

NOVEMBER 2016 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, November 7, 2016

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, D. Burns, C. Giruzzi, and E. Zeina

J. Corasanti and N. Hinman (via telephone conference)

Administration:

W. Durgin, R. Fuller, S. Head, R. Geer, and M. Lyons

Guests:

A. Cartwright, M. Lemire

The College Council meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Alex Cartwright, SUNY provost and SUNY Poly officer-in-charge, for attending today's meeting. College Council and Cabinet members introduced themselves.

Officer-in-Charge

Dr. Cartwright thanked the Council for inviting him to today's meeting, noting it has been great working with everyone from SUNY Poly. Chancellor Zimpher and Chairman McCall have asked several members of SUNY System to work as a team and oversee SUNY Poly through this transition period until an interim president can be appointed. He advised the team consists of Eileen McLoughlin, senior vice chancellor for finance; Joseph Porter, senior vice chancellor for legal affairs, Stacey Hengsterman, chief of staff, and himself.

The team is working hard to get a comprehensive understanding of the campus needs and have been conducting a lot of conversations with various constituents across campus, including faculty, staff, students, campus leaders, and administrators.

The transition team will also be working closely with Empire State Development (ESD) to determine how to best move forward with the economic development projects.

Dr. Cartwright announced Dr. Bahgat Sammakia, current vice president for research at Binghamton University, will be joining SUNY Poly as interim president on or around December 1.

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 and June 23, 2016 meetings will be presented for approval at the February 2017 meeting.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson provided an update from the ACT conference held in Rochester from September 30 to October 2. SUNY Trustee Eunice Lewin was the guest speaker on Friday evening.

On Saturday morning, Provost Cartwright provided an update on the many ongoing programs within the SUNY System. Conference attendees also received a presentation on START-UP NY, which offers new and expanding businesses the opportunity to operate tax-free for 10-years on or near eligible university or college campuses in New York State. The last morning session focused on Codes of Conduct and Sexual Assault. It was explained that Education Law 129 provides a uniform policy for all SUNY campuses, but due to different circumstances at various campuses the implementation of the Law was up to each campus. A roundtable discussion focused on Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), this program is for students that are both academically and economically disadvantaged. Chairman Hanson would like an overview of our EOP program at a future meeting.

Chairman Hanson pointed out the Council currently has only 7 active members, as Dr. Max is in poor health and not able to attend. Getting a quorum has been challenging. In his annual report to the SUNY Board of Trustees, he requested Chairman McCall's assistance in recruiting additional members, in particular from the Albany area.

Senior Vice President & COO's Report

The Health and Wellness relocation project from Oriskany Hall to Campus Center is on schedule and should be complete spring/summer 2017. The newly renovated space will be available for students for the fall 2017.

In Albany, we have contracted with Albany Medical Center to provide health center services.

The first floor of Donovan Hall is undergoing a large renovation project, which is part of the \$11 million SUNY 2020 award. Design phase is complete and the project has been awarded to Gaetano Construction. Anticipated project completion date is summer 2017.

In Albany, there is a smaller education training facility being modified in NanoFab South. This is part of the SUNY 2020 project.

Dr. Geer stated ESD is working closely with SUNY Poly to make sure projects move forward. In regards to the Nano Utica project, tooling is currently at 75% complete for the first half of the project, which is based in Albany.

Provost's Report

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

In regards to enrollment, we are seeing a slight decrease from last year, but we are still above our growth curve. The dorms in Utica are full and retention has increased to 79%.

Dr. Durgin highlighted the new faculty and staff we have welcome to both the Utica and Albany campuses. He also emphasized the good work by our faculty and shared current promotions and continuing appointments.

Michael Manning has been hired as our Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer. He will begin on November 17.

Accreditation activity was discussed with the Council and Dr. Durgin stated a final report from Middle States was received and we received the full 8-year reaccreditation. Upcoming reviews will be conducted by ABET for Mechanical Engineering and AACSB for Business Management.

The proposal for the Systems Engineering M.S. degree was approved and will be available for fall 2017. The Interactive Media & Game Design (IMGD) B.S. degree has also received full approval and is receiving applicants for fall 2017.

The Strategic Plan is complete and will be shared with the College Council at the spring meeting.

Student Association Report

The Student Association hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in September. This was one of four blood drives to be held on campus during the academic year. The campus has a great turnout for these events and the Red Cross has agreed to send additional staff for the next event, which is scheduled for November 15.

The Student Association will be representing SUNY Poly at the SUNY Student Assembly Fall Conference this week. Twelve students from Utica and several more from Albany will be in attendance.

E. Zeina provided an overview of the student governance structure, he explained the Student Association is the overarching body, consisting of both Utica and Albany students. There are three additional student government bodies, they are Student Government Utica (SGU), Albany Graduate Association and Albany Undergraduate Association.

A new software program, Org Synch, is being purchased. primarily by the Student Association. to assist with tracking of non-academic activities across campus. This new software is anticipated to go live in the spring semester

Adjournment

The next meeting of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute College Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 4:37 p.m.

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