

## **MAY 2014 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2014

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, J. Bay, D. Burns, P. Donovan, C. Giruzzi, and  
T. Max

Cabinet Members:

W. Durgin and R. Geer

Invited Guests:

A. Kaloyeros and Z. Thomova

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the May meeting, which was held in Albany at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE.) Prior to the meeting, the Council was privileged to receive a guided tour of the world-class facilities at CNSE.

### **Discussion**

The College Council members were joined by Dr. Alain Kaloyeros, chief executive officer and officer in charge, who discussed the history of CNSE and SUNYIT, his vision for the merger, and where we currently stand with the SUNY Board of Trustees.

The SUNY Board voted to separate CNSE from the University of Albany in July of 2013 and at that time, Dr. Kaloyeros advised he needed to look at merging CNSE with a similar institution. When SUNY System Administration approached him about merging campuses with SUNYIT, given the current financial struggles SUNYIT was facing, he felt this was a great idea.

There is no intent to close any of the academic programs or reduce departments or staff at this time. Also, Dr. Kaloyeros advised he is working towards creating one administration to oversee both campuses.

The \$1.5 million deficit SUNYIT currently has for academic year 2013-14 will be absorbed by CNSE.

Dr. Geer advised we would be reaching out to our stakeholders in the near future to update the SUNYIT Strategic Plan to incorporate the new merged institution. The plan was initially completed in 2012.

Dr. Kaloyeros updated the Council on the projects the newly merged institution is involved in, noting there are three projects in Buffalo, two sites in Rochester and one in Syracuse.

The Council discussed a new proposed academic structure, which will consist of three colleges at the Utica campus and one college at the Albany campus.

Also, the Council inquired as to the official name for the merged institution and New York Polytechnic Institution or SUNY Polytechnic Institute have been brought forward, however, no name can be finalized without the approval of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by P. Donovan and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanson thanked the Council for their continued support.

### **Provost's Report**

Dr. Durgin reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, which was distributed to the Council prior to today's meeting. He noted freshman quality has remained high, as our average student SAT scores range around 1150. Freshman deposits are up and we anticipate being close to full on dorm space for the fall semester.

The Council discussed the upcoming Middle States team visit scheduled for March 2015 and how the merger will affect our reaccreditation. Dr. Durgin advised we have been in constant discussion with our MS Liaison regarding the merger and we plan to submit as the same SUNYIT institution and anticipate approval with a follow-up evaluation in 2-3 years as a merged institution.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Geer advised CNSE has committed financial resources to help the Utica campus move past recovery and assist in faculty growth and help to grow programs.

The FSMC projects in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse will lead to excellent platforms for our students in terms of internships, as well as opportunities for our graduates for jobs and our faculties for research.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Hanson distributed a memorandum to the Council asking for their support of the SUNY Board of Trustees resolution merging SUNYIT and CNSE into one new institution.

**A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by D. Burns to approve the memorandum to Chancellor Zimpher supporting the March 19, 2014 Board of Trustees resolution merging SUNYIT and the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. All were in favor.**

### **Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.