

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 4, 2017

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. David Curry; Mr. James E. Durant; Mr. Robert Sweeney; Mr. Cal Jimenez; Mr. Ernesto Mattace and Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner via phone.

Excused Absence: Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Paul Caroleo

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

Guests: Ms. Rena Varghese; Mr. Marvin Fischer; Ms. Claire Lisi; Mr. Brett Southard; Mr. David Phyfe

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2017 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Williams reported on a number of events that were attended by Council members since the last meeting:

- Jim Durant attended the Aviation Hall of Fame Dinner held on April 20 at which former president, Dr. Frank A. Cipriani was honored.
- Spring 2017 Commencement ceremonies were held in May at which Honorary Doctor of Science degrees were bestowed on Stanley Bergman and Leland Melvin. Both ceremonies were well represented by Council members.
- Chair Williams attended Convocation in August and recommended that Council members make every effort to attend in the future as it is an opportunity to hear President Nader speak about the successes and challenges of the past and his vision for the College moving forward. It is also a time to recognize new faculty and staff and honor Chancellor and CARES award winners.
- A ribbon cutting to celebrate the reopening of Conklin Hall which has undergone a major renovation was held on September 5.
- Chair Williams attended the 9/11 Ceremony in front of Horton Hall. She thanked Eric Farina of Veterans Services for coordinating a very moving program.
- Dr. Williams reported that the recent Legislative Breakfast held on campus was one of the best she's attended and commented on how well received the presentations were. Legislators seem to appreciate the opportunity to be informed about the College. There was a good turnout of Council members at this event.
- The ACT Conference held in Albany this year was attended by Chair Williams, Kathleen Ferrell, Jim Durant and Bob Sweeney. Dr. Williams had the pleasure of being seated with our new Chancellor Kristina Johnson and SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Carl McCall. Chancellor Johnson mentioned she is interested in an initiative in Haiti and will share it at a later date. The Council members attended the Scholarship reception on Saturday at which Farmingdale senior nursing student Bradley Correia was the recipient of an ACT Scholarship. Bradley was accompanied by his parents, his brother and one of his professors, Frank Rampello. Bradley has an outstanding academic and service record at the College. Chair Williams participated in a panel

discussion about the challenges and issues facing college council members. Both Jim Durant and Bob Sweeney commented on how much they enjoyed the conference.

Chair Williams mentioned that Council members Kathleen Ferrell and Randi Shubin Dresner worked hard on a report of the roles and responsibilities of College council members and at the April meeting it was decided to hold a special meeting of the council in May to present their report.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations agreed upon at the special meeting on May 17, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Williams asked all Council members to make an effort to attend the International Energy & Sustainability Conference on Thursday, October 19 and 20 on campus. Further information is available on the website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Nader introduced Rena Varghese, Executive Director of the Nexus Center for Applied Learning, who gave a presentation about the Center which focuses on applied learning/internship and career development opportunities for our students.

President Nader introduced the new Vice President for Administration and Finance and CFO, Greg O'Connor, and Vice President for Development and Philanthropy, Nancy Connors. Ms. Connors gave a brief report on the plans to combine the Alumni Office with the Foundation Office and the work ahead of them to gather and convert all the data on our more than 80,000 alums.

Dr. Nader mentioned a number of things happening on campus:

- Books N Beans will re-open at 11:15am tomorrow. This area has gone through a renovation with expanded seating, computers, coffee and grab and go food items. In addition, a number of improvement projects across campus have taken place in and around the residence halls and Horton Hall.
- Nancy Connors has been successful in getting a former donor to agree to relax restrictions on funds so that some of these funds may be used for additional aesthetic improvements going forward.
- Total enrollment is approximately 9600, with the majority coming from retention. Our applications are up, and we surpassed our applications to the graduate degree program. We are facing capacity issues on campus and the president would like to devote much of the December 6 Council meeting to talking about how we can address capacity for parking, classroom, food service, etc.
- Thanks to Dr. Veronica Henry we learned that we have about 350 legal resident (green card) students from over 72 countries enrolled at the College.
- The PGA Tournament to be held on the Bethpage Black has moved up their date from July-August 2019 to May of 2019 which directly conflicts with our last week of classes. Dr. Laura Joseph met with the Calendar Committee and they were very receptive to working with us to accommodate the PGA. The calendar has since been compressed and we will be able to hold our end of term activities and ceremonies, including Commencement, and still accommodate the PGA which is such an important economic event to New York State. Greg O'Connor will be working closely with officials with regard to costs involved.
- The President's Gala, which is a fundraising event at which we will honor our corporate partner, D3 LLC of Melville with the Ram's Horn Award. The President's Leadership Awardees are Dr. Veronica Henry, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief Diversity Officer, Faculty; Sal Ferro, CEO of Alure Home Improvements, Alumnus, and Gaymon Messiah, Student. The event will be held Wednesday, November 8 at 6pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club and should prove to be a very successful event.

- Dr. Veronica Henry, together with a committee, is currently drafting criteria for an individual or group Diversity, Equity and Inclusion campus award. We hope to award this in the spring.

Bob Sweeney asked about the new federal regulations passed regarding campus safety and whether it pertained to state campuses. President Nader responded that we are awaiting guidance from SUNY.

Tom Corti presented the Campus Animal Policy (not to be confused with the Emotional Support Animal policy). The policy was drafted from the policy used at Stony Brook and was distributed in advance to the Council members to be reviewed and voted on.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Campus Animal Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Williams asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Fred Harrison who worked at the College for the past 50 years and died in July.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Lisi

Approved 12/6/2017

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 8
Wednesday, December 6
Thursday, December 7
Tuesday, January 23

President's Gala, 6pm - Crest Hollow Country Club
College Council Meeting 10am - President's Boardroom
Campus Holiday Party, 3pm - Campus Center Ballroom
Winter Commencement 11am – Nold Athletic Complex