

FEBRUARY 2012 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson, Chairman, G. Aney, D. Burns, P. Donovan, T. Huang, and T. Max

Guests:

B. Durgin, T. Elgren, M. Lyons, P. Perkins, B. Reichel, A. Styno, J. Swann, and W. Yeigh

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new council member Darlene Burns. Ms. Burns is the former president and CEO of Rome Memorial Hospital. Council members, cabinet, and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Max and seconded by G. Aney to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011, meeting with the suggested updates. All were in favor.

Resolutions

Chairman Hanson asked the council members to review two separate resolutions, one honoring Judge John Murad and the second honoring Ms. Sandra Lockwood, who both recently passed away.

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the resolution as presented honoring Judge John L. Murad, Sr. All were in favor.

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the resolution as presented honoring Ms. Sandra Lockwood. All were in favor.

Resolutions will be signed by Chairman Hanson and sent to the families with a letter from W. Yeigh and Chairman Hanson.

National Cyber Research Institute

Chairman Hanson shared a PowerPoint presentation with the council regarding the National Cyber Research Institute which is a proposal of the Cyber New York Alliance. As proposed the National Cyber Research Institute would be an independent, world-class cyber research center located on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park affiliated with SUNY and with a branch located at SUNYIT. The Cyber New York Alliance is a collaborative force for NYS comprised of government agencies, universities, and industry with a mission of “to promote the Central New York region as a recognized national center of excellence in cyber and information technology”. There are currently 27 dues-paying members of the Alliance including SUNYIT.

Provost Report

Dr. Durgin stated our strategic plan is in the final editing phase and he hopes to have the plan out to the community and College Council in the next few weeks. A community forum will be scheduled to discuss the plan.

An update on programs was shared with the council. Dr. Durgin advised the civil engineering program was approved by the State Education Department and we have begun admitting students for fall 2012.

An admissions update was provided by Dr. Durgin, he noted we have a large increase in applications with more qualified students. Total freshman applications are up 25% with a 42% increase in acceptances.

Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy has agreed to be the commencement speaker for 2012.

VP for Administration Report

B. Reichel provided an update on current campus projects.

- The Marcy-SUNYIT Parkway is now open.
- The Campus Center dining hall renovations are underway with anticipated completion mid-summer.
- The Adirondack Hall renovation project has been awarded to Murnane Building Contractors, who came in under budget.
- The Health and Wellness Center has been relocated to Oriskany Hall due to the Campus Center renovation project.
- We expect construction to begin early summer for the CAT/CCCC project. The selection committee will meet to make a final developer recommendation to the FSMC board.
- Infrastructure now has a presence on campus and they have worked with our IT staff to develop a plan to update the IT capabilities on campus. The first phase has begun with an anticipated completion of the end of this semester or early summer.

President's Report

Dr. Yeigh discussed the SUNY and Research Foundation Fact Book 2010/11, which was recently distributed to SUNY Presidents. He discussed the selectivity index for SUNY campuses, noting SUNYIT is at 35%, while the other tech sector campuses range between 55-82%. L. Hartman will send a copy of the book to College Council members.

MVREDC and SUNYIT

Dr. Yeigh updated on the current activity with the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council. He explained our regional strategic plan was written for \$40 million, but we received \$60.2 million in funding.

SUNYIT received funding for two projects, \$15 million for the CAT/CCCC and \$240k for our cyber security project.

Shared Services Update

Dr. Yeigh discussed shared services between SUNYIT and Morrisville State College. A joint meeting was held in January to discuss departments that could potentially benefit from shared services. These projects were then arranged by the timeframe in which completion of shared services could be attained. The group also outlined implementation for the 9 short-term opportunities they identified.

Chancellor Zimpher is pushing for campuses to improve their strategic enrollment and, therefore, we will be hiring a vice president for enrollment management. This position will oversee admissions and financial aid on both campuses. Dr. Yeigh noted funding for this position would come from savings with current vacancies.

Adjournment

At 5:05 a motion was made by T. Huang and seconded by P. Donovan to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.