

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2018

Council members present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Ken Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Mr. James E. Durant; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Messiah Gaymon; Mr. Ernie Mattace; Mr. Robert Sweeney.

Absent: Mr. David Curry

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

Guests: Ms. Christine LaPlace; Ms. Kathryn Coley; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Claire Lisi; Ms. Carolyn Fedder; 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 February 8, 2018 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson's report:

- Chair Williams reported she attended the reception for the premiere launch of *FSCNow*, the College's new magazine. The publication includes feature stories on students, staff and alums and is an excellent way to feature the College. Chair Williams said she took a copy to all of her meetings and shared it with committees.
- Dr. Williams and Mr. Durant attended the Aviation Hall of Fame dinner which is always a nice affair. Chair Williams mentioned that ACT announced the next Public meeting of the SUNY Board of Trustees will be held in Morrisville, if any College Council members wish to attend.
- Mr. Durant reported that he attended the FSC Job Fair on campus a few weeks ago and visited the Delta Airlines table and met a 2015 FSC alum, now a flight officer with Delta, recruiting on campus. Dr. Williams mentioned that she recently attended a luncheon where Jim Durant was honored and there were 3 young men in attendance, all 3 graduates of Farmingdale. They were aviation and business graduates and Jim has been assisting them with securing employment with the airlines. Chair Williams reminded members that these are the kinds of things we can do for students at Farmingdale.

President's report: Dr. Nader mentioned that with the Council's concurrence he wanted to change the order of business in order to accommodate our legal counsel, Christine LaPlace, who was in attendance for the review of some new policies at FSC. Prior to discussing the individual policies, President Nader announced the upcoming retirement of Claire Lisi and thanked her for her years of service to FSC. Dr. Nader also announced that Carolyn Fedder will replace Ms. Lisi and they were both present at the meeting today to help ease the transition.

- Preferred First Name: President Nader explained that in response to a number of inquiries from students as well as staff across the system, this policy was drafted to allow a preferred first name to be used for email, grade rosters and student ID cards while the legal name still appears on transcripts, etc. Both the preferred first name and legal names would appear on the Student ID cards for which there will be a nominal fee charged. Dr. Joseph explained that the College is working out a few technical issues with respect to the policy but is hopeful we can implement it in the fall 2018 semester.

After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as is, with any recommendations that may be made to the Council in the interim by President Nader. **MOTION CARRIED**

- Student Rights & Assembly: The second and third policies deal with the topic of free speech on campus. Dr. Nader said the policy provided today specifically addresses student rights and assembly procedures. The College is still working on a third party usage policy. The student Rights and Assembly policy fully protects the rights of students to assemble safely and without interrupting the operation of the campus as they see appropriate for free speech purposes. Dr. Nader said that because this has to do with student rights we wanted to bring it to College Council for approval. Christine LaPlace reiterated President Nader's statement that the policy is intended to protect the students' first amendment rights.

It was agreed that this policy will be posted on the website where other policies are kept. In addition, it will be posted in the Student Handbook (on line and print version). SGA president and Council member Messiah Gaymon stated that the policy can be uploaded to the Ram Central club portal and they will notify Student Activities as well. Following much discussion about location and advance notification a motion was made and seconded to approve the policy as presented. The **MOTION PASSED** with 6 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

- Third Party Usage: Dr. Nader states that this policy pertains to groups and organizations that are not affiliated with the college. How much notice is required, turn around time and appropriate outdoor areas on campus need to be identified. Changes can be made to location at the college's discretion. Christine LaPlace indicates that this is a public campus and as it is a 1st Amendment right, there is entitlement for outsiders. Time, place, matter can be dictated if a policy is in place. Dr. Nader explained that block out periods for core functions would allow for rejection. The primary location being considered is Bunche Plaza. The policy will be proposed at next council meeting.
- Consensual Sexual Relationships: Addresses relationships among Faculty/Staff/Student, specifically student teacher supervisory relationships. Also relationships between faculty and staff members especially where there is a supervisory role involved. There will be a template from SUNY for campuses to use and the policy must address six criteria in a draft to be submitted July 1. There is no current policy in place. Differences in past practices, collective bargaining agreements and BOT's for community campuses may be the reason why we are asked to craft our own policy and not use a standard one for all campuses. A draft will be provided to the council for review and approval.
- SUNY Sexual Harassment and Response and Prevention Policy Statement: Dr. Veronica Henry reports that the new SUNY statement must be posted and distributed by July 1 with the language provided.
- SUNY Budget: There is no money for capital construction in the budget. The funding sought for the BASS building was not provided. There was an increase in critical maintenance funding, which is spent already. Award letters were received for the Knapp Hall envelope and for Lupton Hall HVAC mechanical projects. The space utilization task force will have a report at the end of the semester.
- PGA 2019: There is a drafted contract that would pay the College \$120,000 and gives the Foundation tickets to raise money. We were paid more money for providing less service than in previous years.
- Suffolk County Community College Dental Hygiene Program: SCCC proposed a program very similar to ours for their Brentwood campus. We protested the program as it directly competes with our program. There is also a private sector competitor in Forest Hills. Suffolk agreed to withdraw their application. We will work with them to pursue joint programming/admissions. Seamless transfer and possible program co-locations are to be considered.

- Four New Programs: Dr. Nader asks Provost Joseph to update the group. Three programs will be launched in spring 2018; Geographic Information Systems, Business Analytics, Computer Security Technology and Nutrition Science will enroll for fall 2019.
- Foundation Report: Nancy Connors, Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement, reports that they have been successful at merging the Foundation and the Alumni Association. The Foundation Board has increased its diversity with the addition of three women, and she hopes to add additional alumni. Foundation accounts and funds have been reviewed for compliance and a clean audit has been completed. Ms. Connors and President Nader met with donors to restructure gifts so they were not so restrictive which has helped serve scholarship programs and the needs of the college. Need based scholarships have been awarded by working with the Financial Aid office. A need based scholarship fund set up for NCC and SCC transfer students could also help with recruitment. A recommendation for more of the Foundation's cash funds to be moved to investments to grow funding for scholarships was made. Work with the Nexus Center in the development of internships and scholarships with corporate partners is being pursued. Next step is to secure an alumni data base with new software. Recommendations for possible new board members are welcomed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Williams mentions the Fred Harrison Memorial taking place later this afternoon.

Randi Shubin Dresner is happy to report that Island Harvest and FSC are partnering in bringing dental hygienists to Island Harvest distribution programs for dental care. Island Harvest Giving Garden will be established on a parcel of land on campus. It will produce vegetables that will be distributed those in need the community.

Messiah Gaymon, Council member and SGA President, announces RamChella on April 27. There will be a carnival on the Great Lawn that is open to all followed by a concert that is open to students and their guests.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fedder

Approved 10/10/2018

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, April 19, 11am – Earth Day Fair – Outside Conklin Hall (in Campus Center if inclement weather)

Thursday, April 19, 4pm - Multicultural Fair, Campus Center Ballroom

Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 - Spring Commencement ceremonies – 11am NOLD Athletic Complex

Monday, June 4 - Farmingdale Golf Classic, Tam O'Shanter Country Club

