

SEPTEMBER 2014 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, September 8, 2014

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, J. Bay, D. Burns, J. Corasanti, A. Feole,
N. Hinman, and T. Max

Administration:

W. Durgin, R. Fuller, S. Head, M. Lyons, P. Perkins, R. Geer, and Dan
White (via video conference)

Invited Guests:

J.P. Kidwell and C. Phipps

Additional Attendees:

R. Sarner

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new student representative Aleesha Feole, followed by the introduction of Cabinet and College Council members.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by D. Burns to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson advised the 2014 Association of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) Conference is scheduled for October 24-26, at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George. There are several sessions held throughout the three-day conference that are beneficial to Council members. If you are interested in attending, please contact L. Hartman.

Sexual Abuse Prevention

Chairman Hanson stated sexual abuse prevention is a high visibility topic on college campuses and it was suggested at a recent ACT meeting that College Councils be briefed at an upcoming meeting.

M. Lyons discussed the many initiatives going on across both the Albany and Utica campuses in regards to sexual assault/sexual violence prevention. We have been working hard to implement best practices across the campuses.

Over the past eight months, SUNY CNSE/SUNYIT has taken on the following initiatives:

- The creation of a Title IX Committee; including a coordinator and deputy coordinator. The Committee meeting is bi-weekly.

- Created a Title IX webpage.
- Ongoing training in Title IX, VAWA, Clery (Student Affairs, HR, University Police)
- Student Leadership Training

SUNY now has a Title IX expert in their counsel's office who provides us a great deal of guidance as we update our policies and procedures and student code of conduct to ensure we meet the obligations of the law.

M. Lyons explained we have also been educating the campus community in a variety of ways on sexual assault prevention. Some examples are: providing new student orientation programs, requiring all freshmen to attend first-year seminar, offering a wide variety of programming encompassing this topic to students, and keeping updated information in our student handbook.

M. Lyons shared with the Council some of the upcoming educational events that are planned across campus pertaining to sexual assault prevention; they include a nationally recognized speaker on nonviolent sexuality, Bob Hall, and a campus climate survey, which is modeled after the White House Task Force Best Practice.

Provost's Report

Dr. Durgin reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, noting enrollment is up 10.5% this year and headcount is at 2761. Our current dorm population is at 766 students. It is a requirement for first and second year students to live on campus unless they live within 30-mile radius and go through a waiver process.

Dr. Durgin discussed the breakdown of our current student profile, noting we have a total student body of 2761 students, a record number of freshman with 350, and over 460 new transfer students.

Dr. Durgin reviewed the new campus structure, explaining we now have a five-college structure; the colleges on the Utica campus are College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering, and College of Health Sciences & Management. The colleges on the Albany campus are College of Nanoscale Engineering & Technology Innovation and College of Nanoscale Science.

The Utica campus this semester welcomed eleven new members of the faculty. They are:

College of Arts & Sciences

- Alexander Bulson – Lecturer, Communications
- Wenfeng Chen – Lecturer, Mathematics
- Marcy Mullen – Lecturer, Biology
- David Pasick – Lecturer, Criminal Justice
- Lena Bertone – Lecturer, Communications
- Kathleen Taylor – Lecturer, English
- Hanbing Wang – Lecturer, Chemistry

College of Engineering

- Dr. Michael Reale – Assistant Professor, Computer Science
- Dr. Roopa Vishwanathan – Assistant Professor, Computer Science

College of Health Sciences & Management

- Dr. Marie Odile-Richard – Assistant Professor, Marketing
- Dr. Kathleen Sellers – Associate Professor, Nursing

Chairman Hanson asked if we explain the difference between engineering and engineering technology programs to incoming students. Dr. Durgin explained he was very concerned about this when he came to campus and we have gone to great lengths to make sure students and parents can easily distinguish between these two programs. R. Fuller added the Admissions staff would be meeting with D. Jones tomorrow to further discuss so the Admissions counselors are fully aware of the difference between the programs.

Senior Vice President & COO's Report

Merger Update – Dr. Geer stated the SUNY CNSE State employees have been transferred to SUNYIT payroll. The administrative leadership has also been unified. There are two other main activities that remain, one is the reregistration of CNSE programs to SUNYIT with SED and we anticipate this will move forward quickly.

The second component is with Middle States; this is the substantive change, about which a single package was prepared and sent to MS on the transfer of CNSE programs to SUNYIT. This was kept separate from the decennial review. We anticipate a conclusion by the end of the year, as a change needs to be approved and completed in order for any students to be admitted to CNSE programs.

The renaming of the institution to SUNY Polytechnic Institute is coming to a close, as Chancellor Zimpher and the Academic Affairs Committee have endorsed it. The change will now go before the SUNY Board of Trustees. The Chancellor is pushing for the short form name to be SUNY Poly.

Financial Update – In terms of the last academic year, we have made some wonderful efforts as we had a \$1.5 million structural deficit as of June 30; however, we were able to make it to the end of the year without going into the red for any extended periods. B. Geer advised we were able to get some relief on the residence halls last year that was unexpected.

For this year, the increase in enrollment and increase in residence hall numbers will definitely help; however, we may still have a structural deficit. Dr. Kaloyeros is very adamant about not using short-term loans; he would prefer we work with CNSE to work through any financial difficulties.

B. Geer advised we are moving forward under one institutional budget now and we hope to be able to move to a point of solvency in a three-year timeframe and will draw from CNSE to help balance if necessary. He pointed out part of our plan is to continue to add full-time faculty members.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.