

FEBRUARY 2019 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, D. Burns, N. Hinman and A. Viscusi

Administration:

M. Frame, P. Kelly, M. Lyons, S. Schneider and G. Wang

Guests:

K. Dunn, L. Hartman, J. Porter, and Z. Thomova

The College Council meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted with only four Council members in attendance, we do not have a quorum for an official meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and welcomed Mr. Joseph Porter, senior vice chancellor for executive leadership and employee development at SUNY, to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

As there are not an adequate number of Council members present to constitute a quorum, the minutes of the December 20, 2018, meeting will be presented for approval at the April 2019 meeting

Presidential Search Update

Chairman Hanson thanked Mr. Porter for joining today's meeting to discuss the upcoming president search at SUNY Poly.

Mr. Porter thanked the College Council for the invitation to join the meeting and advised that in his position, he oversees all presidential searches, noting that he believes one of the most important roles of a Council is to select a president.

The first step in the presidential search process is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a search firm. The chosen firm will assist the Council in the search. There are many steps in this process, therefore, it does take some time. Mr. Porter advised that the first step is currently underway, as SUNY's procurement director has finalized and posted a RFP for Poly.

Once a search firm is identified and the Chancellor or designee signals, the Council assembles a search committee, comprised of 4 Council members, chaired by Chairman Hanson, 6 elected full-time faculty representatives, 1 student representative, 1 Foundation representative, 1 professional or support staff, 1 academic dean, 1 alumni representative, 1 Chancellor designated SUNY president or senior staff, 2 non-voting liaisons, one would be Mr. Porter and the campus would appoint one staff member to assist the search committee.

Once the search committee is selected, there would be an initial meeting of the search committee in which the Chancellor would participate to give a charge to the committee. The committee will set a search timeline, as well as a campus profile and position description. The search will be advertised nationally.

Once the application deadline has passed, the search committee will evaluate submissions and narrow down the search pool to the top 12 candidates. The search firm will then schedule off-site “airport” interviews, where the search committee will meet with candidates and select their top 5. An invitation will be extended to these candidates for on-campus interviews. At the end of this process, the search committee will submit the three strongest candidates to the Council, who will confirm and submit an unranked list of candidates to the Chancellor. A final recommendation to the SUNY Board of Trustees (BoT) is made by Chancellor. A subcommittee of the BoT will meet with the candidate to confirm this selection and recommend appointment. At the following meeting of the BoT, the candidate will be put forth to the full Board for approval.

Anthony Viscusi suggested three student representatives, reflecting the three student bodies at SUNY Poly. Mr. Porter stated this can be discussed once the search committee starts to be assembled.

President’s Report

Dr. Wang provided an organizational update, noting there has been one recent alignment of our senior leadership with Marybeth Lyons now overseeing enrollment management.

Dr. Wang highlighted that College Factual ranked SUNY Poly #36 out of 1,510 colleges nationwide for Best College for the Money. Also, our ranking from U.S. News and World Report for our online programs in Business Management and Nursing have moved up.

Chancellor Johnson delivered her State of the University System Address on January 31, where she highlighted SUNY Poly’s partnership with Applied Materials, as well as our newly announced partnership with Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI.) SUNY established an Educational Partnership Agreement (EPA) with AFRL/RI, but SUNY Poly will be an anchor partner in the EPA, due to our history and proximity in Utica and our facilities in Albany, and will initially focus on quantum information science.

The SUNY Poly Food Pantry was recently established and a kick-off celebration was held on February 1st. Dr. Wang recognized Dominion Charitable Foundation for their \$10k donation, which was instrumental in realizing this initiative. Dr. Wang also thanked Marybeth Lyons, Mike Frame and Andrea LaGatta.

Dr. Wang provided a brief update on Wildcat Athletics, sharing our recent North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) all-conference selections for women’s cross country, women’s volleyball, men’s cross country and men’s soccer. The women’s basketball team is currently tied for first place and our women’s cross country team won first place and our men’s cross country

took second place in the NEAC. She also advised we have 74 student athletes with a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

Dr. Wang highlighted our activities in the local community and recent meetings with many of our local legislatures, including Congressman Brindisi, State Senator Griffo and Assemblywoman Buttenschon. In December, SUNY Poly held a dedication ceremony for The Hage Family Robotics Lab, located in Donovan Hall.

The Central New York FIRST Robotics Competition is scheduled for March 14 through 16, in the Wildcat Field House. We plan to welcome approximately 3000 students along with their families, coaches and mentors, from across NYS and globally to our Utica campus. A sponsor and invited guest breakfast will be held on Friday, March 15; Dr. Wang hopes our Council members can join us for this exciting event.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson acknowledged his role as chair the search committee for our new president is the most important responsibility he has as chair of the Council. He encouraged all the Council members to consider participating in the search and acknowledged a great deal of activity can be done remotely. He plans to contact each Council member directly to discuss their participation on the search committee.

Provost's Report

Dr. Schneider discussed efforts with Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) to create a Path to Poly program. This new partnership will open up exciting possibilities with over 58 different transfer paths for MVCC students to earn their degrees at SUNY Poly. In addition, Poly has recently added twelve new articulation agreements at other local community colleges.

The Center for Global Advanced Manufacturing (CGAM) continues to expand programming and purchase additional equipment. Dr. Schneider discussed how local companies are showing interest in visiting and using the space, noting Conmed was recently on campus.

College of Business Management faculty member, Dr. Robert Edgell, is leading the Innovation Challenge NY, which includes stakeholders from other institutions, as well as community members to identify community concerns and develops appropriate solutions.

Our Student Project Showcase is scheduled for Friday, April 19 and student projects from all programs are invited to participate. (NOTE: DATE CHANGE)

The Dean of Engineering search recently started and Dr. Schneider anticipates having the new dean in place for the fall semester.

Student Government Report

The Student Government Utica hosted their third blood drive of the academic year yesterday, and are pleased they surpassed their goal of 35 units.

The Fabrication Club is going to a Battle Bot Competition next week in Pennsylvania. The student club recently shared their design with representative of Conmed, who provided helpful feedback.

Student Government has created an ad hoc committee to evaluate a special project line from the increase in student fees. Once the committee finalizes their evaluation, they will provide a proposal to Dr. Wang and M. Lyons.

Mr. Viscusi recognized Drs. Wang and Schneider for the new articulation agreements with local community colleges. He noted SGU is discussing ways to strengthen relationships with these colleges, specifically MVCC.

Faculty Representative Report

Dr. Dunn advised that the Joint Governance Council has not met since the last Council meeting, but noted they are working on microcredentialing initiatives, open access, a consensual relationship policy, and guidelines for the Chancellor's Award.

Dr. Thomova noted recommendations for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence have been submitted to the president's office, which include awards for excellence in professional service, scholarship and creative activities, and teaching.

Adjournment

At 4:51 p.m., Chairman Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.