

## **FEBRUARY 2017 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, D. Burns, N. Hinman and E. Zeina  
Administration:

W. Durgin, M. Frame, R. Fuller, R. Haines, M. Lyons, B. Sammakia

Guests:

M. Heyboer and M. Lemire

The February College Council meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by D. Burns to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

**A motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by G. Aney to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

Subsequent to November 7 the Council learned that a quorum was not met due to new rules for satisfying Open Meeting requirements. However, the Council reviewed the notes from November 7, 2016 and felt the notes were a good summary of the discussion.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Sammakia thanked the College Council for their confidence in him moving SUNY Poly forward. He has two major tasks that he will focus a majority of his time on and they are addressing fiscal issues and creating a culture of transparency.

Dr. Sammakia has formed a fiscal planning team that meets on a weekly basis and includes representation from various departments. The team is working closely with SUNY, Research Foundation and New York State.

A senior's office group (SOG) has also been created; the group includes a diverse representation across the Utica and Albany campuses, including a representative from faculty. The group meets weekly to discuss a variety of campus-wide matters.

There are six tactical priorities that Dr. Sammakia has identified and teams have been created to address each priority. The priorities are:

- Achieve financial stability and operate in a fiscally responsible manner

- Respect and empower the individual, strengthen ALL at Poly
- Engage in path-breaking graduate education, research, scholarship and creative activities that shape the world
- Provide a transformative learning community that prepares students for advanced education, careers and purposeful living
- Unite to foster a diverse, equitable, safe, friendly and inclusive campus culture
- Enhance the University's economic, social and cultural impact through engagement from the local to the global level

Dr. Sammakia provided an update on Fort Schuyler Management Corporation (FSMC) and Fuller Road Management Corporation (FRMC.) He is working with Economic State Development (ESD) and the FSMC and FRMC boards to create a plan to move towards financial stability.

SUNY is committed to making SUNY Poly work and they feel two campuses are stronger together than apart.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanson acknowledged the recent passing of Dr. Theodore Max, who was not only a College Council member, but also a long-time SUNY Poly supporter. The Council agreed that a proclamation should be presented to the family on behalf of the Council.

Chairman Hanson discussed the memo he sent to the Council a few weeks ago and particularly mentioned Dr. Sammakia's request to connect with local community members. He has been able to coordinate meetings with leadership from AFRL and Rome Chamber. If you have connections with individuals or groups, please let Chairman Hanson know, as he would be happy to assist in coordinating introductions.

### **Provost's Report**

Dr. Durgin presented a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted various topics to the Council.

Enrollment is now available for two new programs, bachelors in Interactive Media and Game Design (IMDG) and masters in Systems Engineering. We have received over 100 applications for the IMDG program.

Commencement ceremonies have been scheduled at the Utica and Albany campuses. The Utica ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 6 and the Albany ceremony on Saturday, May 20. College Council members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Dr. Durgin stated he is working towards fully integrating academics between the two campuses. This would include the delivery of courses back and forth between Utica and Albany.

## **Student Affairs & Enrollment Report**

M. Lyons shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Council, which provided an update on Student Affairs at both the Albany and Utica campuses. Updates were provided for Wildcat Athletics, Career Services, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Disability Services, Residential Life & Housing, Student Activities/Campus Life, and Student Conduct and Leadership Development.

R. Fuller provided an update on enrollment, noting an enrollment summit was held the first week of February that included our president, provost, deans, and invited faculty and staff from both campuses. The event consisted of six breakout groups that then reconvened to present on their findings. R. Fuller pointed out there were several ideas that could be immediately launched, including new academic opportunities, new marketing strategies, and international opportunities.

## **Student Association Update**

The Student Association hosted very successful Red Cross Blood Drives on November 15, 2016 and February 7, 2017. There will be one additional blood drive for the academic year and is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Representatives from both the Utica and Albany Student Associations will participate in the SUNY Spring Student Assembly Conference, entitled *Student Leadership: Driving the Dialogue Behind Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*. The conference will take place April 7-9, 2017 in Rochester.

The All-American Rejects (American rock band) will play the spring SUNY Poly concert scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. The concert is open to the public and we anticipate providing transportation for the Albany based students.

## **Executive Session**

**At 5:40 p.m., Chairman Hanson requested the meeting move to Executive Session to allow for an overview of Open Meeting Law by Mark Lemire. All were in favor.**

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute College Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Albany site.

**Immediately following Executive Session, Chairman Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.**