

**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 12, 2014**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card, Jr.; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Ernesto Mattace, Jr.; Ms. Vianna Reyes

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Ms. Dawn Grzan; Mr. Alan Hlavenka

motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2014. **MOTION PASSED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

**ACT Conference**

- Dr. Williams and Mr. Mattace attended the October 24 – 26 conference, and Dr. Williams shared the details:
- Approximately 75 attended - estimated 30 council members, other SUNY representatives, students and families
- Saturday's session on budget described how it is prepared, when it begins, and how it is managed
- Tuition related to on-line courses
- Enrollment management marketing and shortfalls
- The effect of immigration and international students on enrollment, which is expected to decline over the next 1 years based on U.S. demographics
- Over 6 million New Yorkers without degrees
- Open SUNY and non-traditional students
- Role of the Council in advocacy for rational tuition and capital projects
- Proposed ACT advocacy day following the Chancellor's State of SUNY message
- Students who received awards had impressive community service, as well as excellence in academics
- Chancellor's presentation focused on a "bigger SUNY" and the "Power of SUNY"
- Worksheet emphasized performance versus enrollment
- Encouraged Council members to attend next year October 16 – 18, 2015
- ACT Handbook was distributed in the packet to Council members
- Dr. Williams asked Mr. Mattace to comment as well, and he mentioned there was sufficient time to interact with other Council members from across the state and was a very positive exchange

**Chairman's Visit**

- Dr. Williams said she met with Chairman Carl McCall on his visit to campus
- Dr. Keen said the Chairman indicated that the campus is viewed in a very positive light by the Chancellor and System
- The Chairman was impressed with the Aviation program and the flight line; he met students, pilots and instructors during his tour of the facility
- He viewed the Smart GRID projects and student research projects while touring the campus

**Advocacy**

- Dr. Keen said the tuition increase of \$300 per year kept us afloat while the state dollar amount held constant
- Considered appealing this year to extend to 2021, as it is the middle year of the election cycle, or waiting until 2017 when it is scheduled to end
- SUNY 2020 provided 3 rounds of funding, 2 for which FSC was eligible, but all money went to upstate projects
- Collaboration with SUNY Maritime will be continued with the new administration
- Start-Up New York was extended by the Governor to include Republic Airport

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Dr. Keen expressed the sadness of the campus and her family on the tragic death of Professor Patricia Ward and her son, Derek, and expressed thanks to Dr. Karen Coutrier and Dr. Veronica Henry on their excellent handling of very difficult situation

## **Open Communications and Faculty/Staff Involvement**

- Cabinet decided at their retreat last year to have open communication and promotion of wide faculty/staff involvement across the campus
- At Convocation Dr. Keen announced an open discussion would be held
- town hall meeting was held with students
- A open meeting on vital college issues was held with faculty and staff
- Chancellor's Awards and Distinguished Professor nominations were institutionalized in the Governance process

## **SUNY Excel**

- Chancellor is developing a new performance evaluation of campuses categorized in the President's Report
- Always tied to the President's evaluation, which the Chancellor announced will take place next spring
- Particular factors being evaluated conflict with others; e.g. enrollment growth vs. graduation rate
- Provost Cepriano stated that requirements are set by the State Education Department of each state as to how degrees are awarded for on-line programs
- System Administration worked out details for cross registration
- Complete on-line programs offered must have activity on line for all support including registration, reporting, etc.
- Residency required – at least 30 credits – to attain a degree from Farmingdale

## **Hiring Plans 2015**

- Among the fastest growing campuses in SUNY, Farmingdale must add full-time faculty and staff
- New positions and replacements are being reviewed

## **Masters Program**

- Currently being held at System Administration – meeting on November 25th at System to discuss
- Dr. Corti said, and Ms. Reyes agreed, that international students are very interested in attending graduate programs here

## **Title IX Policy**

- The extensive new policies and procedures required hiring part-time professional to work with Dr. Henry

## **Annual Report**

- Distributed in the packet, p. 20 contains a comparison of state-operated campus enrollment and dollar support
- Discussed the various SUNY budget models; the last one, which could have benefitted Farmingdale, was withdrawn and not implemented

## **Vacancy on College Council**

- President Keen spoke with a staff member at System who informed him that the Governor's office is still reviewing appointments

## **Events**

- Listed in the President's Report, the first is the Business Hall of Fame Gala on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday Party in the Campus Center on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Winter Commencement, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. in Nold Hall [snow date Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>]

**Other Business**

- Randi Shubin Dresner announced she met with Tom Corti and Eunice Ro regarding a food pantry on campus
- A committee was formed, and Island Harvest support and other means of support were discussed
- Ms. Dresner noted with pride the enthusiasm of the students to accomplish this project
- change of date was considered from February 18<sup>th</sup> to an earlier date for the next College Council meeting in order to precede SUNY Day 2015
- motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita M. Pallateri*

**Next Meeting: February 18, 2015** [change of date being considered]

ap [Approved 2/18/15]

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