

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2018

Council members present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Mr. James E. Durant; Mr. Robert Sweeney and Mr. Messiah Gaymon. Mr. Ernesto Mattace joined the meeting via phone.

Excused absence: Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. David Curry; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner

College Administration: Dr. John Nader; Dr. Veronica Henry; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Ms. Nancy Connors; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Laura Joseph; Mr. Greg O'Connor

Guests: Ms. Kathryn Coley; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Claire Lisi; Mr. David Phyfe

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2017 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Williams welcomed new council member, Messiah Gaymon, current president of SGA, and the group exchanged introductions.

Chair Williams reported that she participated in a call with council chairs that was convened by ACT Chair Vita DiMarchi. One of the action items was building information directly with SUNY, as there are concerns that there's not enough interaction with SUNY and the trustees. Chairman McCall was on the call and thanked the council members for providing oversight between the members, trustees and SUNY. He briefly mentioned the Budget, the recent raise in tuition, Excelsior and the impact of recent tax reforms. The Chairman stressed the importance of advocacy and encouraged council members to meet with and or/call their local legislators in their district offices to advocate for the Colleges.

The second action item was about ACT members becoming more representative on the SUNY Board of Trustees. At the present they attend meetings and are included in discussion, but cannot vote. Chair DiMarchi is advocating for voting rights.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Nader reported on a recent Presidents' Conference call with the Chancellor on the SUNY budget which is pretty flat in terms of support to campuses. We have appointments set up to meet with our legislators and will continue to advocate, especially for critical maintenance. Chair Williams suggested that a College council member, if available, be invited to accompany President Nader on any budget advocacy visits made to local legislators.

Our enrollment is quite strong this semester. Most campuses talk about a spring melt, but we've had no melt as enrollment is 9300 plus for the spring. We are on a relatively short list of campuses showing persistent growth.

We recently held our biggest Winter Commencement in history and have received a lot of positive comments.

President Nader made note of the distributed Emergency Response Guidelines flip booklet. Chief Fischer should be very pleased. Through VP O'Connor's office a recent review of internal controls found some gaps in our Emergency Preparedness plan. Chief Fischer worked to put together these guidelines which were distributed to the campus at the start of the semester.

FSCNow: The first issue of the new College magazine is due later this month. It's a beautiful issue with articles featuring faculty, students, alums and our new vice presidents, Nancy Connors and Greg O'Connor. The Institutional Advancement team did a great job on this project and we hope to be able to offer an annual magazine moving forward. A launch celebration for the magazine will be held on March 1 in the newly re-decorated Great Room in Ward Hall.

Building projects: We will be re-opening the Great Room in Ward Hall. Dr. Nader said there are plans to use the room for Foundation and Alumni meetings and gatherings, small department meetings, readings, small receptions, etc. President Nader said that thanks goes to the Physical Plant and Carolyn Fedder from the President's Office for their hard work on this project over the last few months.

The Great Mall project continues to progress. We will be able to embark on the Melville Road project this semester. Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre is working with the Town of Babylon and we hope to break ground sometime late next month.

The Economic Impact Study prepared by John Rizzo, Chief Economist for the Long Island Association was released. The overall impact on the regional economy of Farmingdale for 2009-2017 was \$2.5 billion dollars. Kathleen Ferrell suggested we compare the new impact study with that prepared by Pearl Kamer many years ago.

Suffolk County Community College has submitted a program proposal to establish a Dental Hygiene program on the Brentwood campus. We have prepared a very detailed objection as we feel very strongly that this will be detrimental to our program. A discussion ensued. President Nader said he will keep the council updated on this matter.

Dr. Nader asked Greg O'Connor to report on our recycling efforts. Greg explained that we have been lagging behind in this area. A Sustainability Committee has developed a more robust recycling program for paper, etc. We will have standard bins, branded and kept clean and will contract with a company for removal. Upfront costs will be approximately \$120,000, but worth the investment. In addition we are continuing to examine the policy on bottled water.

President Nader reported that over the past year we have examined the condition of our residence halls and last summer were able to make some important improvements. Our room rates have been well below the Higher Education Price Index for a number of years, and we do not have the magnitude of differential between singles and doubles that most campuses across the system have. The cabinet reviewed and approved a modest increase in room rates for the residence halls for 2018-19 of 3% for doubles and 5% for singles. Revenue from these increases will be used for continued improvements. There has also been an increase in the broad based health fee of \$15. per semester.

The Tobacco Use Policy recently distributed was submitted to FEC for review and some corrections/revisions have been made. There is plan to educate and we will be offering smoking cessation classes. Pat's office will help with promotional materials, and the CSEA has offered their assistance with this effort. A discussion ensued regarding the implementation of said policy and the issue of compliance and possible ramifications of non-compliance. It was suggested that we move to a Step 2 on compliance within one year after the Tobacco Use Policy is implemented and we have some data on compliance/non-compliance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Tobacco Policy as presented with an addendum to include a Step 2 on compliance. **MOTION CARRIED**

Paul Caroleo asked if it is mandatory for all students to view an Active Shooter video. Tom Corti said that they make the video available as part of the new student orientation. Messiah Gaymon said students are interested in having an active shooter simulation drill on campus. College council members agreed that we may want to consider making it mandatory for all students to watch an active shooter video.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Earth Day/Week will be celebrated on campus the week of April 16-19.

Kathleen Ferrell announced the AERTC Conference at the Marriott Marquis in NYC on March 27 and 28. Chancellor Johnson will be speaking and will serve on a panel. If any College council member or member of administration would like to attend, please let her know.

Veronica Henry announced the 8th Annual Stem Summit will be held on March 20 at Farmingdale.

Patricia Williams and Veronica Henry will attend the Black and Hispanic Caucus in Albany on February 16-19. EOC students will also attend. Chair Williams extended an invitation for Messiah Gaymon to attend as well.

President Nader announced that Spring 2018 Commencement will be held on Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 in the Nold Athletic Complex.

Chair Williams thanked Ernie Mattace for joining the meeting via conference call.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Lisi

Approved 4/18/2018

SAVE THE DATES:

Tuesday, April 17, 1pm - Dedication of the LIATI sign and FSC'S 106th Birthday Celebration

Wednesday, April 18, 10am – Next College Council Meeting, Conklin Hall Room 100

Thursday, April 19, 11am – Earth Day Fair – Outside Conklin Hall (in Campus Center if inclement weather)

Thursday, April 19, 4pm - Multicultural Fair, Campus Center Ballroom

Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 - Spring Commencement ceremonies

Monday, June 4 - Farmingdale Golf Classic, Tam O'Shanter Country Club

