

## **APRIL 2009 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2009

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

P. Brennan (Chairman), G. Aney, J. Corasanti (via conference call),  
T. Max, J. Murad, D. Robinson, and Z. Hoffman

Guests:

R. Cavallo, V. Fusco, J. Edwards, S. Havlovic, M. Lyons, R. Mullick,  
A. Panebianco, B. Reichel, J. Swann, and W. Yeigh

Chairman, Patrick Brennan, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

John Murad was welcomed to his first College Council meeting. All attendees introduced themselves to Judge Murad.

Acknowledgment was given to Joe Corasanti and ConMed for their recent recognition in Business Week.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by Mr. Aney to approve the minutes of the December 08, 2008, College Council meeting as presented. All were in favor.*

### **School of Business achieves AACSB Accreditation**

School of Business (SOB) Dean, Steve Havlovic, did a presentation on the SOB and discussed the process leading up to their recent AACSB Accreditation.

President Yeigh stated this accreditation has been a long process and is significant to SUNYIT. Congratulations to Dean Havlovic, faculty, and staff. Only about 5% of business schools receive this level of accomplishment.

### **The State of the SUNYIT Student Association**

As recommended during the December College Council meeting, Jeremiah Edwards, president of the Student Association, presented an update of the student's viewpoint. Mr. Edwards discussed concerns with the student body and recent student association activity.

Some of the concerns include: 1) Overcrowding of residence halls, 2) lack of access to campus facilities, 3) communication between college and students, 4) need for more student representation in administrative groups, and 5) an increase of tuition causing drop-outs. Zach Hoffman stated that he understands that the first four concerns are growing pains and growth can be good and bad.

Mr. Edwards also discussed some of the recent student association accomplishments: 1) change in SUNY student assembly leadership, 2) club funding board undergoing revisions, 3) budget/financial policies are undergoing revisions, 4) efforts to increase Centro bus availability, 5) recent special projects, 6) upcoming special projects, and 7) recent philanthropic activity.

The College Council requested that administration respond to the concerns of the student assembly. In response to the concerns, there is a new freshmen dorm that will be constructed soon, discussions have occurred with our Director of Athletics to allow students the use of gym and swimming pool, and communication between college and students has improved slightly. It was also noted that the students are part of the design process on the new dorms and the new residence halls are being designed with enough ports.

Chairman Brennan wants students to know that the College Council is concerned and they want students to have a first rate experience.

### **President's Brief**

#### **A. Status of Searches: Provost, Executive Director of Development**

President Yeigh updated the Council on the two searches that are currently underway. The Provost position, which was VP of Academic Affairs, reflects an organizational change. This position will now oversee student affairs as well as academic affairs. The search committee consists of 13 members and there are 5 finalists. He anticipates the search to wrap-up in mid-May.

The Director of Development search remains open. Our initial search revealed weaknesses in operations and our inability to attract good candidates. We have retained a consulting group to do an assessment of operations, implement changes within the infrastructure, and assist with the search.

President Yeigh stated that he has included Marybeth Lyons, assistant VP, and Anthony Panebianco, associate VP for human resources, to his cabinet. The new Director of Development, when hired, will also join the cabinet.

#### **B. Campus Advancement**

President Yeigh announced he has recently started the President's Opportunity Fund for Student Success and Faculty/Staff Development. He stated that we raised \$25k during the Phonathon and there is presently \$60k available in the fund. A portion of this scholarship will be used to sustain our students who are excelling and to keep them returning each year. President Yeigh advised that the SUNYIT Foundation is at a 100% contribution rate and requests that the Council also is at 100%.

### **President's Cabinet Briefs**

#### **A. Student Affairs: Rosemary Mullick**

An update on student affairs was given by Rosemary Mullick.

Dr. Mullick discussed suggested revisions to the Student Judicial Code. A draft of changes will be sent out prior to the next meeting as approval is required from the College Council.

B. Academic Affairs: Rosemary Mullick

An update on academic affairs was given by Dr. Mullick. She announced that the May commencement speaker will be John Goglia, a former member of the National Transportation Safety Board. Chairman Brennan stated he would like to see 100% participation of the Council at the commencement ceremony.

C. Administration: Bruce Reichel

- a. Budget – A budget update was given. Mr. Reichel stated that SUNY System is anticipating a 9.2% cut for this coming year, but legislature has not passed this yet.
- b. Capital Projects
  - i. Construction – Mr. Reichel discussed the construction timeline. He stated the new student center bid went out and local contractor Gaetano Construction was low bidder. The new fieldhouse design is about 75% done. New signs have been placed at the campus entrances. The construction of two new parking lots will be completed this summer, which will allow for closer parking and additional parking spots.
  - ii. Campus Road Naming – The road naming voting will be held until the next meeting as there is no longer a quorum present.

**Executive Session**

***Chairman Brennan requested a motion to convene Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Robinson made the motion, Mr. Hoffman seconded, and the vote was unanimous.***

**Adjournment:**

***Chairman Brennan requested a motion to return to Public Session. Mr. Robinson made the motion, Mr. Hoffman seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.***