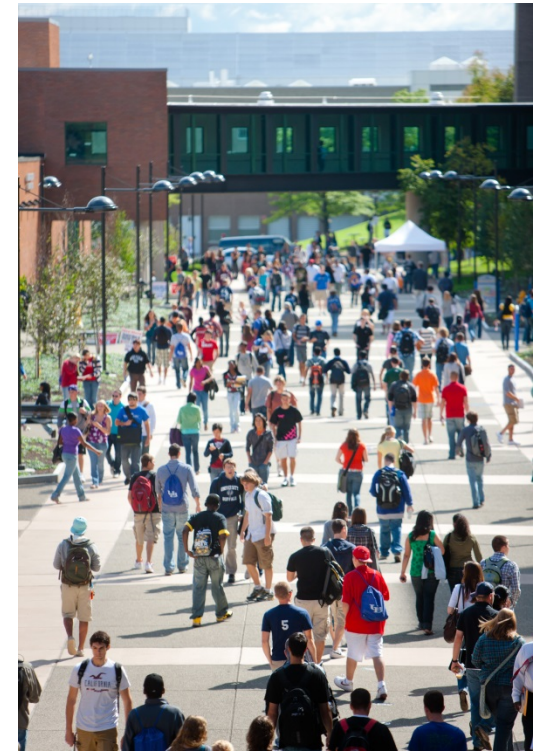
- Collaboration with Buffalo's cultural institutions and organizations
- Includes residency program and Arts One undergraduate course
- Enhances UB's presence in local cultural community and provides opportunities for students to engage in it





Looking Forward: Growth at UB

- UB delivers impactful and transformative research, educational opportunities, experiences, and engagement
- Your contributions make this possible
- NYS and nation desire growth of well-educated citizenry and professionals for knowledge-based economy
- Growth allows UB to expand impact and public good



What is the Impact of Growth?

- We are exploring how and where to grow and what this growth will mean for the university
- How do we ensure that we continue to deliver educational, research, and operational excellence?