

**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2014**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Ms. Shanice Blades, Mr. David Curry; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Ernesto Mattace, Jr.; Mr. Robert Stricoff

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; Dr. Lucia Cepriano; Ms. Kathy Coley; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Chief Marvin Fischer; Mr. Alan Hlavenka

Ms. Williams said she received a message from Paul Caroleo that his responsibilities have been expanded and he apologizes that he cannot attend as many meetings as in the past. She encouraged him to keep calling in [there was a problem with the phone number, and we could not contact Mr. Caroleo for this meeting.]

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2014.

MOTION PASSED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Williams attended many of the events scheduled in the past months:

- Business breakfast sponsored by the Foundation
- Black history month panel
- Multi-cultural gala
- Trip to Albany to meet with legislators where she also had an opportunity to meet two of our student interns
- Along with Mr. Mattace, the scholarship reception and the STEM Summit
- Alumni dinner
- Aviation awards dinner

Dr. Williams said all were nicely done and gave special thanks to Dr. Henry for her work with the STEM Summit. She said she mentioned these events to stress the importance of attending one or two to learn more about the programs and our students. She could not attend the lunch with the review team, but Mr. Mattace did, and he added he had a nice exchange of ideas with one of the members of the review team from Purdue University. The Academic Awards Ceremony scheduled for April 23rd is a very important event where students across the campus are recognized.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Academic Programs

- Master's Degree Planning -The external review was completed April 6 – 8. Submission of the self-study and the degree proposal will be in mid-May, and it is anticipated that the review by SUNY System and Regents will be completed by December, 2014.
- High-Needs Funding – Five projects were submitted.
- Degree Programs in various stages of preparation:
 - Sustainable Energy Technology - B.S.
 - Geographic Information Systems - B.S.
 - Interaction Design - B.S.
 - Criminal Justice - B.S.
 - Landscape Architecture- B.S.

Enrollment Policy for 2014-2015

- Hold the 2014-15 enrollment at the same level as 2013-14 – 8,162 students
- New students 1,121 freshmen and 833 transfers in fall 2013, approximately same planned for fall 2014
- Sustain for fall 2014 or increase the admission standard for freshmen: 87-88 high school average (fall 2013 – 87.9)

- Place a high priority on community college transfers who have earned A.A. or A.S. degrees
- Assume an increase in retention of continuing students, which may lead to an enrollment increase

International Students

- Approximately 115 students from the Dominican Republic are continuing in 2014-15; no new DR students in fall 2014
- Approximately an additional 50 students from other countries
- Limited by housing capacity

Budget

- Small increment in State operating funds for 2014-15, \$500 increase in tuition
- Allocation to SUNY for capital projects, one portion under control of the Senate
- Advocating for new academic building for applied social sciences

Housing

- Approximately 615 beds available, demand is much higher
- About 60 international students to be housed at the Marriott Courtyard at Republic Airport
- Planning to add 150 additional beds continues, probably not before fall 2016

Facilities Projects

- School of Business building on schedule for completion January, 2015
- Lighting in west parking lot to be installed summer, 2014
- Removal of old Child Care Center creating additional parking spaces - summer, 2014
- Completion of Conklin Student Activities building - late 2015
- Completion of upgrade in power source to campus

Broad Hollow Bioscience Park

- Lease with Astellas Pharmaceutical settled
- Anticipating new tenants in summer 2014

Commencement – Saturday, May 17th noon (rain date Sunday, May 18, noon)

Other Business

- Farmingdale Foundation golf outing honoring Howard Rowland of E. W. Howell is Monday, June 16
- Food service contract with Aramark, after extensive RFP and evaluation, renewed for five years – they do an excellent job
- Vice President Calabria announced they had a very successful Open House last weekend

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Pallateri