

MAY 2013 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, May 6, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, J. Bay, D. Burns, P. Donovan, C. Giruzzi, N. Hinman, T. Max, and F. Shamsuddin

Guests: W. Cranmer, B. Durgin, R. Fuller, V. Fusco, C. Johnson, J. Lloyd, M. Lyons, P. Perkins, C. Phipps, A. Styno, J. Swann, D. Tyksinski, and W. Yeigh

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the recent addition of three new Council members, which gives us a full 10-member Council. Introductions followed, as there are several new Cabinet members in attendance as well. New Council members are: John Bay, Chris Giruzzi, and Nichole Hinman, and new Cabinet members are Wendy Cranmer, Rit Fuller, and Jim Lloyd. Also in attendance is 2013-14 student representative Christopher Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by T. Max and seconded by P. Donovan to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Resolutions

Chairman Hanson spoke about the deep appreciation the Council feels toward Bruce Reichel and Anthony Panebianco for their years of dedication to SUNYIT. Resolutions were distributed to Council members for review in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by T. Max and seconded by D. Burns to approve the resolutions as presented honoring Bruce Reichel and Anthony Panebianco for their years of service to SUNYIT. All were in favor.

A draft resolution declaring Dr. Peter Spina “Interim President Emeritus” was presented to the Council in advance of today’s meeting. Chairman Hanson acknowledged Dr. Spina’s deep fondness for SUNYIT, as well as his generosity and continuous involvement with the campus.

A motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by T. Max to approve the resolution as presented declaring Dr. Peter A. Spina “Interim President Emeritus.” All were in favor.

Provost’s Report

B. Durgin updated the Council on the status of the upcoming Middle States (MSCHE) accreditation visit, scheduled for spring 2015. Preparation for this important decennial visit began in the fall of 2012. Middle States is our regional accreditor and accreditation

is mandatory in order to receive federal aid. B. Durgin distributed and reviewed the vision, mission and core values, MSCHE Standards of Excellence, and a presentation updating the Council on where we are in the process of reaccreditation. In April, a site visit was conducted by Dr. Debra Klinman, MSCHE liaison, to discuss our draft self-study plan and she provided suggestions and recommendations accordingly. Some suggestions have already been incorporated. B. Durgin stated the institution is in good shape for the reaccreditation, noting our biggest challenge is closing the assessment loop.

The Academic Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 10. If you are planning to attend, please let L. Hartman know.

There has been tremendous success in regards to freshman recruitment. Thanks to the admissions team, faculty, students, and everyone involved. We currently have 233 deposits in hand and these are highly qualified students. B. Durgin believes this increase in enrollment is against the statewide trend.

C. Phipps advised the SUNY University Faculty Senate met last week and discussed a SUNY grant designated for governance leadership. They encouraged folks to apply for this grant to be used in conjunction with a conference being held next month to get folks familiar with faculty governance and how it works, and they specifically suggested faculty work more closely with their College Council. Next year will be governance leaders plus administrators. This may be important in regards to reaccreditation with Middle States, in terms of how the College Council and faculty work together and understand the other's roles.

SUNY funding for 2013-14 will be based on our projected enrollment, which is great news for us. The new budget allocation model (BAM) is not in place yet, so System will use level funding for next year, however, the level funding will be adjusted based on enrollment projections. We will now get a little more funding than anticipated. The new BAM will go into affect in 2014-15, which will be a big change. We have submitted a transitional plan for funding for the next three years, promising we will be self-sufficient after three years. B. Durgin advised this transitional funding is so important because System is taking away the small campus subsidy we currently receive.

W. Yeigh provided an update on high-needs grants, which is funding given to areas where there is a shortage of students and/or faculty. NYS and SUNY have determined five areas of high-needs to build; they are nursing, information technology, STEM, energy, and agriculture. We have applied for and received funding in four of the five areas, equating to over \$500k.

A strategy team has been created to work toward building the reputation of SUNYIT. Key elements to the plan are developing faculty and recruiting highly qualified students.

VP for Administration Report

J. Lloyd provided his first report as VP for Administration as he started at this position in April. He advised his highest priority is learning and understanding the operating budget.

Chairman Hanson requested we review the 2012 Student Opinion Survey at the September Council meeting.

President's Report

W. Yeigh provided a budget update stating that since 2008, we have been faced with a 35% cut in our State funding, noting that 75% of our expenses are tied to personnel. Also, we have had a lot of retirements and attrition among personnel accounting for a decrease in faculty numbers. Our primary focus for the next few years should be to build back the capacity on the faculty side, as well as appropriate staffing for services to help provide better customer service for our students.

SUNYIT, along with the Rome Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a two-day Disney Institute in May. This on-site conference is mandatory for all SUNYIT staff.

SUNY System has made “systemness” a priority. In the future, we may need to look at purchasing services or better collaborate with other SUNY entities. System is also moving forward with Open SUNY, which works toward making educational opportunities more available by offering massive open on-line courses.

The College Council thanked Felisha Shamsuddin for her contribution to the Council throughout the 2012-2013 academic year.

Adjournment

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.