

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 30, 2016**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Robert Sweeney; Mr. Cal Jimenez;

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. David Curry; Mr. Ernesto Mattace

College Administration: Dr. John Nader; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Mr. George LaRosa; Dr. Michael Goodstone

Guests: Mr. Marvin Fischer; Ms. Kathy Coley; Ms. Claire Lisi; Mr. David Phyfe

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2016 as written. **MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Dr. Williams said she was most pleased to attend the dedication of the International Flag Ceremony at Bunche Plaza, a wonderful project spearheaded by President Nader. Chair Williams said it was an opportunity to highlight Farmingdale in another way which demonstrates Farmingdale's diversity and what we've been doing internationally. Dr. Williams thanked Dr. Tom Corti for his involvement in the project. President Nader commended John Dzinanka and Jack Petrich, Physical Plant, who saw this project through on short order. The installation of the flags has added to the beauty of the Plaza and they deserve the thanks.

Dr. Williams also attended the dedication of the Library conference room which was redecorated with beautiful furniture donated by Roberta Lea, in memory of her sister, Barbara Legname, a long time staff member of the Long Island Association. Many outstanding supporters of the College were in attendance.

Chair Williams shared that there is a soon to be released movie based on the book of the same name, Hidden Figures, a true story about three African American women: Kathryn G. Johnson, a mathematician, Dorothy Vaughan, a human computer and Mary Jackson, a test flight engineer who worked at NASA in the 50's and 60's. Katherine G. Johnson was awarded an honorary doctorate at Farmingdale in 1998. Dr. Williams recalled Mrs. Johnson's address to the students was quite inspirational.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Nader introduced Dr. Michael Goodstone, Acting Associate Provost, attending for Dr. Laura Joseph who was at an off campus conference. Dr. Nader reported he was pleased to travel to Miami at the end of October to attend the AASCU Conference and accept on behalf of the College, an award for the public private partnership work the college has done with the Broadhollow Bioscience Park as well as the Smart Grid project with LIPA and Stony Brook.

The College has submitted to Middle States two substantive change proposals that will allow us to offer two degrees (in part or entirety) online for Dental Hygiene and Nursing. Dr. Goodstone explained that we have the infrastructure and are doing some of this already. Clinical pieces of coursework cannot be offered on line and are arranged at satellite locations vetted by the College. He reported that this proposal is at Middle States now and simultaneously must go through SUNY and State Education

Department. We should have some notice from Middle States by January and will then be permitted to begin advertising them as online programs.

Dr. Nader mentioned that the College will be meeting with the Provost and other staff from System Administration on December 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about strategic enrollment going forward. All SUNY campuses will be having individual meetings. Dr. Nader said he had invited Provost Alex Cartwright to host the Long Island campuses' meetings at Farmingdale. Pat Calabria and Laura Joseph are busy preparing information for these meetings. Dr. Nader noted that we are in an enviable position—our applications continue to rise and our retention continues to increase incrementally. He explained that we have capacity issues and it is a balancing act, but administration talks regularly to discuss ways we can sustain our position. We have the highest rate of growth in the last five years by a significant measure over any state operated campuses—which is why we have on our Route 110 message board: *You are driving by SUNY's hottest campus!*

Dr. Tom Corti reported on the status of a Comfort Animal Policy for the residence halls. Council members had been provided with a draft policy/procedure document in advance for review. A discussion ensued and the Council had concerns with the language covering the liability issues (*may or may not vs. must*) and this concern was raised due to the responsibilities of College Council members as outlined in the ACT Handbook stating they are responsible for student safety. A motion was made to table the discussion and submit the document to our legal department for further clarification. If legal can confirm the language covering the liability issues, the council will be more inclined to approve the document and willing to do this via email within ten business days. **MOTION CARRIED**

At the request of Chair Williams at the October meeting, Dr. Corti reported on the status of things with the Alcohol Policy. He noted that this is year 3 and it's been pretty consistent since we started. What we have are instances that are Clery Act reportable. In year 1 we had 12 cases reportable; year 2 we had 7 cases and year 3 we had 4. Dr. Corti said that this past year we have a group of RA's who are much more diligent in enforcing the policy and much more concerned with sexual violence and the sexual assault policies. The Council heard from Council member student representative, Cal Jimenez said the students seem quite pleased with the policy and he feels the Alcohol Policy protects the older students as well as the younger students. A discussion continued. Dr. Corti agreed to distribute his report in writing to the Council.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:** George LaRosa presented an update on the status of capital projects on campus:

- **Conklin Hall** – In the past 2 months this project has moved very slowly. There have been delays caused by problems with subcontractors [due in part to the new regulations put in place since the SUNY Poly/Nano issues with procurement]. We are hopeful the building will be ready by mid-April.
- **Nold Hall** - Wood synthetic floor is in place and being lined and sealed. Scoreboard and backboard are on campus awaiting installation. We seem to be moving as planned and the gym should be ready by the end of December.

- **Melville Road Project** - We sent a formal legal agreement to Town of Babylon and requested estimate of work to be done. The Town will initiate the project and then funds will be transferred. We are hopeful that work will begin this summer. Chair Williams inquired about possible funding available from Assemblywoman Jeanne-Pierre. Mr. LaRosa explained that any funding received will ease the amount of funds we have to pay from our operating budget.

**BUDGET:** Dr. Nader reported that he is not terribly optimistic that it will be a great budget. He said he will keep the Council members advised as we learn more. We may want to align our efforts in terms of advocacy for the campus. There is a concern that there are some weaker campuses out there and to make them viable may be an expensive proposition. We must remember we are in an excellent position, though we may struggle with capacity issues we are operating with revenues we have generated through our own efforts. We must continue to be judicious with the money we do have and think about how we can modestly grow. We will have guidelines from system regarding advocacy.

Dr. Nader added that we will need to discuss our strategy with respect to advocating for capital projects as well, mainly the Building for Applied Social Sciences. After much discussion it was decided to devote much of the February meeting to advocacy. Chair Williams asked if our lobbyist could be invited to this meeting.

Kathleen Ferrell and Randy Shubin Dresner, who were to present at the February meeting, agreed to postpone their presentation until the April meeting if necessary. In addition, at the request of Ms. Ferrell, Mr. LaRosa agreed to give the Council members an update on the Broadhollow Bioscience Park at the next meeting.

Dr. Nader reminded the Council members of upcoming important dates:

- Campus Holiday Party – Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm, Campus Center Ballroom
- Winter Commencement – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm – Nold Athletic Complex
- Annual Alumni Dinner – Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Cresthollow Country Club.
- Inauguration Ceremony – Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Nold Athletic Complex. Dr. Nader added that SUNY Trustee Chairman H. Carl McCall will preside over the Inauguration and has been invited to the Alumni Dinner the evening prior.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Claire Lisi*

**Approved 2/08/2017**