

FEBRUARY 2011 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson, Chairman, G. Aney, S. Cabral, and T. Max

Guests:

A. Styno, C. Phipps, V. Fusco, K. Johnson, A. Panebianco, P. Perkins, J. Swann, D. Tyksinski, W. Yeigh, and J. Storch (for discussion on BoT Resolution)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Dr. Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged with only four council members in attendance, we do not have a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

As there are not an adequate number of council members present to constitute a quorum, the minutes of the December 2, 2010 meeting will be approved at the May 2011 meeting.

The following notes are for informational purposes only.

Board of Trustees Resolution

J. Storch, SUNY associate counsel, joined the meeting via conference call to discuss the revised SUNY Board of Trustees Resolution on College Councils.

W. Yeigh advised the changes to the resolution stem from recent litigation, which arose following certain decisions made by the President of Stony Brook University. He stated the revisions were made to clarify the “types of major plans” developed by a campus president that will require review and recommendations by the College Council.

The CC discussed their added responsibilities as stated in the resolution. The Education Law authorizes CC to review and make recommendations with respect to plans for the appraisal or improvement of the faculty and other personnel, expansion or restriction of student admissions, appraisal or improvement of academic programs and standards for the earning of degrees, expansion of institutional plans, and appraisal or improvement of student activities and housing. The group also reviewed the items, consistent with past practice, defined as major plans that will still require review and recommendation by the CC.

W. Yeigh stated these new consultation obligations do not take away from the previous responsibilities of the CC: appointment of campus presidents, the naming of building and grounds, the approval of student conduct codes, and traffic and parking regulations for their campus.

W. Yeigh advised he will continue to share and request input regarding the budget, however, the CC role pertaining to budget is for consultation purposes. The budget requires final approval from the Chancellor and BoT.

Resolution in Support of a Five-Year Tuition Plan for SUNY

D. Hanson advised he participated in a conference call on February 14 to discuss SUNY's budget and advocacy efforts with the ACT (The Association of Council Members and College Trustees) Board of Directors. The group discussed a resolution, which calls for a rational five-year tuition plan to be approved by legislature.

The Chancellor is asking each campus's College Council to approve the resolution and forward copies to Governor Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. If approved, the plan will give SUNY some kind of predictability to best plan for continued quality for our students.

W. Yeigh described the process required for any increase to SUNY tuition, advising increases are first approved by SUNY BoT, with final approval by the Legislature. He stated the SUNY BoT approved a 2% increase for FY 2010-11, but the increase did not receive approval by Legislature. There is no increase in the Governor's budget for next year.

It was noted that SUNY University Senate as well as the SUNY Student Assembly are in support of a rational five-year tuition plan.

There was no quorum present; however, the members in attendance were in approval of the resolution. D. Hanson will send out an e-mail to members not in attendance for their feedback. If there are no concerns from the College Council, we will move forward with the resolution noting that the sense of the College Council is in favor of the resolution.

Vice President's Report

W. Yeigh reviewed the Vice President's report, which was included in the meeting packets.

Provost Report

W. Yeigh reviewed the Provost's report, which was included in the meeting packets.

President's Report

W. Yeigh reviewed the fiscal year 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget with the group. A core operating update was included in the meeting packets. SUNYIT currently has a \$170k shortfall because of the mid-year reductions. W. Yeigh pointed out that for FY 2011-12, SUNYIT has a decrease in the anticipated AAFTE from 2166 to 2000. This decrease creates an \$882k shortfall for FY 2011-12.

In past years, we were in transition and were able to ask SUNY for transitional funding, but that is no longer possible. W. Yeigh stated we are fortunate to have new nano initiatives that will help make up some of the shortfall. However, it takes time for any new project to create revenue.

W. Yeigh advised that in 2007-08 we received approximately \$5200 per student through State funding and we currently receive \$3800. This shows that tuition increase alone will not solve our budget situation, as SUNYIT would need a tuition increase of almost 30% to make up for the reductions imposed in the past several years.

The Budget Working Group is currently looking at ways to alleviate the strain from the anticipated 2011-12 budget deficit. W. Yeigh advised we will need to freeze support hires, do more with less, and we may not be able to do all that we have done in the past. Also, we may need to go to the Foundation or College Association for a loan.

W. Yeigh updated the College Council on the Provost search.

Executive Session

At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Hanson requested the meeting move to Executive Session.

The meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.