Minutes of the Student Government Association Task Force Meeting
December 15, 2011 at 11:00 am
Laffin Hall Room 231

Present: Dr. Maureen Tsokris-Chair, Dr. Jeff Gaab-Vice Chair, Dr. Tom Corti-Vice President for Student Affairs, Eunice Ro-Director of Student Activities, Kevin Rea-Vice President SUNY Student Assembly. Student Members: John Scuteri- Secretary, Evee Wang, David Zilnicki, Marvin Amfaro, Beth Manseau, Ken Noriega, Wendy Velasquez

Regrets: Barry Capella-faculty, Bryant Barksdale-Director of Rules SUNY Student Assembly, Paul Cardoso-Agricultural Tech Representative, Tiara McLaughlin, Dominique Williams

1. The first meeting of the Student Government Association Task Force began at 11:00 am. Members of the new Student Government Association Task Force were asked to introduce themselves to one another.

2. The purpose in establishing the task force was explained to those present, to propose a new student government association Constitution and By-laws to be voted on by the student body in a referendum prior to spring break.

3. Copies of the present Farmingdale Student Government Constitution, and the Constitutions of 5 other SUNY campuses were distributed to members of the task force. In addition, the recommendations made by Dr. Keen’s ad-hoc committee were distributed.

4. John Scuteri volunteered to be secretary of the committee and will keep the minutes, which will be posted on the student enews and the Student Government web site.

5. Important points covered:

   - Stipend compensation should be clarified if established.

   - Previous student government executive board had all the power could re write -- constitution at will future constitutions should not grant this power to the student government.

   - We are here to make recommendations, to better the college.
6. Timeline of constitution discussed:

   2/14/12 - rough draft completed
   3/1/12- final draft due
   3/16-3/26- Town meetings to present the proposed Constitution to the student body
   3/26/12- New Constitution submitted as a referendum for vote by the student body
   4/16/12 -Elections for new Student Government Assoc.
   4/20/12- Newly elected student government reps take office

7. Important considerations for future student government discussed.

   Town hall meetings for student government
   Referendum online cast one vote

8. Dates for the group to meet were discussed. Between 19th and 23rd of January
decided date, time and location 10AM 20th January Laffin hall room 321 finalized as the date of
the next meeting of the consortium.

   John Scuteri,
   Student Task Force, secretary