

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2013**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Ms. Amanda Lundberg; Mr. Ernesto Mattace; Mr. Robert Stricoff

Excused: Mr. Paul Caroleo; David Curry, Esq.

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. George LaRosa; Dr. Lucia Cepriano; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Kathy Coley; Chief Marvin Fischer; Dr. Charles Adair; Dr. Laura Joseph; Dr. Richard Vogel

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Williams introduced the newest member of the College Council, Mr. Ernesto Mattace, asked everyone to introduce themselves, and called for approval of the minutes of December 11th. A motion was made by Ms. Dresner to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Lundberg. **MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Williams said she was at the ribbon cutting for the new Campus Center and encouraged the members, especially those new to the College Council, to get to know the campus and the students, as well as faculty and staff.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Keen welcomed again Mr. Mattace and Ms. Amanda Lundberg, President of Student Government, to the College Council and said he was pleased to have SGA representation on the Council once more as the student is the tenth member of the council.

Enrollment, Spring 2013 – Vice President Calabria who oversees the Admissions Department, reviewed the enrollment report distributed in the packet. He said enrollment continues to be robust, and a number of factors contribute to this: excellent academic programs and education which provides students with job opportunities; a sense of community, as provided by the Campus Center. Nold Hall and new School of Business building will also add to the value and stature of the college.

President Keen added that the total enrollment noted in the right column from spring 2011 at 6,843 had increased to 7,686 for spring 2013. In some ways this is a concern because we have to add faculty and staff to accommodate the increase, and that process is underway.

Dr. Williams asked whether we knew how many transfer students were coming from private schools, and Vice President Calabria said information for fall 2012 indicated 24 percent from Nassau CC, 24 percent from Suffolk CCC and 14 percent from upstate. He said he would ask for a breakdown on the balance.

Executive Budget – The Governor has issued the Executive Budget, and there is no proposed increase in state dollars to the State University campuses for operating budget. It is almost certain to be flat in the legislature as well. One of the reasons is that 1-1/2 years ago a 5-year plan was put in place to provide for small annual tuition increases. It was almost understood that we should not anticipate new state funding over this period of time. This coming year is the 2nd year of the 5-year plan. SUNY is not asking for an increment in the operating budget.

The Chancellor is asking for \$5 million in performance-based funding (such as time to degree completion, graduation rates, etc). We were hoping for a new 5-year capital plan as we are in the 5th year of our capital plan; the Governor did not propose a new one. Something that will help is that all residence hall debt will be transferred to DASNY. The Governor did propose to continue funding of projects currently under way. The Chancellor is advocating for critical maintenance funding for the day-to-day, IT funding and a capital fund insurance plan. SUNY Day is Monday, Feb. 11th, and we will be advocating especially for critical maintenance. VP Calabria and President Keen will be meeting with legislators. Ms. Ferrell asked how Farmingdale is managing with the increase in tuition and flat budget; is there enough to meet our needs? Mr. LaRosa responded that even with a flat budget, because we are so successful with enrollment, we are benefitting with increased revenue from tuition and fees. Also the restructuring of the budget model will benefit us on the state purpose side, as well, so we will see increased funding from both sides. We actually came out second to Binghamton.

Mr. Mattace asked whether meetings are scheduled with legislators in their local offices, and Dr. Keen responded that they are, approximately twice a year. Also, Senator Fuschillo, and Assemblymen Sweeney and Lupinacci were here for the Campus Center ribbon cutting and other campus events; and they will meet for any special issue.

Greek Organizations – Vice President Corti and Director of Student Activities, Eunice Ro, have experience with fraternities and sororities on other campuses and are working to bring chapters to the campus. Last Sunday, our first sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, was installed. Mr. Stricoff asked whether this could be used as a marketing tool. Dr. Corti mentioned there is certainly interest (50 – 70 students attended the first meeting). Ms. Ferrell asked about students who do not have money available to join. A discussion followed about possible funding through the student fee, requirements for community service and academics.

Mr. Stricoff asked how students are feeling about being here at Farmingdale. Amanda Lundberg said she has heard from many students that it feels like a real college campus now. The atmosphere has greatly improved.

Smoking Policy Review – Dr. Keen mentioned this for information purposes. While no smoking is permitted in academic buildings, 2 years ago we took up the issue of the no-smoking policy. In 2010 the Health and Safety Committee was reorganized, with Chief Marvin Fischer as chair, and the policy was expanded slightly. We announced that we are moving towards a smoke-free campus. Enforcement is the biggest obstacle, but we will take a look at this again. Chief Fischer shared that New York City does have an ordinance which prohibits smoking in public places, such as parks, but there is none here. Nothing, other than a violation of the Student Code of Conduct or Human Resources employee guidelines could apply.

The suggestion was made that it would be best if the Chancellor could announce that all SUNY campuses must strive to be smoke free. Ms. Lundberg mentioned that, from an R.A. point of view, it is very hard to enforce.

Dr. Williams suggested that the Council members could agree that they would like to move toward a smoke-free campus, and all agreed.

Dr. Williams mentioned the loss of our colleague and friend, Noel Palmer, a retiree of this college. He provided assistance to a lot of disadvantaged students through EOC and as Vice President of Student Affairs. He was also a Quaker minister. Dr. Henry presented a citation at the Rotary Club, and Dr. Williams spoke about him at Partners of the Americas. Former President Frank Cipriani spoke about his 45-year friendship with Noel Palmer and the great loss to the college.

Other Business – Ms. Ferrell praised the work Farmingdale is doing with high school students through the Smart Scholars program. Dr. Henry said the STEM Summit is coming up, and Dr. Keen added that several other programs such as STEP/C-STEP and University in the High School reach out to the high schools; and a report will be presented at a future meeting of the College Council.

Dr. Williams announced the next meeting on April 10th at 10:00 a.m. would possibly be held in the new Campus Center.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Mattace, seconded by Mr. Stricoff, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Next Meeting: April 10, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

[Approved 4/10/13]