

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE**  
**COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 5, 2016**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Mr. David Curry; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Robert Sweeney; Mr. Cal Jimenez; Mr. Ernesto Mattace participated via conference call.

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

Guests: Mr. John Dzinanka; Mr. Jack Petrich; Mr. Marvin Fischer; Ms. Kathy Coley; Ms. Claire Lisi; Mr. David Phyfe

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am. Dr. Williams welcomed Farmingdale State College's new Student Government president, Cal Jimenez. Chair Williams asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves by name and department.

The chair entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2016. A motion was moved by David Curry, and seconded by Randi Dresner to accept the minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Dr. Williams accompanied President Nader to a meeting with Senator LaValle and she reminded everyone that the senator has always been very supportive of the College.

Chair Williams thanked fellow Council members Kathleen Ferrell, Randi Dresner and Paul Caroleo for joining her at the Fall 2016 Convocation highlighting new staff, promotions and achievements. Dr. Williams mentioned she also met the Commanding officer of the ROTC here on campus. In September, Dr. Williams attended the Office of Veterans Affairs 9/11 ceremony. She also attended (along with President John Nader, Dr. Veronica Henry and Dr. Henry Sikorski), the LIA's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Dr. Williams reported on the annual ACT Conference in Rochester this year that she attended with Kathleen Ferrell and Ernesto Mattace. Unfortunately Chancellor Zimpher was unable to attend and give the keynote; however, Trustee Eunice Lewin attended and offered an excellent presentation. Provost Alex Cartwright filled in for Chairman McCall and gave a very interesting talk on the state of higher education and the changes we will be facing within the next few months. President Nader assured Dr. Williams that Farmingdale is already in compliance with many of the new requirements. Alex spoke a lot about strategic enrollment for the future and many of the changes as a result of this. Currently SUNY is searching for 9 presidents and reviewing and revising the guidelines for presidential searches. Regarding the search for a new Chancellor, both Trustee Lewin and Provost Cartwright referred everyone to the SUNY website.

Dr. Williams said that there was a new Code of Conduct on Sexual Assault policies presented. Victims of sexual assault have more choices available to them as they may now report to university police, county police or the state police.

There was a presentation regarding Start-ups and Buffalo State had three firms in attendance whose representatives spoke about their starts and successes.

Ernie Mattace reported that SUNY is continuing to try to streamline the transfer process for students, which has been a problem for years. Dr. Williams confirmed that Ernie attended the Business meeting and reported that all officers of ACT were re-elected.

Kathleen Ferrell mentioned that council members were asked to encourage their fellow council members to participate in future ACT conferences. ACT mentioned they will try to plan conferences a little further downstate in the future to make it more convenient.

Ms. Ferrell mentioned that some of the campuses at the Conference provided a 'one-pager' about everything their Council members did throughout the year. Kathleen thought it was a nice idea and suggested maybe it's something we should think about doing.

Dr. Williams mentioned that there is a book being published by SUNY Press on each SUNY cluster. Drafts are supposed to be provided to each of the campuses for fact checking.

Chair Williams asked Tom Corti to update the Council on the alcohol policy at the next council meeting on November 30.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Before giving his report to the Council Dr. Nader presented to Chair Williams (on behalf of SUNY CUAD) a gift commemorating her Hall of Fame status.

Building for Applied Social Sciences (BASS): Dr. Nader reported that we have been finalizing plans for the BASS. He has been visiting with the local legislators advocating for financial support as the building will cost approximately \$35 million to complete. Dr. Nader introduced John Dzinanka to the Council. Mr. Dzinanka gave an informative power point presentation of the renderings of the proposed building and its location on campus. The building is planned to be 43,780 square feet over three floors and will house STS, Economics, Psychology, Geography and Sociology departments. The plans have been approved by the SUNY Construction Fund and once the financial support is obtained the project can go out to bid. The College hosted a Legislative Breakfast last month to introduce the plans for the building to legislators and the local business community. Dr. Nader is hopeful; the feedback has been very favorable. Dr. Nader reported that he and Pat Calabria will have to strategize to work with the Executive branch on this as well.

Chair Williams asked if a one-page information sheet could be provided to Council members, to include pictures, budget, departments housed in the proposed building, etc., to aid the council members when they are advocating for funds for the building. It was agreed that Institutional Advancement will work on something to provide to the Council members.

Mr. Dzinanka also updated the Council on the plans for the new entrance to the campus from Melville Road. This project, started as a result of the tragic death of a student who was crossing Melville Road one evening, calls for the installation of a traffic light with turning lanes into the campus and into the shopping center at the Nold Hall entrance. The Laffin Hall entrance to the campus may be closed in the future. Rough estimates for this project are \$200-250K, to be shared by the town and the state. The project has been embraced by the Town of Babylon, the lead agency, as well as the shopping center. The town and the state agencies are working on a legal document regarding a payment schedule agreement for this initiative and we are hoping for construction in summer 2017.

President Nader announced that all are welcome to attend the International Flag Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Bunche Plaza in connection with UN day which is Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. He added that the flags represent the diverse group of nations from which FSC has had graduates.

Pat Calabria reported that enrollment continues to be robust. Enrollment numbers should settle at about 9,250 making us the second largest undergraduate four year college on Long Island. This is due to several factors: our tremendously talented faculty, academic programs, appearance of the campus and our campus recruiting efforts.

Veronica Henry reported on the Diversity, Equity Inclusion Plan which is a work in progress. Once we have a final draft presented to FEC the College Council will be able to view it. This plan is due to be submitted to SUNY by November 1. Dr. Henry announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and everyone is asked to wear purple on October 20. Through the cooperation of the Physical Plant the Administration Building is lit up in purple.

Tom Corti announced that the college is drafting a policy for Service and Comfort Animals as we have had requests from students for approvals. When the draft is complete we will send Council members a copy for review.

The Farmingdale Shuttle Service is a service this semester funded by a new transportation fee. The Shuttle bus operates on a regular schedule from the campus, to the LIRR station and the Aviation Center and returns. Shuttle runs between 7:30am and 6:00pm and services approximately 650 - 750 riders per week.

President Nader mentioned tentative plans for his Inauguration for Friday, March 31, 2017. Chancellor Zimpher is not available to attend, but Chairman Carl McCall has agreed to attend and participate in the ceremony. Additional information will be forthcoming pending confirmation from the Board of Trustees office.

Winter Graduation is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 1:00pm. Nold Hall renovations may not be finished in time to accommodate the ceremony in December so it was decided to move it to January.

Henry Sikorski announced that the LI Business Hall of Fame Gala will be held on Thursday, November 10 at the Oheka Castle. The honoree this year is H2M Architects and Engineers. Invitations are in the mail. Council members are also invited to the Conference Room dedication on Tuesday, November 1 in the Greenley Library from 2pm-5pm. The conference room has been re-decorated and will include a plaque dedicating it in the memory of Barbara Legname, a long-time member of the Long Island Association staff who passed away. Barbara and her sister, Roberta Lea, who spearheaded this project, were Farmingdale alums.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Randi Dresner said she feels as if the council needs to re-affirm their engagement in Farmingdale--need to re-define their purpose and goals. She suggested we put something in writing. She appreciates and wants to do more and give more but feels perhaps we should document something. Dr. Williams reminded everyone that all new members of the Council receive the official SUNY booklet outlining their responsibilities on behalf of the college they serve. Randi and Kathleen Ferrell agreed to draft a document for review at the February 2017 meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion to adjourn moved by Paul Caroleo and seconded by Kenneth Card, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Lisi*

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Approved 11/30/2016