

APRIL 2017 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, April 24, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, D. Burns, C. Giruzzi, N. Hinman and E. Zeina

Administration:

W. Durgin, M. Frame, M. Lyons, B. Sammakia, S. Shahedipour-Sandvik
(via teleconference)

Guests:

D. Peterson, M. Heyboer, M. Lemire (via videoconference), and M. Wyett

The April College Council meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Student Association representative Elias Zeina for his contributions over the 2016-2017 academic year. He also welcomed David Peterson, 2017-2018 student association representative and Megan Wyett, director of student conduct, to today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by G. Aney to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

President's Report

Dr. Sammakia was thrilled to participate in the recent announcement of Danfoss – one of the world's leading suppliers of energy-efficient and innovative solutions for power electronics, HVAC, and mobile hydraulics – as the lead tenant to the Quad-C Building. Danfoss will partner with SUNY Poly and GE to develop next-generation silicon carbide computer chips that are more robust and efficient than the current ubiquitous silicon-based chips.

There are exciting opportunities available to SUNY Poly with our community partners and the leadership team is continuing to reach out to these individuals/organizations to create new opportunities and expand current relationships. Thank you to Chairman Hanson for his assistance in coordinating some of these meetings.

Meetings are being held on a daily basis with faculty, staff, departments, constellations, and students. Dr. Sammakia feels this is a great time to increase the transparency across campuses. He met with four students last week and he finds them to be very energized and filled with great ideas for the institute.

Fiscal sustainability is currently the main focus; Dr. Sammakia and his team are working closely with the Research Foundation, SUNY, and Economic State Development to create a plan to generate enough revenue over the next few years to make SUNY Poly fiscally stable. The team is primarily focusing on research, targeted economic partnerships and academics.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson updated the Council on meetings he has coordinated to help introduce and familiarize Dr. Sammakia with the Utica-Rome community. Meetings have been held with the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and Air Force Research Laboratory. Meetings are also scheduled with Griffiss Institute and Mohawk Valley Edge. If there are organizations that Dr. Sammakia should meet with, please let Chairman Hanson know and he is happy to assist in coordination.

Chairman Hanson discussed the ACT for Excellence and Student Initiative Scholarship and his push to have the nomination process open earlier in the year, so that students have an opportunity to apply prior to departing campus at the end of the spring semester. He was pleased to announce the request for applications for the 2017 awards went out in early April, which was much earlier than in the past. He is hopeful that with the earlier notice we will receive more highly qualified applicants. Please let him know if you would like to assist with the selection process.

Provost's Report

Dr. Durgin presented a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted various topics to the Council.

A summit was held recently to discuss best strategies for increasing enrollment; approximately 65 faculty, staff, and administrators from the Albany and Utica campuses participated. Breakout sessions focused on building our reputation, enhancing our campus culture, developing new academic programs, reaching out to prospective students, improving retention, and out-of-the-box thinking.

Dr. Durgin provided an update for fall 2017 admissions, noting freshmen deposits are currently up 49%, graduate deposits are up 23%, while transfer deposit are down by 5%.

A productive meeting was held last week with SUNY leadership, including Provost Alex Cartwright, to provide an update on our Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) goals, our vision beyond PIP (2025), vision for SUNY Poly, strategic enrollment, and how SUNY can assist us.

SUNY has approximately \$50 million available for new PIP proposals in 2017 and has asked each campus to submit a one-page statement on their proposals. SUNY will review and invite full proposals for those they may potentially fund. Dr. Durgin shared a brief synopsis of proposals submitted by SUNY Poly.

Chancellor Zimpher will be the commencement speaker for the Utica ceremony held on Saturday, May 6.

Student Association Update

E. Zeina was pleased to announce the Relay for Life event held on Friday, March 31 raised over \$18k. There were over 150 students who participated in this 12-hour event.

The Student Association hosted four Red Cross Blood Drives this year. There were 166 total donations for the year, which is 25% greater than last year.

The Class of 2017 will be presenting two gifts to Dr. Sammakia at the upcoming Commencement Ceremony; the gifts are a time capsule that will be displayed in the Student Center and a contribution towards a new Walter the Wildcat mascot.

E. Zeina thanked the College Council for their support over the past year.

Student Code of Conduct

M. Lemire, SUNY Poly's legal counsel, and M. Wyett, director of student conduct, joined today's meeting to discuss the proposed revisions to the Student Code of Personal Conduct.

A memo was distributed prior to today's meeting to allow the Council the opportunity to review the proposed revisions.

Following discussion and recommended edits regarding the five code changes, a motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by C. Giruzzi to approve the 2017-2018 Student Code of Personal Conduct as stated below:

Article V: Proscribed Conduct, B. Conduct Rules and Regulations (3. and 23.)

New code: Acts of bullying, physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion and/or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person, regardless of the medium (including social media).

New code: Actions that cause or attempt to cause a fire or explosion, falsely reporting a fire, explosion or an explosive device, tampering with safety equipment, inappropriate or unauthorized activation of the fire alarm system, or failure to evacuate SUNY Poly buildings during a fire alarm.

Article VI: Judicial Procedures: Violations of the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct, B. Notice of Accusations (1.)

New code: Unless circumstances prohibit, the judicial officer will notify the accused in writing and/or by e-mail of the allegation(s) and accusation(s) within ten (10) business days of an official written report to the Community Standards Office. For cases referred

from University Police or the Title IX Office, the 10 business days begin upon receipt of the official written report from those offices to the Community Standards Office.

Article VI: Judicial Procedures: Violations of the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct, D. Administrative Judicial Board (2.)

New code: The Administrative Judicial Board members shall be appointed annually. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall appoint ten (10) administrators and/or faculty members and ten (10) student representatives from within the SUNY Poly community (excluding visitors) to serve as Board members. It is the responsibility of the Director of Community Standards to recommend names to the Vice President for Student Affairs for appointment to the Administrative Judicial Board. The student representatives will be selected from an application process and a pool of ten (10) students will be selected to serve. If vacancies occur within any of the positions, the Vice President for Student Affairs may fill such vacancies to complete the remainder of the vacant term.

Article VI: Judicial Procedures: Violations of the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct, F. Sanctions (e.)

New code: Community Restitution: Work assignments, service to SUNY Poly or other related discretionary assignments (such assignments must have the prior approval of the judicial officer).

Article VI: Judicial Procedures: Violations of the SUNY Poly Student Code of Personal Conduct, E. Judicial Proceeding (8.)

New code: Information: The Vice President for Student Affairs, the reporting individual, and the respondent shall be given an opportunity to provide information. This may include, but is not limited to, pertinent records, documents, and written or oral statements. The respondent, and the reporting individual in any case will be given an opportunity to review available evidence in the case file.

Adjournment

At 5:06 p.m., Chairman Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.