

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
February 8, 2012**

**Council Members Present:** Dr. Pearl Kamer, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; David Curry, Esq.; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Robert Stricoff; Dr. Patricia Hill Williams

**College Administration, Staff and Guests:** Dr. Hubert Keen; Dr. Lucia Cepriano; Mr. George LaRosa; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Ms. Kathy Coley; Chief Marvin Fischer; Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda; Dr. Charles Adair; Dr. Matthew Bahamonde; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Prof. George Fernandez

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Kamer welcomed all to the third meeting of the year and thanked everyone for taking time from their busy schedules to attend. Dr. Kamer asked for approval of the minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kathleen Ferrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paul Caroleo, to approve the minutes as written.

**MOTION PASSED**

- **Resolution on Presidential Searches** – Dr. Kamer reviewed the SUNY resolution adopting new guidelines for presidential searches for State-operated institutions including: the elimination of dual presidencies from the earlier draft; revision of the search procedures to include a sitting or retired State University president on the search committee, as well as faculty, student and an additional member of the campus foundation, if authorized by the Chancellor; and a more confidential search process (representational) in which candidates would not participate in public campus interviews.
- **Centennial Event** – Dr. Kamer asked Mr. LaRosa, as Chairperson of the Centennial Committee, to discuss the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event scheduled this week. Mr. LaRosa stated this second event in celebration of the centennial (the homecoming and barbecue was first) is the showcase that will be presented in the Hale Hall Memorial Gallery with its opening reception tomorrow evening. The final event will be held in April, at which time the President will give a ten-year plan for the College's future. Dr. Kamer mentioned that this is the same day that the final meeting of the College Council is scheduled, and hopefully all can attend both.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Centennial** – Dr. Keen added that he hoped the Council members could stop by to see the Memorial Gallery exhibit which contains many historical photos and documents; in fact, it is entitled, "A Historical Perspective."
- **Hale Hall Renovation** – The President indicated his wish to meet in different locations around the campus in order for the Council members to observe other areas and the transition on the campus. He expressed his pleasure with the changes in Hale Hall and asked Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda to comment. Dr. Fapohunda explained how the improvements in the building have brought about increased commitment to students and the excellence of their programs. The conference rooms and new modern labs have produced better interaction among administration, faculty and students. Dr. Fapohunda asked Dr. Adair to comment as well, and Dr. Adair said he was happy to return to the building where the labs have sparked an increased interest in research; he said the student lounges allow students to study and exchange information. Prof. George Fernandez, the Gallery Director and Professor of Visual Communications, also commented that the state-of-the art equipment gives the students what they need to succeed, as well as an advantage in finding employment in their chosen field.
- **Mission Change for Master's Degree Programs** – Dr. Keen referred to the resolution in the packet which summarizes where we are in the process of requesting approval to offer Master's degree programs. He stated that we are prepared to offer them, and there is a need for them in the region. A Letter of Intent for Advanced Engineering Technology Management was sent. SUNY campuses have reviewed it, and no comments were received. Discussion followed about the particular programs planned, whether on-line courses would be offered, credentials of faculty to teach, and enrollment caps, as well as tuition. Dr. Cepriano indicated that the program proposal will contain all the detail including specific courses and paths of study. There will be an on-line component, but the program will not be completely on line. Tuition is the same for all SUNY institutions. Dr. Kamer made a motion to accept the resolution on the Master Plan Amendment to authorize Master's degree offerings at Farmingdale, seconded by Mr. Robert Stricoff.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Dr. Keen mentioned that discussion about the Master's program was held at FEC and would be brought to the Governance meeting for discussion with the campus community.

- **Enrollment** – President Keen said Vice President Calabria is now overseeing the Admissions Office, including the office of Transfer Services, and coordinating various aspects of enrollment with all areas of the campus.

Vice President Calabria called attention to the enrollment report included in the packet and said enrollment continues to be robust and successful. He is collaborating with the Provost on admissions and academic areas and working on increasing enrollment in specific programs. While not noted on the report, transfer enrollment has increased. Growth is managed carefully while maintaining increased admission standards and quality of education. The new academic building (School of Business) and new space in Sinclair will add classrooms to accommodate enrollment growth. Dr. Kamer commented that one reason Farmingdale is so respected is that specific skill sets currently in demand are offered to the students for employment in the community; jobs in the next decade will require these skills. In response to Dr. Card's question regarding students' preparation for college and remedial programs, Dr. Keen said we have only minimal remedial courses; and we are reaching out to K-12 schools on some initiatives to increase their college readiness. At the last meeting of the year on April 12<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Henry and he will report on some of these programs.

- **Facilities Projects** – Dr. Keen asked Mr. LaRosa to give an overview of the facilities projects currently underway. Mr. LaRosa explained this is the largest construction activity in the history of the campus as a result of the Facilities Master Plan, 5-year Capital Plan, Strategic Initiatives and the Governor's New Works Jobs Program; he referred to the hand-out in the packet and reviewed the following major projects:
  - Roads and Landscaping, Phase 2
  - Ralph Bunch Plaza
  - Nold Hall Rehab
  - Conklin Hall Rehab
  - Campus Center
  - Day Care Center
  - School of Business

Other infrastructure projects include windows, Greenley Hall Information Commons, replacing and repairing elevators, along with major electrical upgrades and roof replacement. Two major grants were received, one for the Biomass Fuel Cell project and one for the Smart GRID project. Flat-roof projects on the major academic buildings are complete, and others are underway, as are the roadway projects. The Campus Center will include dining facilities, student lounges, bookstore and multi-purpose room. Planned projects for way-finding signage, student accommodations, and student lounge areas are also depicted in the handout. Ms. Ferrell asked whether, with the anticipated Master's degree and additional students coming to the campus, the current housing is sufficient. Dr. Corti indicated a feasibility study is underway to look at the possibility of building apartment-type facilities on the campus. After their first two years here, students tend to move into off-campus apartments. While the students coming for the Master's degree will not increase the residential population significantly, as most are already employed in the area and would commute to campus, Dr. Corti said it is our goal to double the residential population here on campus.

- **Office of Development Report** – Dr. Sikorski referred to the *Executive Summary* on the third page of his printed "Report to the College Council," including the description of the activities and donations the past fiscal year, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, which brought in \$2,059,000. With the major gift from Theresa Santmann, the annual Hall of Fame Gala, donations and the annual golf outing, a 3 percent increase over last year's revenue was realized. Dr. Sikorski also discussed the external and internal campaigns and executive awareness visits Dr. Keen makes to corporate leaders to encourage their becoming members of the Board. The 2011 Annual Report of the Farmingdale Foundation, also in the packet, lists other supporting documentation; e.g. events held and scholarships awarded. The Office of Business Outreach, now under the umbrella of the Farmingdale Foundation, continues to provide workforce training in the region. Farmingdale has exceeded the goal of \$9.2 million set during the SUNY \$3 Billion Challenge launched by Chancellor King in 2004 and has raised \$10.4 million -- \$1 million over the goal, and one year ahead of schedule.
- **Update on Farmingdale Student Government** – The President said Dr. Corti is working with a group of students, faculty and staff helping to form a new model and, once completed, will hold an election for officers in the spring.

The College Council moved into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting: April 12**

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[Approved 4/12/12]