

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 18, 2015**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Mr. Robert Stricoff; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Dr. Kenneth Card; Ms. Aesha Curtis; Mr. Ernesto Mattace via conference call:

Excused: Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Mr. David Curry

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

Guests: Ms. Kathy Coley; Mr. David Phyfe

The meeting was called to order at 10am. Dr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2015 as written.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Dr. Williams reported on her recent attendance at the annual ACT Conference held this year at the Gideon Putnam Resort. Chancellor Zimpher gave a presentation on SUNY, similar to the talk she had given a few months ago at the Long Island Association meeting. The SUNY Budget was presented and the finance experts from SUNY were there to answer questions. In addition, a workshop was given regarding College presidents and College Council presidents functioning well together which was quite informative. Bob Kraushaar from System led a panel on Presidential Searches: What you need to know and what you wish you had known.

Scholarship Ceremony: The ACT scholarships, one awarded to each University Center, College of Technology, etc. were announced and the student scholars representing the institutions were outstanding and very deserving. While some of the students were from the downstate region, it seems most of them were attending colleges in the upstate areas.

Another workshop presented at the Conference was College Foundations and College Council Partnerships. Dr. Williams served on the panel along with two college presidents and their respective college council chairs. She felt she had much to offer the workshop as the 'crossover' person as she had been a Vice President for External Affairs, working closely with the College Foundation, as well as in her current role as Chair of Farmingdale's College Council. Dr. Williams reminded council members of their roles and how they can support their Colleges with advocacy by working with their Foundations' Legislative Committee. In addition, as liaisons, they can and should promote the institutions and their Presidents in their communities, helping to open the door to fundraising for the president.

Chair Williams feels it was a very informative conference and encouraged participation by the Council members in the conference next year, which will be held September 30 – October 1 at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Dr. Keen commented that Farmingdale sends up nominations every year for the ACT Award and while we have had one or two winners in the past it does seem to appear that the students in the upstate campuses are awarded more frequently.

With respect to safety on Melville Road, Dr. Keen first thanked Chair Williams for accompanying him to his meeting with the Town of Babylon Supervisor Richard Schaefer. The Supervisor is very receptive and supportive of the safety issues related to Melville Road which were brought to their attention after a Farmingdale student was struck and killed by a motorist. In less than 2 weeks of their meeting the Town of Babylon notified us that they would be sending engineers to assess the traffic situation for a possible “T” intersection with a traffic light. Dr. Keen said he will keep the Council informed of the progress of this important matter.

Training for Active Shooter on Campus: According to University Police Chief Marvin Fischer all University police receive ongoing training with respect to the possibility of an active shooter on campus. In addition, a copy of a training video “Run, Hide, Fight”, prepared by the City of Houston Police Department was distributed to all faculty and staff. In answer to a question about emergency notification, Pat Calabria shared that the campus subscribes to RAVE, an emergency notification system. Faculty, students and staff must register for this service which sends out an alert when there is an emergency. This system has been successfully tested with weather emergencies.

After much discussion about the possible need for additional safety training for students, Dr. Keen said University Police Chief Marvin Fischer will be called upon to attend the next College Council meeting to give a presentation of our emergency response plans and perhaps open it up for discussion and review with respect to emergency training for students.

Tobacco Free Campus: Dr. Keen reported that we will be putting together a task force in an effort to take the appropriate steps toward a Tobacco Free Campus.

The SUNY Board of Trustees recently adopted a new policy on Equity & Diversity and President Keen was pleased to report that Farmingdale was already underway with some of the new requirements. One of those is that all campuses will need to have a Chief Diversity Officer in place and Dr. Veronica Henry has served as Farmingdale’s Chief Diversity Officer for several years now. However, there are other requirements we will need to implement in the near future.

Academic Programs/Grant Funding: Dr. Joseph has undertaken a very ambitious plan to hire 30 new faculty. These are new full time faculty, tenure track faculty as well as replacements for retiring faculty.

The First in the World grant is well underway, funded by the US Department of Education. We have three (3) proposals currently pending which we feel we have a good chance of being awarded: The Performance Improvement Fund, Next Generation Vaccines and the Infrastructure/Transportation Security. These are multi-million dollar grants.

Dr. Keen and cabinet members met recently with SUNY Construction Fund and the Physical Plant staff to advise them of our future needs. The SUNY system recognizes our growth and we feel that if the state receives funding they will honor us in terms of our needs. Dr. Keen distributed a list to the Council members of the constructions projects on campus both completed and in progress.

The next item we are hoping for funding in the upcoming budget is for the new Building for Applied Social Sciences which would provide desperately needed new space for faculty offices and classrooms.

Dr. Keen reminded everyone that Chancellor Zimpher has this active Advocacy Campaign underway on the budget and she is having regional meetings and may have a regional meeting here on LI. If that is the case, College Council members will be invited to join this meeting. Dr. Keen said we will begin our own advocacy campaign in the spring of 2016.

#### **Announcements/Events:**

The Campus holiday party will take place in the Campus Center Ballroom on Thursday, December 10 at 3pm and all Council members are invited. This is an informal gathering when the entire campus community has an opportunity to come together.

Winter Commencement is Tuesday, December 22 at 7pm in Nold Hall. Those participating should report to the robing area at 6pm.

Foundation has its LI Business Hall of Fame Gala. Honoree is Henry Schein, the largest public corporation on Long Island. We now have representation from Henry Schein on our Foundation Board. We have over 300 attending this event at the Oheka Castle tomorrow evening.

A copy of President Keen's letter of evaluation from the Chancellor was shared with everyone and Chair Williams commented on the positive nature of the evaluation.

Aesha Curtis asked for an explanation of the new Interactive Design program, the first of its kind within SUNY. One of the hottest topics going on in the business world today and very popular with students, Dr. Keen said the Interactive Design program was initiated on this campus by Allison Puff, Acting Assistant Provost. It is the practice of using end user experiences

in developing products and services prior to designing them. Dr. Joseph explained it is an interdisciplinary program and we hope to roll it out in the fall of 2016.

Chair Williams requested a motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was later reported that the College Council members approved a change in the regular Council meeting dates from February 17 to March 16. There will also be a special College Council executive session on Thursday, February 25 to receive and discuss the Search Committee's final report.

Chair Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Lisi*

*Minutes approved 3/16/2016*