

SEPTEMBER 2015 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, September 28, 2015

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, J. Bay, J. Corasanti, P. Donovan, C. Giruzzi, N. Hinman (on phone), T. Max, and M. Veiz

Administration:

W. Durgin, R. Geer, R. Fuller, V. Fusco, J. Kidwell, and M. Lyons

Invited Guests:

R. Kuhn and M. Lemire

The September College Council meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting: College Council and Cabinet members introduced themselves and they welcomed new student representative Merima Veiz and faculty representative Russ Kuhn to the meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the College Council and Cabinet members were provided a tour of the new Biology/Chemistry Lab located in Donovan Hall.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Chairman's Report

The 2015 ACT (Association of Council Members and College Trustees) Conference will be held October 16-18, 2015, in Saratoga Springs with sessions focusing on duties of the Council and fundraising. Chairman Hanson is attending the conference and welcomed other Council members to also attend.

Chairman Hanson shared opportunities for SUNY Poly college students to participate in American Red Cross activities, noting they would like to see more diversity in those who donate blood. M. Lyons advised the Student Association hosts blood drives frequently on campus and in the past, we have been recognized with scholarship dollars due to the high number of units we collect. M. Veiz stated she will talk to the Student Association about ways to increase participation.

President and Senior Vice President & COO's Report

Dr. Geer updated the Council on recent activity in Buffalo regarding the Buffalo Billion project. He advised a statement was recently issued by SUNY Poly stating that FSMC

followed the bid process put in place by NYS. Dr. Geer believes it will be determined that all processes were followed.

The merger process is now complete with the approval of the transfer of PhD programs from University of Albany to SUNY Poly. Also, there is new signage in place on campus.

Faculty has been working diligently to create a joint governance structure. Work began in the spring semester to create this overarching governance structure and last week a vote was conducted across both sites and the proposed structure was approved.

Governor Cuomo was at Quad-C on Thursday, August 20 to announce General Electric as the first tenant for the building. GE will utilize at least half the space in the building to do micro processing. J. Corasanti asked if they will be making chips in Utica, but B. Geer advised the front-end process will be in Albany and they will come here for processing. Also, it was announced that AMS will be the first tenant for the Marcy NanoCenter site.

Provost's Report

Dr. Durgin reviewed his PowerPoint presentation, which included an update on enrollment. R. Fuller believes the name change was confusing for some potential students and, also, students were initially unable to apply to the Albany site. However, our students are stronger than ever before and Dr. Durgin stated we are well on track for our enrollment targets even though our growth was smaller this year than the previous year.

Dr. Durgin advised we have 14 new faculty members across both sites and also 27 new staff members in Utica. Also, SUNY Poly gave continuing appointment and/or promotion to 13 faculty members.

Final notification was received regarding our ABET Accreditation held in October 2014, final results are:

- Mechanical Engineering Technology program received a 6-year accreditation
- Civil, Computer, and Electrical Engineering Technology programs received a 3-year accreditation
- Electrical and Computer Engineering program received a 4-year accreditation (will go retro to all students who have graduated this program)

Our Middle States decennial accreditation visit is scheduled for February 2016. Chair of the review is Dr. John Anderson and he will be onsite November 2 and 3 for a preliminary visit. The draft self-study is almost ready to send to Dr. Anderson. We anticipate a review team of 7-10 members, plus the chair.

The Strategic Plan is moving forward and we are working to fill in any missing information. V. Fusco advised we are working hard to make sure the Middle States self-study and the Strategic Plan are coordinated with the same information.

Dr. Durgin reviewed special funding received by SUNY Poly, noting we have one new high needs grant this year (\$50k.) This grant is designated towards a partnership with Hudson Valley on a nursing program. The SUNY 2020 grant will go towards refurbishing a significant portion of Donovan Hall. We anticipate the bid in January with construction to begin in May. There is about \$10.6 million to spend with \$3-4 million designated toward construction and the remainder used to purchase laboratory and shop equipment. We will have a premiere smart laboratory on the Utica site.

Student Code of Conduct Revisions

M. Lyons reviewed a memo sent to the Council members outlining revisions made to the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct. The revisions were required to coincide with the new SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Policies, VAWA, and “Enough is Enough” legislation. An index of the changes was provided to the Council on Attachment 2.

M. Lyons advised a line by line review of the code was conducted by M. Lemire and herself and due to the extensive changes over the past few years, she is recommending that a working group be formed to develop a new Code, which will be streamlined to better serve our community. Council participation would be welcomed.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Code, a motion was made by Chairman Hanson and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. All were in favor.

L. Hartman will follow-up with an email to Council members asking for volunteers to be part of the working group. C. Giruzzi advised he would like to participate.

Adjournment

At 6:15 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by C. Giruzzi to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.