

## **APRIL 2016 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2016

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, D. Burns, and M. Veiz

Administration:

W. Durgin, R. Geer, and M. Lyons

Guests:

M. Heyboer, M. Lemire and E. Zeina

The College Council meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. and is being held at our Albany campus. Following the meeting, Council members will be provided a tour of new student space.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged with only three Council members in attendance, we do not have a quorum present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*As there are not an adequate number of Council members present to constitute a quorum, the minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting will be presented for approval at the September 2016 meeting.*

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanson provided an update from the ACT conference call of April 25, 2016, noting Chancellor Zimpher was also on the call.

The SUNY Board of Trustees have added significant diversity requirements to the process for selecting College Presidents.

SUNY System did not fare well in the NYS budget process. Chairman Hanson explained while there was an increase to the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) funding, there was no increase to the requested tuition increase and they did not get maintenance of effort. The maintenance of effort would have guaranteed future funding for costs associated with increases negotiated in collective bargaining agreements and would have required the State fund increases in other operational costs, such as utilities and rent. This could have a negative impact on funding of Performance Improvement Plans and there could be a possible impact on fees. Some colleges/universities have a significant amount of dollars in reserve and this appears to be one of the reasons SUNY did not get the requested funding.

Each college/university is now required to have a Chief Diversity Officer.

### **President and Senior Vice President & COO's Report**

Dr. Geer advised final input from faculty and staff has been received for the Strategic Plan and we anticipate the final plan to be ready for Dr. Kaloyeros' review shortly after the spring 2016 semester is complete.

The artist rendering for the new Albany dorm project was shared with Council members. The project is a three phase project to total 500 beds over three years, including a student quad. Phase one will include 130 beds. Dr. Geer advised we are currently determining financing for this project, as we are discussing the benefits to using DASNY or our Foundation.

In Utica, approximately 60-70% of the first floor of Donovan Hall will be receiving renovations, as part of the \$11 million SUNY 2020 award. The project is currently in design phase. We anticipate the architect to complete the plan in early summer and the bid to be awarded in fall. This project is scheduled to be complete in June 2017.

The current Health and Wellness space on the Utica site will be relocated from Oriskany Hall to the Campus Center. This project will begin over summer.

### **Provost's Report**

The Middle States review team was onsite February 21 thru 24. Dr. Durgin stated the team looked at fourteen specific standards and, overall, the review went well. The team presented a draft report on the last day of their visit. We will be fully accredited, however, the team did provide recommendations for several of the standards. The team leader will present the final report to the Commissioners on May 8.

Dr. Durgin stated the accreditation review is important for many reasons, including it satisfies the US Department of Education, enables federal funding, focuses on continuous improvement and identified our weaknesses.

A final report from Middle States could be received as early as June or as late as November.

Dr. Durgin thanked the members of the College Council who participated in the meeting with the team reviewers.

### **Student Code of Conduct**

M. Lyons and M. Lemire, SUNY Poly Legal Counsel, reviewed the recommended revisions to the Student Code of Personal Conduct. These changes are based on recent Administrative Board Hearings.

Following the discussion, Chairman Hanson asked if we could schedule a special meeting of the College Council for June to further discuss and approve the recommended revisions.

M. Lyons stated that her staff is pulling together a committee to assist in rewriting the code and they hope for participation for the Council.

### **Student Association Report**

M. Veiz advised the student government organizations from Albany and Utica have met and new policies are in place. An overarching body has been created that consists of the president and vice president from both locations.

SUNY Poly is now a doctoral granting institution, therefore, we will not have two voting delegates at the SUNY Student Association Conference.

The Student Association recently organized a Relay for Life event, which was held in Utica at the Wildcat Field House. The event saw great success and students plan to continue to host this event.

M. Veiz thanked the College Council for their support over the past year, she noted this has been a great experience.

### **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute College Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Albany site. Chairman Hanson requested the College Council have an opportunity to see the location for the new dorm and the student focused areas.

The meeting concluded at 6:19 p.m.