

## **SEPTEMBER 2013 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2013

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, J. Bay, D. Burns, P. Donovan, C. Giruzzi,  
C. Johnson, and T. Max.

Cabinet Members:

W. Cranmer, W. Durgin, R. Fuller, R. Geer, V. Fusco, J. Lloyd, M. Lyons,  
P. Perkins, and J. Swann.

Invited Guests:

D. Alm, A. Dicks, R. Kraushaar, and C. Phipps

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

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new student representative Christopher Johnson followed by the introduction of cabinet and College Council members.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by P. Donovan to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

**A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by C. Giruzzi to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2013, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

### **Quad-C Construction Update**

Alicia Dicks, FSMC executive director, and D.J. Alm, M+W construction manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the progress of the Quad-C construction project.

The new facility, which is a CNSE-SUNYIT initiative, sits on a twelve-acre site located on the SUNYIT campus. Quad-C will be a 253,000 SF building, consisting of integrated offices and laboratories, an atrium, lobby, large multi-purpose conference rooms, an 84-seat auditorium, and 56,000 SF of ballroom style cleanroom stacked on two levels.

A. Dicks advised work on the project would continue throughout the winter months with an anticipated completion date of December 2014.

### **Presidential Search Process**

Robert Kraushaar, associate provost and associate vice chancellor for faculty and professional development at SUNY, joined today's meeting to provide an update on the presidential search process. He distributed and reviewed the SUNY Guide to Presidential Searches at State-Operated Institutions.

Chancellor Zimpher will advise Chairman Hanson and B. Kraushaar when we can begin the presidential search process, which will take approximately 6 months.

### **Student Code of Conduct Revision**

A copy of the edited Student Code of Conduct was distributed electronically prior to today's meeting. M. Lyons reviewed the proposed updates to the code; noting the pending revisions have been reviewed by Joseph Storch, SUNYIT's legal counsel, and approved by the President's Cabinet.

**A motion was made by G. Aney and second by Dr. Max to accept the Student Code of Conduct revision as presented. All were in favor.**

### **Student Opinion Survey Introduction**

V. Fusco provided an overview of the Student Opinion Survey (SOS), noting SUNYIT is actively engaged in evaluating student satisfaction, as student satisfaction is an essential piece of the SUNYIT strategic goals.

SOS is useful in determining how well campuses serve undergraduate students. The goal is to evaluate the academic and administrative programs, services, and facilities provided to undergraduate students. The survey is administered every three years and we have participated since its inception in 1985.

A more detailed presentation will be provided at the December College Council meeting.

### **Provost Report**

B. Durgin provided an update on enrollment, noting it is up across the board. Our full-time enrollment is up 10% and freshman enrollment is up 35%.

### **New Faculty**

- Dr. Yu Zhou – Engineering, Science & Mathematics
- Dr. Zhanjie Li – Engineering, Science & Mathematics
- Dr. Firas Khasaweh – Engineering, Science & Mathematics
- Dr. Coskun Cetinkaya – Engineering, Science & Mathematics
- Dr. Elizabeth Campbell – Nursing & Health Professions
- Ms. Doreen Rogers – Nursing & Health Professions
- Dr. Kathleen Rourke – Nursing & Health Professions
- Mr. Ronny Bull – Computer and Information Sciences
- Dr. Ryan Lizardi – Communication & Humanities
- Dr. Robert Edgell – Business Management

### **Faculty Searches (Current)**

- Engineering Technology – Electrical Engineering Technology
- Business – Marketing
- Computer and Information Sciences – Network and Computer Science

### **Faculty Searches (Upcoming)**

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – Neuropsychologist (Research/Sitrin)
- Nursing and Health Professions – Nursing (program load) and 2 Nursing (DNP)

- Engineering, Science & Mathematics – Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering

### **Department Chair Changes**

- Dr. Veronica Tichenor – Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Mr. Christopher Urban – Computer & Information Sciences

### **Promotions**

- Dr. Joanne Joseph – promoted Full Professor
- Dr. Jennifer Klimek-Yingling – promoted Assistant Professor

### **Recent Faculty Awards**

- Mark Bremer – “Integration of Virtual and Real Equipment Learning Tools Related to Sustainability Education”
- Mohammed Abdallah – “Toward Open SUNY: A Novel On-line Learning Approach for ECE and ET Students”
- Yu Zhou – “Exploiting Control and Communication Techniques to Establish and Maintain Connections for Robust and Flexible Multi-Robot Coordination”

### **Program Updates**

- Mechanical Engineering, BS – approved, freshmen enrolled
- Network & Computer Security, MS – approved, students enrolled
- Systems Engineering, MS – under review
- Applied Mathematics, MS – under review
- Doctor of Nursing Practice - development

### **Activities**

- Middle States Accreditation – self-study accepted by MSCHE
- CCNE Accreditation – visit September 2013
- AACSB Accreditation – visit January 2014
- Computer Science – seeking ABET Accreditation
- Electrical and Computer Engineering – seeking ABET Accreditation
- Strategic Plan – evaluating

### **Special Funding Update**

- High Needs (3-years) - \$ 1,700,000
- STEM - \$500,000
- CFA - \$250,000
- SUNY 2020 - \$15,000,000

### **VP for Administration Report**

J. Lloyd advised that Andrew Bellinger, our new interim director of information technology, was hired over the summer, and we have purchased \$2.5 million in equipment for campus upgrades. Once upgrades are installed, we will have the fastest and best network within the SUNY system.

Oriskany Hall is filled with freshmen this fall and we had to place some freshmen in Adirondack Hall.

### **President’s Report**

B. Geer commended R. Fuller and the admissions team for the dramatic increase in freshmen and overall enrollment. The team has been instrumental in putting in the

necessary infrastructure, in terms of people and practices. The increase is especially remarkable because regional demographics show a drop in the number of high school students graduating. This increase in enrollment shows tremendous potential for SUNYIT.

B. Geer advised one of his primary focuses would be to bridge operations at SUNYIT. The campus has been operating in a very financially tenuous mode for the past several years. He will be working closely with SUNY System to bridge this period to bring enrollment and the profile of students back to an area that is self-sustainable. He is confident we can make this transition, which starts with reconstructing the budget planning process and the enrollment projection process. He believes we will have a very clear path for growth over the next seven years. Involvement from faculty, staff, and administration is important.

An update on the Quad-C project and Marcy Nanocenter project was provided to the Council. In regards to Quad-C, B. Geer advised several of our students have been hired by M+W. It was recently announced that CNSE has been named the end user for the Marcy Nanocenter site.

#### **No Executive Session**

#### **Adjournment**

**At 6:10p.m. a motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by P. Donovan to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.**