

SEPTEMBER 2009 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

P. Brennan (Chairman), G. Aney, P. Donovan, L. Enright, S. Lockwood,
and T. Max

Guests:

R. Cavallo, A. Harrison, M. Lyons, A. Panebianco, P. Perkins, B. Reichel,
J. Swann, D. Tyksinski, and W. Yeigh

Chairman, Patrick Brennan, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Brennan welcomed and introduced Deb Tyksinski, Assistant Vice President for Sponsored Research; Peter Perkins, Director of Development; and Laurie Hartman, Assistant to Dr. Yeigh; to their first College Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes of the April 02, 2009, College Council meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Finalize Road Naming

Dr. Yeigh reviewed the results of the survey recently conducted on campus street names. The survey was included in the College Council packets.

A motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Mr. Aney to approve the recommendation of the campus street naming survey by changing the name of Flanagan Road to Hilltop Drive. All were in favor.

It was noted that with the College Council approval the road could be renamed at a later date if warranted.

Residence Hall Naming

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the naming of the new 240-bed freshmen residence hall which is currently in design phase. A variety of suggestions were discussed, including Catskill Hall, Green Dorm, Fort Schuyler Hall, Wildcat Dorm, Freshmen Dorm, and Oriskany Hall. The group wanted to choose a name that would reflect our regional attractions without favoring either the Utica or Rome area. Dr. Max stressed the importance of using this new building as a philanthropy opportunity.

A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by Mr. Aney to approve the suggestion made by Mr. Swann to use Oriskany Hall as a placeholder for the new 240-bed freshmen dorm. All were in favor.

President's Report

Dr. Yeigh advised that enrollment is continuing to grow and we currently have a headcount of 2900 with 2100 full-time equivalents.

The budget is flat. We have been able to balance last year and this year so far with no net increases. Some institutions have had to make cuts but we haven't had to do that at this point.

Dr. Yeigh stated he has made two new appointments; they are the appointment of Dr. Esther Bankert, provost, and Peter Perkins, director of development. He informed the College Council about his recent merging of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs under Dr. Bankert. Mr. Perkins was previously our director of career services.

An announcement was recently made publicizing a partnership between SUNYIT and SUNY Ulster to deliver our Bachelor of Nursing Program at their institution. This new partnership was partly due to the recent discontinuation of the nursing program at SUNY New Paltz.

SUNYIT has an up-to-date emergency action plan put together by faculty, staff, and the community to respond to a potential H1N1 outbreak. We presently have no confirmed cases of H1N1 on campus and we appear to be low in cases of flu like illnesses compared to other institutions.

Dr. Yeigh recently attended several SUNY meetings in NYC to discuss all of the new activity occurring at SUNYIT. The meetings he attended were the Academic Affairs Committee, Comprehensive and Technology Colleges Committee, Board of Trustees, and Academic Medical Centers and Hospitals Committee. Dr. Yeigh stated that his presentations were very well received and this was a great opportunity to get our name and presence out.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss SUNYIT's new 10-year strategic plan. The initial work group is represented by faculty, staff, and students. Once the plan is fleshed out, we will bring to the College Council for review and recommendation. The Council will serve in an advisory role.

SUNY System is also going through their strategic planning process. Chancellor Zimpher has recently completed stage one, which is a tour of all 64 SUNY campuses. Stage two of her plan is to have seven state-wide town hall meetings. Stage three will be to launch the new plan and stage four will be implementation and beyond.

A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Mr. Donovan to accept Dr. Yeigh's report as presented. All were in favor.

Chairman Brennan inquired to the timeline for the SUNYIT strategic plan. Dr. Yeigh stated that conversations with faculty, staff, and students are occurring in the fall, town hall meetings are anticipated for spring time with a working plan by the end of this academic year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the work we do with other local institutions. The Council stated they would like to see SUNYIT continue to work closely with HCCC and MVCC.

Vice President's Report

Mr. Reichel updated on the construction of the new Student Center. He advised that construction is currently ahead of schedule. The anticipated completion date is December 2010.

Bidding for the Field House construction project occurred over the summer. Northeast Construction was the winning bidder and came in approximately \$3 million less than budgeted. We have seized this opportunity to use the remaining funds for two fields being constructed. Work is anticipated to start prior to the October 23rd groundbreaking.

Mr. Reichel stated he anticipates the contract drawings for the new freshmen dorm by the end of the month, with bidding to occur in November.

The CAT Building (Center for Advanced Technology) will be entering the design phase.

Mr. Reichel advised that the campus will be moving to Google mail (Gmail). All College Council members will also receive Gmail accounts. We anticipate having the entire campus moved to Gmail by the end of the semester.

Student Association Representative

Chairman Brennan introduced Lauren Enright as the elected student association representative to the College Council. Ms. Enright is a technology management graduate student.

A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Dr. Max to approve Lauren Enright as the student association representative to College Council. All were in favor.

Executive Session

Chairman Brennan requested a motion to convene Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Donovan made the motion, Mr. Aney seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

At 8:25 p.m. Chairman Brennan requested a motion to return to Public Session. Mr. Aney made the motion, Mrs. Lockwood seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Provost's Report

Dr. Bankert's report was mailed out in the College Council packets as she was unable to attend this meeting due to a previously scheduled conference.

The ACT (Association of Council Members and College Trustees) Fall Conference is being held October 23 – 25, 2009, at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown. The Deans have recommended Kathleen Maynard, a student in the MS in Nursing Education Program, as this year's ACT for Excellence Nominee.

A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by Mrs. Lockwood to approve the recommendation of Kathleen Maynard as this year's ACT for Excellence Nominee. All were in favor.

Adjournment:

Chairman Brennan requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Mrs. Lockwood to adjourn the September 22, 2009 meeting of the SUNYIT College Council. The vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.