

DECEMBER 2012 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2012

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, D. Burns, P. Donovan, T. Max, and Felisha Shamsuddin

Guests: B. Durgin, V. Fusco, M. Lyons, A. Panebianco, P. Perkins, C. Phipps, B. Reichel, A. Styno, J. Swann, D. Tyksinski, and W. Yeigh

The meeting was called to order at 4:05.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Council immediately went into executive session.

Executive session adjourned at 4:29 p.m. and the Council proceeded with the meeting per the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by P. Donovan to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Board Development

Chairman Hanson attended the annual ACT Conference held in October and noted many SUNY campuses are experiencing a delay in getting new Council members approved. SUNYIT currently has three vacancies on the Council with only one name submitted. W. Yeigh stated he has been working with SUNY System to get our nominations expedited.

The Council discussed characteristics we should be looking for in potential candidates. D. Hanson pointed out we have a lot of students from NYC. W. Yeigh stated he would like to see people with more of a statewide presence. B. Durgin suggested someone well connected both professionally and statewide, maybe someone from the business roundtable, a VP of engineering from a major firm, or a former president of a professional society. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Chairman Hanson or W. Yeigh.

Provost's Report

Provost's Lecture Series

- Ron Sarner, Glenn Van Know, and Christopher Urban, SUNYIT Faculty
Lecture Topic: Using Technology to Improve Teaching and Learning
Held on October 12, 2012
- Steven Schneider, SUNYIT Faculty
Lecture Topic: Digital Politics, Circa 2012: Explorations in Cyberarcheology
Held on November 16, 2012

- Ibrahim Yucel, SUNYIT Faculty
Lecture Topic: Gamification
 Donovan G152 on December 14, 2012 at noon

The FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition was held on Saturday, December 1 in the Wildcat Field House. Competitors are junior high school students participating with robots in a contest. There was a tremendous turnout.

The NYS FIRST Tech Challenge was recently held in Clarkson and one of the SUNYIT teams took first place. The team will now compete in St. Louis at the Intergalactic World Championship.

SUNYIT recently hosted a series of events as part of the “Refugees Starting Over in Utica, NY” project coordinated by Dr. Kathryn Stam, assistant professor of anthropology. Events included a lecture by Lindsey Kingston, assistant professor of international human rights at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo. and an art gallery reception for “Starting Over: Portraits of Refugee Life in Utica.”

Update on New Programs

- Network and Computer Security, MS – approved by SUNY
- Mechanical Engineering, BS – approved by SUNY
- Advanced Certificate in Data Analysis – waiting SED approval
- Applied Mathematics, MS – proposal
- Systems Engineering, MS – being reviewed by external reviewers

The Strategic Plan is complete and awaiting final approval from the committee. We will send to the Council upon approval.

VP for Administration Report

We are winding up the 5th year of the capital cycle and will be submitting a new 5-year plan.

B. Reichel provided an update on ongoing projects:

- Presently in phase 2 of the \$3.2 million upgrade to the network backbone of the campus. First phase cost is \$1 million; second phase is \$1.1 million, with the remainder reserved for phase 3. High-speed connectivity will significantly improve.
- We have gone out to bid on a new roof for Donovan Hall. Work will be completed in summer 2013.
- Holt Architect has been awarded the bid to design the new Health & Wellness Center in the Campus Center.
- Clearing has begun on the Quad C project site. Construction will begin in spring 2013. The project is at 65% design and is a design-build project.
- Smaller projects include completion of a new parking lot adjacent to the Wildcat Field House, upgrade completed on safety alert system across campus, we will be revisiting the facilities master plan to verify academic space on campus and JMZ will look to renovate Donovan, C-wing of Kunsela, and Cayan Library to make more amenable to academic programs.

F. Shamsuddin inquired about the study area in the library. W. Yeigh stated we would work to have all high traffic areas in one location. B. Reichel added that we would create forums as part of the process to include input from students, staff and faculty so that a comprehensive plan can be created.

A. Styno inquired about the status of our emergency operation plan. W. Yeigh advised we have a well laid out plan, which is reviewed annually. The Campus Center is a designated emergency shelter as well as an immunization center for the region.

President's Report

President's Lecture Series

- John Zogby, Zogby International
Lecture Topic: TBD
Student Center MPR – February 2013 at noon

SUNYIT has formed an international collaboration with two institutions in Eastern Europe; they are University of Safety and Security Management in Kosice and University of Tomas Bata in Zlin. This collaboration enables our students to plug into international programs at these universities.

SUNYIT will host a 2-day conference in conjunction with this new international collaboration. The conference is a summit of the three institutions to solidify safety and security studies and information technology. It will be a workshop-based conference in May 2013.

W. Yeigh updated the Council on enrollment and the current budget gap, noting System is the midst of revising the budget allocation model. Under this new model, the small campus subsidy will end beginning in fall 2013. The new budget model will shift funding from an old enrollment model to an enrollment only based model. In the new model, System will allocate dollars based on the amount of money it will cost to educate a student by discipline. This will be an advantage to SUNYIT as many of our programs, like engineering and nursing, have a higher cost associated with teaching these programs. Also, upper division will receive more funding than lower division and graduate programs will receive more funding than undergraduate.

The renewal of high-needs grants will also be available. B. Durgin has already begun the process and grants are available in computer science, technology, engineering, and nursing departments. They are considered high-needs because the industry cannot find enough trained educated employees in these areas.

We are currently working with SUNY on a transition plan. We are proposing a 5-year plan that will outline how the campus moves forward with increasing enrollment in strategic areas to help alleviate budget concerns. Enrollment growth is the key to addressing budget deficit.

We have retained Rit Fuller, former dean of admissions at Johns Hopkins, RIT, and Hamilton College, who will be working with us on a part-time basis to help develop and implement an enrollment strategy to boost recruitment and retention.

At 5:45 p.m. a motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by G. Aney to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.