

DECEMBER 2013 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, J. Bay, D. Burns, J. Corasanti,

P. Donovan, C. Giruzzi, N. Hinman, and C. Johnson

Cabinet Members:

W. Cranmer, W. Durgin, R. Fuller, R. Geer, V. Fusco, M. Lyons, and

J. Swann.

Invited Guests:

C. Phipps

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

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the February meeting; College Council and Cabinet members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by D. Burns to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Student Opinion Survey

V. Fusco and Dr. Durgin shared a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the institutional strengths, institutional challenges, institutional actions implemented and in progress, other initiatives, and next steps.

The goal of the Student Opinion Survey (SOS) is to incorporate forum- and survey-based feedback into a 3-year student satisfaction initiative to be formulated by administration, faculty, and staff to promote and improve the student experience at SUNYIT.

Our next SOS survey is scheduled for spring 2015. V. Fusco's office will continue to look at target groups before the next survey and look at focus groups to do information gathering.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson advised he submitted the College Council's annual report to SUNY System over the summer.

The annual Association of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) Conference was held on October 18 through 20, 2013, at the Gideon Putnam Resort. Pat Donovan and Chairman Hanson attended this year's conference.

Provost's Report

Dr. Durgin provided an update on the strategic plan, as it has now been one year since its establishment, noting he is very proud of faculty and staff for what they have accomplished over the past year.

Some of the accomplishments Dr. Durgin discussed are:

Enrollment Growth Plan

- 9% increase (+156)
- Increase from 70% retention to 85%
- 92% EOP retention
- Early action applications are up 30%

Establish New Programs (Undergraduate)

- Mechanical Engineering Program, BS
- Civil Engineering Program, BS

President's Programming Initiative

- \$40k used on programming events campus-wide, help enhance the college experience

New Degree Programs (Graduate)

- Certificate in Data Analysis, MS
- Network & Computer Security, MS
- Systems Engineering, MS (under review)
- Applied Mathematics, MS (under review)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (development)

Project-Based Learning-workshop

- Guest lectures focused on work resulting from project-based learning activities.
Faculty workshop on project-based learning.

On-Boarding Program

- Established new faculty "onboarding" program. Focus on team building, teaching excellence, and grant preparation workshop.

Disney Business Excellence Program

- All faculty and staff invited to participate in Disney Business Excellence Program offered on campus in an effort to strengthen customer service

Completed New IT Network

- Completed; installed entirely new and best IT network in the SUNY System.

COACE Faculty Survey and SOS Student Opinion Survey

- Analyzed and presented SOS results. Analyzed COACHE Faculty Survey Data – preparing for roll out.

President's Report

Dr. Geer commended the SUNYIT faculty and staff for their hard work over the past 2 years. It has been a challenging time. The increase in enrollment along with the increase in retention is a great sign for the future. It helps shows the commitment of faculty to the institution and their programs.

Dr. Geer advised we have been working for 3 months with SUNY System to create a growth plan to allow us to grow faculty and students to a population to become very self-sustainable. We would need to be at 3,300 students to be at a break-even point to create a pathway to financial stability and growth. However, SUNY policy limits loans to 25%

of their reserves and due to severe financial concerns at Downstate Medical they have exhausted the cap. However, SUNY has voiced solid support of SUNYIT and we anticipate financial support when they are able to provide it.

New Business

The College Council reviewed and discussed a resolution endorsing a formal merger between SUNYIT and the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE.)

Dr. Geer provided some background on the history between SUNYIT and CNSE, noting a partnership formed several years ago when SUNYIT stepped up to host the Quad-C site. The SUNY Board recently approved the separation of CNSE from the University of Albany, which makes this the right time for a merger with SUNYIT.

Chairman Hanson stated his only concern is with the upcoming Middle States reaccreditation, however, Dr. Geer is confident that SUNY and SED will work with us to structure the merger in a way Middle States would approve of.

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by D. Burns to approve the endorsement of a formal merger between SUNYIT and the SUNY College of Science Nanoscale Science and Engineering as presented. All were in favor.

Dr. Geer advised with the approval of the resolution, he will convene a working group to consist of members of the faculty assembly and staff assembly.

Executive Session

At 5:33 p.m., Chairman requested the meeting move to Executive Session.

Adjournment

The College Council emerged from Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.