

MAY 2015 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, J. Bay, J. Corasanti, A. Feole (via phone), C. Giruzzi (via phone), N. Hinman, and T. Max

Administration:

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

Guest:

M. Lemire

Chairman Hanson called the College Council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The May meeting was held at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Albany site.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by N. Hinman to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson provided an update from the ACT Board of Directors conference call held on April 29, 2015. Those updates are as follows:

- Stacey Hengsternan, associate chancellor for university relations & chief of staff, stated the budget did okay. Governor Cuomo has committed \$18 million to an investment fund and SUNY is looking for additional funding opportunities for project-based proposals from SUNY colleges, and their partners, for both operating and capital funding projects. Also, SUNY is trying to get an extension of the rational tuition plan passed.
- Jim Campbell provided a legislative update, noting Governor Cuomo is working on a sexual assault policy that will be adopted by all colleges in NYS. He also advised tuition flexibility will be available for students from bordering states, there is a prohibition of naming buildings for current public individuals, and all campuses will be moving to be tobacco-free.
- The 2015 ACT Conference will be held October 16-18, 2015, in Saratoga Springs with sessions focusing on duties of the Council and fundraising.
- The 2016 ACT Conference will be held September 30 – October 2, 2016, at Woodcliff near Rochester. Sessions are still TBD.

President and Senior Vice President & COO's Report

Dr. Geer stated there are currently about 35 freshmen that will be entering at the Albany site. We are currently working on finalizing housing, meal plan, and health and wellness.

The Albany site has engaged in temporary housing with a residence hotel, Cresthill Suites, which is within walking distance to SUNY Poly, for the 2015-16 academic year. Freshmen and transfer students will have access to the entire third floor, via card key access.

Dr. Geer explained one of the most critical items moving forward will be permanent housing and an RFP was issued and closed on May 1. The new dorm will be walking distance to SUNY Poly. The dorm will be done in 2 or 3 phases, with the first phase to include 180 beds with total beds to be 500. The schedule will be very aggressive, which is why the decision was made to go with a private developer and not the State University Construction Fund.

The Council discussed the need for an additional dorm on the Utica site as well.

Meal plans will be split between Cresthill Suites (offering breakfast and dinner) and Chartwells, which is located at SUNY Poly. There will be two locations at SUNY Poly offering meal options for students. There is also a full kitchen in each of the rooms.

In regards to Health and Wellness, a working group was put together to develop a proposal and submit to Dr. Kaloyeros. For the 2015-16 academic year, an arrangement is being put together with a local health care practitioner to provide services to students. After this year, a similar model to Utica will be created for Albany.

Dr. Geer advised we submitted the proposal to transfer our PhD programs to SUNY Poly in January. The proposal has been approved by SUNY and SED and has moved to the Board of Regents; it is on the docket for their May meeting. Once approved it will be sent to the Governor's office for signature. We will then be a doctoral granting institution. This is the last step in the merger process.

Provost's Report

Dr. Durgin reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, highlighting 2015 freshmen deposits of 306, with an anticipated final enrollment number of 345. He pointed out we have significantly increased our admission standards in the computer science program. Also, SUNY Poly has increased their tier 1 and 2 students from 60% to 69% over the past 5-years and this past year we have increased the SAT scores of admitted students by 20 points.

Strategic Planning booklets were distributed and reviewed. The task force collected "big ideas" from faculty and staff on items that could help build capacity and expansion. The committee will review and flesh out those submittals that have the capabilities of being

implemented across either site. Dr. Durgin pointed out that the Strategic Plan will be incorporated into the Middle States Self-Study and we are planning for the draft to be complete by the end of May.

In regards to accreditations, Dr. Durgin advised the ABET team was on campus in February to review the four engineering technology programs and the electrical and computer engineering program. We received the draft report and are currently working on a response. The commission meets in July; therefore, we anticipate the final report end of July/August 2015. We anticipate we will receive accreditation in all programs.

Student Code of Conduct Revisions

M. Lyons reviewed a memo sent to the Council members outlining suggested revisions to the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct in relations to the Judicial Board. She advised the intent of the changes is to increase the pool of faculty, staff and students to have representatives from both the Utica and Albany site. A quorum will consist of five (5) Judicial Board members (to include two (2) students), with one member serving as chair of the proceeding.

C. Giruzzi asked if the Judicial Board members went through training, in which M. Lyons advised they have annual training, plus this year we have added sexual training and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) training.

A motion was made by Dr. Bay and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the Student Code of Conduct revisions as presented. All were in favor.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.