

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2016

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Mr. David Curry; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell. Mr. Robert Sweeney and Mr. Ernesto Mattace participated via conference call.

Excused: Ms. Erica Alter, President of Student Government

College Administration: Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. George LaRosa; Dr. Laura Joseph; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Tom Corti; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Henry Sikorski

Guests: Dr. John Nader; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Kathy Coley; Mr. Marvin Fischer; Ms. Dawn Grzan; Mr. David Phyfe

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Dr. Williams welcomed Farmingdale State College's next president, Dr. John S. Nader, as an observer of the College Council meeting. Dr. Nader will be formally introduced to the campus community in the Little Theatre today at 11:30am. Chair Williams asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves by name and department.

The chair entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2016. A motion was moved by Paul Caroleo, and seconded by Ernest Mattace to accept the minutes as written, with one abstention.

MOTION PASSED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Dr. Williams welcomed Bob Sweeney to the College Council. Mr. Sweeney was recently appointed by Governor Cuomo to replace Robert Stricoff whose term expired. Chair Williams reported on the Alumni Awards dinner honoring comic book artist John Romita and President Keen and attended by Chancellor Zimpher. Pat Calabria said we received much support from this event, in terms of financial as well as attendance. Dr. Williams encouraged the Council members to make an attempt to attend whatever end of term ceremonies they can in order to show support to our students.

Dr. Williams said she regretted not being able to attend the recent STEM Diversity Summit and asked Dr. Veronica Henry to report on what has become an annual event at Farmingdale: Approximately 1,375 were in attendance. President Keen gave a warm welcome which set the tone for the day. Keynote speaker was Dr. Aprille Joy Ericsson from NASA. Dr. Ericsson is the first African American female to receive a Ph.D. in Engineering at NASA GSFC. This Summit continues to inspire K-12, higher education, business and industry in exploring innovation to strengthen STEM teaching and learning in the 21st century. Dr. Henry said they are grateful to all their generous sponsors, including the Farmingdale College Foundation. President Keen noted that Dr. Henry is very good at getting financial support from outside companies for this important event and applauded her for her efforts.

Chair Williams directed the Council's attention to the Save the Date list distributed in advance via email listing the upcoming events and activities. The next event is the Farmingdale Foundation's Scholarship Reception on April 27th. Dr. Henry Sikorski reported that the Foundation will be awarding about 30 scholarships, but that overall more than 200 scholarships totaling about \$225,000 will be awarded. Dr. Sikorski mentioned the participation of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Carlos Medina's support toward 50 \$1,000 awards: \$25,000 from their office and \$25,000 from the Foundation. Dr. Sikorski said he hopes the Foundation will be able to continue the financial support of these important scholarships in the future.

The last event is the Foundation Golf Outing. Dr. Sikorski said it is one of the major fundraisers for the Foundation and the College and the invitations were mailed today for the event on Monday, June 13.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Keen welcomed Farmingdale's next president, Dr. John Nader, to the Council meeting. In addition, Dr. Keen extended congratulations and welcome to Bob Sweeney on his appointment to the Council and thanked him for his support on behalf of the college throughout his 25 years on the state assembly. Dr. Keen thanked all of the Council members for their guidance and support during his tenure as president of FSC.

Prior to introducing Marvin Fischer to give an update on our Emergency Response Planning, Dr. Keen reminded the Council that at the last meeting there was a 'false alarm' report of a possible potential shooter on campus which caused us much anxiety and has now come to be known as the 'light saber incident'. He went on to mention that as far back as 2007, after the Virginia Tech shootings, the college began planning how it would react in the case of an active shooter. Dr. Keen said that much of our plan was already in place, as outlined in the color coded sheets that were distributed at the last meeting. Dr. Keen explained that in addition, we have provided access to the campus of training videos from the Houston Police Department, SUNY New Paltz and the latest, an FBI training video which was shown to about 75 members of the staff in January. Dr. Keen commented that as a result of the recent 'light saber incident' we have in place a new realm of planning. Vice President LaRosa took on some of the aspects of this and one is that we will have a plan for each building on campus.

Marvin Fischer addressed the council and reviewed the color coded flow chart of our response plan. He reminded all to call our 911: 420-2111 in case of emergency. UPD has held 2 open training sessions in the last 2 weeks for the campus and about 50 people attended. The department will continue to be available to individual departments for specialized training on request. He noted that UPD commended the student who reported what they saw (light saber incident). Mr. Fischer reminded everyone that this is exactly what we mean by if you see something, say something.

President Keen reported on the recent NYS Budget which is not good for SUNY. We have a somewhat static situation with respect to funds for the operating budgets for the campuses. There is no change in tuition for the next year and only a minimal increase in fees. Campuses are still responsible for covering the gap between students' TAP funds and the tuition. Dr. Keen mentioned that the capital budget in relationship to other campuses is good for us, though it is restricted to critical maintenance. We did not receive any funding for the new Applied Social Science building.

Dr. Keen introduced Dr. Tom Corti who gave a brief update on the alcohol policy as requested at the prior meeting. He reported that this fall we had 13 alcohol citations with 9 findings of responsibility as compared to last year there were 14 alcohol citations with 12 findings of responsibility. Last fall there was one alcohol related hospital transport compared to 0 this fall. Dr. Corti made note of an interesting statistic he gathered from Institutional Advancement that 75% of the total Headcount is 21 years or over as compared to 65% when we first implemented the policy. President Keen indicated that this may be due to the large increase in the number of transfer students at the College.

Chair Williams reintroduced Dr. John Nader to say a few words. Dr. Nader thanked the Council for inviting him to the meeting and said the more he reads and learns about the College and all the interesting things going on here, the more excited and humbled he is to join the institution to continue the fine work President Keen has accomplished during his tenure. Dr. Nader assured the council members and senior administration that he will be counting on their expertise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Keen received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the Regents approved our Master Plan Amendment for graduate level programs. It is now awaiting final approval in the Governor's Office.

Randi Shubin Dresner announced that Island Harvest is partnering with FSC on a Garden Project. Property with water supply on campus has already been identified. This will be a joint project and faculty, staff, students, the Horticulture Department and staff at Island Harvest will be invited to assist with planting in the garden. Everything grown in the garden will be used to feed the hungry. Ms. Dresner thanked Dr. Keen for his assistance with moving this project forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Caroleo, seconded by Ernesto Mattace. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Lisi

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Approved 10/05/2016