

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2017

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Mr. James E. Durant; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Ernesto Mattace; Mr. Robert Sweeney; Mr. Cal Jimenez;

Excused Absence: Mr. David Curry

College Administration: Dr. John Nader; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Mr. George LaRosa; Dr. Henry Sikorski

Guests: Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Kathy Coley; Ms. Claire Lisj; Mr. Dave Phyfe; Ms. Katy Greene

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2017 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Williams commended Kathy Coley and the Inauguration Committee for the wonderful work they did to prepare for the Inaugural Ceremony. She congratulated President Nader and said that she and the Council members look forward to working with him.

Chair Williams reported that she attended the Foundation Scholarship reception on campus on April 6. Approximately 150-160 scholarships were awarded and the students were proud to receive the scholarships from various corporations through the Foundation. Chair Williams expressed her hope that this tradition will continue. She reminded the Council members that the Internal Campaign is still underway and it is her hope that we have 100% participation from the College Council as in the past.

Chair Williams made the following announcements:

- The SUNY Board of Trustees meeting will be held at Nassau Community College on May 3, at 2:30pm. All are welcome.
- The ACT Conference will be held in Albany this year at the Renaissance Hotel. More information should be provided soon. Dr. Williams encouraged all council members to attend. At the luncheon they will introduce a new scholarship for students in teacher education.
- Aviation Hall of Fame dinner is tomorrow, April 20. Council member Jim Durant will represent. Jim is an alum of that department. Former President Frank Cipriani will be inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame.
- Friday, May 5, CTLT will hold their Annual Conference on campus. All are welcome.
- Chair Williams mentioned she attended a meeting of her local civic association as the Superintendent and CFO of her school district were presenting the budget. They were speaking

about STEM & STEAM and that students will be participating in courses. Dr. Williams was pleased to learn that her school district has four courses they are working on with Farmingdale State College.

- Congratulations to Randi Shubin Dresner, a recipient of the Long Island Achievement Award from the Public Relations Professionals of Long Island.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Nader announced that the budget was adopted and is pretty solid for SUNY and its campuses. The most attention around the state (and nationally) is the Excelsior Scholarship program. Dr. Nader commended Pat Calabria and his staff for putting together FAQ's for the website, based on information we received from SUNY. He said the scholarship for the first year in fall 2017 is available to students with an adjusted gross family income of less than \$100,000. This is a last dollar scholarship which can be up to \$5500. The state will cover the gap between anything the students might receive from PELL, the state's tuition assistance program, and other awards for which they might be eligible. This scholarship is exclusive to tuition as no room and board will be covered. There is a residency requirement in that students are expected to stay in New York for 2 or 4 years after earning their associate or bachelor degrees. It's too soon to tell what impact this will have on Farmingdale students. Dr. Nader said we are awaiting more information from the Higher Education Services Corporation about this program. College administrators have participated on conference calls regarding this program and there are still many questions to be answered and details to work out.

The budget also provided for the restoration of the rational tuition plan which allows SUNY campuses to raise their tuition by up to \$200, though if we were to adopt this increase it would not apply to Excelsior scholarship students as their tuition is "frozen" for 8 semesters.

Dr. Nader reported there is a significant amount of money (almost \$8 million) in the budget for Farmingdale for critical maintenance projects though most of that is already spoken for with projects already planned.

There is not a significant pool of money in the budget for capital construction. While disappointing, we will continue our advocacy for funds for the Building for Applied Social Sciences. President Nader thanked the council members for their efforts in advocating for the BASS.

There aren't any new procurement regulations in the budget thus far. Dr. Nader said he is concerned about tougher regulations being introduced as we need to purchase 2 new airplanes and artificial turf for the playing fields. Tighter regulations could delay these procurements for many months.

Pat Calabria distributed information on enrollment. Our enrollment has increased 7% from Fall 2015 and is the largest increase in all of SUNY, where many are experiencing flat or negative numbers. This may be attributable to our relevant academic programs, the appearance of our campus with new buildings and renovations and an increase in campus activities. Mr. Calabria commended the Admissions and Marketing area for their efforts in getting the word out. He noted that our recent Spring Open House event had a slight decline in attendance due to the ACT exams being held the same day. We don't have the results of the survey yet.

Dr. Nader introduced George LaRosa who was attending his last Council meeting before retiring this summer, to give a presentation on the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park BHBP. Mr. LaRosa thanked the

College Council members, many of whom he has known for a long time, for their dedicated service to the College.

Mr. LaRosa explained that the BHBP, a 501(c/3) corporation is an exciting entity that we launched in the late 1990's through the state, SUNY and industry leaders to develop the Route 110 corridor. The building housed start-up companies doing research. In the early years we lost tenants because companies wanted to come in and adapt the facilities to their individual needs which when dealing with the State, could take 12-18 months. We ultimately lost two big startups, IRX and Helicon. We did not have a vivarium (rodent facility) on site and SUNY was opposed so we lost Helicon to San Diego. Mr. LaRosa then explained that we sought the assistance of the state legislature to change the land lease legislation and due to the efforts of Assemblyman Bob Sweeney and Senator Charles Fuschillo we were successful. Mr. LaRosa gave a brief history of the buildings and updated the council on current negotiations with possible tenants moving forward.

Chair Williams thanked Mr. LaRosa for his informative presentation and asked that he convey thanks on behalf of the Council to Greg Blyskal, the Executive Director of the BHBP.

OTHER BUSINESS: President Nader made some additional announcements:

- Searches are underway to replace George LaRosa and Henry Sikorski (both retiring) and the searches are in the finalist stage. We hope to have these positions in place by June.

Buildings and Grounds projects underway:

- Phase I Great Mall Project
- Whitman Hall
- 2 parking lots: adjacent to University Police and Nold Hall
- Walkways and pathways to Route 110
- 3rd floor of Greenley Hall
- Conklin Hall should be finished by June 5
- Upgrades to Little Theater
- Remodeling of Books n Beans

Melville Road Project:

The College is ready and waiting for the Town of Babylon to move forward which probably won't happen until next spring.

Commencement:

- Saturday, May 20: Stanley Bergman, CEO of Henry Schein, Inc. will be receiving an honorary degree at the 10:00am ceremony. Former NASA astronaut and science educator, Leland Melvin will receive the honorary degree at the 3:00pm ceremony.

Farmingdale Foundation Golf Outing:

- Monday, June 12 – Henry Sikorski to be recognized for his service to the College and the Foundation.

Chair Williams announced that Kathleen Ferrell and Randi Dresner have been working diligently on their presentation to the Council regarding roles and responsibilities of council members. Dr. Williams has recommended there be a committee meeting 'of the whole' at a special council meeting. Kathleen and Randi are looking forward to having an honest and open discussion with all of the members. Claire will reach out via email to propose three dates in May when the council can convene this special meeting.

Before Chair Williams ended the meeting President Nader offered thanks and congratulations to George LaRosa and Henry Sikorski as they retire after many, many years of outstanding service to the College.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Lisi

Approved 10/4/2017

Council College Meetings Fall 2017/Spring 2018
Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4	Conference Room #100, Conklin Hall
Wednesday, December 6	President's Boardroom, Horton Hall
Wednesday, February 7	President's Boardroom, Horton Hall
Wednesday, April 18	President's Boardroom, Horton Hall