

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
April 10, 2013

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Mr. Paul Caroleo; David Curry, Esq;  
Ms. Amanda Lundberg; Mr. Ernesto Mattace

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Card; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Robert Stricoff

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti;  
Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Kathy Coley; Chief Marvin Fischer

Dr. Williams called for a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Judith McEvoy, loyal and dedicated friend  
of the college and alumna; she will be missed.

Dr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made by  
Paul Caroleo and seconded by Ernest Mattace. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Williams attended the **Farmingdale Foundation Scholarship** reception, along with Randi Shubin  
Dresner and Ernest Mattace, and was impressed to see the number of scholarships offered. Dr. Sikorski  
said over 200 are offered at this time, and the number is growing.

Dr. Williams also attended the **alumni dinner** at the Woodlands Golf and Country Club and encouraged  
Council members to attend the many upcoming events supporting the awards and achievements of  
students and alumni.

The **STEM Summit** was held on campus. Coordinated by Dr. Veronica Henry, over 600 students,  
teachers and business and industry leaders attended. Dr. Henry said they had over 30 sponsorships, and  
31 school districts participated with exhibits and presentations. Keynote speakers included Dr. Barbara  
Ross-Lee and Sister Jane Fritz; Dr. Henry thanked everyone for their generosity and support.

Dr. Williams indicated that work on the **Ralph Bunche Plaza** is progressing, and she has spoken with Dr.  
Corti about renewing the students' interest in this American diplomat and connecting it with the ribbon  
cutting.

The Chancellor will be included in the **ACT telephone conference** to be held this afternoon. Highlights of  
the agenda mentioned College Council appointments, updates, scholarship applications and SUNY  
activity. Dr. Williams stated she would report back at the next College Council meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Commencement** – An honorary degree will be given to the Minister of Education from the Dominican  
Republic, Dr. Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona. We have had students from the DR on campus since 2007,  
and approximately 100 students are here right now. A letter of invitation will be sent to Council  
members for the welcome brunch on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and to Commencement and the  
luncheon afterwards on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Keen mentioned there are many activities that occur  
leading up to Commencement, and Council members are welcome to all.

**Resolution** – The President referred to the resolution honoring Dr. Frank Cipriani who was President from 1978 - 1999 and had been at the college for 14 years before that as an administrator. He retired in 2000 as President. Dr. Cipriani led the college in the 1980's and 1990's when there was a dramatic reorganization and change. The first 4-year degree program in 1985 required changes adopted by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents, and in 1993 the college officially became a 4-year college. Dr. Cipriani led all of these challenges, and led them well. Dr. Keen stated he would like to propose that the outer roadway of the college that connects the Route 110 and Melville Road entrances be named the *Dr. Frank A. Cipriani Drive*. Mr. Paul Caroleo made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Mr. David Curry.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The President said a ceremony would be scheduled to officially name the road, and the College Council would of course be invited.

**Alcohol Policy** – The College Council has the responsibility to approve the campus alcohol policy. Currently, Aramark can obtain a temporary liquor license for certain events on campus. This is never done when there are students present. When the drinking age was 18, beer was served in the Ram's Den; when the age became 21, and there were particular concerns, a no-alcohol policy was adopted on the campus.

Vice President Corti has had some discussion and continues to investigate policies at other campuses, including those on Long Island. There are several hundred students in the residence halls who are over 21, and he was approached regarding their not being able to have a beer in the privacy of their own rooms. This led to examining the entire campus policy. Amanda Lundberg commented that we need to treat students who are adults as adults.

The President indicated that discussion has begun, and we need to know what the feelings are about this in different areas. It is going to be introduced as an issue for consideration in the full Governance meeting coming up in about 1-1/2 weeks, and we plan to have a thorough discussion and continue to assemble information. There would be no sale of alcohol on the campus, and food service would be in charge of distribution at any events on the campus.

**Admissions and Graduation Rate** - the report on enrollment in *Newsday* does not include updated information. Vice President Calabria presented a report on transfer applications showing that while continuing our transition to a 4-year campus, changes in academic standards, qualifications for admissions and dedication to academics, we have been improving quite a bit. The report includes a graph on the one-year retention rate, along with one showing the six-year graduation rate. A large portion of our transfer students come from the community colleges, but we are getting some from four-year and private colleges as well. Our acceptance rate for applicants has gone down and is approximately 45 percent. A more complete report is due in the fall. We have a very robust pool of candidates for the faculty and staff positions we are advertising. We are hiring 18 replacements for retirees and 10 new added full tenure-track faculty positions.

**No-Smoking Policy** - We announced changes in our policy and got quite a lot of feedback. The message has been productive in terms of advancing to a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus (including electronic cigarettes).

**Budget** - Work on the 2013-14 budget concluded, and there are no new state dollars in it. No new capital projects were approved at this time, and we cannot complete some projects underway as quickly

as planned. The Conklin Hall project has begun. Design and some construction have taken place but have now stopped until there is funding for the second phase. The Information Commons project is stopped.

**Questions/Other Business** - Mr. Ernest Mattace thanked everyone for making him feel very welcome; this is his second meeting. He mentioned being at Suffolk Community College for 46 years, and he met with John Lombardo at SCCC and asked whether we can collaborate. Dr. Sikorski said we do work closely with John and contemplate working on several things with him. We are also doing workforce training – about 300-400 thousand dollars annually - and serving about 200-250 students a year. Companies support this long-term. With Estee Lauder, we trained about 100 people for the assembly line. We have a great partnership with them; and they give scholarships, as do many other corporations. In addition to serving business and industry, we also form relationships with companies who support us.

**Smart Scholars** – 174 students in the program take courses in Aviation, Criminal Justice, Freshman Experience, Creative Concepts, etc. Bentley Whitfield works with four different high school groups: Amityville, Hempstead, Wyandanch, and NYC Dept. of Education Students in Temporary Housing (homeless).

**Campus Center** – Dr. Keen said if it is their first time in the building, he would like to take the Council members on a little tour of the building; it has done much for the socialization of the campus. The Ballroom can be divided into 1/2 or 1/4, and there are two large drop-down screens. With a large lunch space, all food service is in the Campus Center. Dr. Corti added that significant increases in our retention are expected as a result of this facility.

**Housing** -Dr. Corti also mentioned that a national company did a feasibility study on housing, and the initial report says we need to expand.

**Dean and Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences**- A search was conducted for a Dean of Arts and Sciences, and we are hiring Dr. Lou Reinisch who is coming from Jacksonville State University in Alabama and will arrive in June. He spent 11 years as a researcher and is a physicist. We also appointed the Chair of Biology, Dr. Charles Adair, as the Associate Dean. We are very pleased.

We are nearing the end of the search for the Dean of the School of Business. The Committee is meeting, and an appointment from among the finalists is expected shortly.

**Mobile Web Site** – is now available on smart phones; there is no need to be at a desktop.

**Events:**

Farmingdale Foundation Annual Golf Outing - June 17, 2013 at Cold Spring Hills  
Business Hall of Fame Gala – November 21, 2013 at Oheka Castle

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Caroleo, seconded by Ernest Mattace. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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