

**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
February 18, 2015**

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

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; VP George LaRosa; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz; Ms. Kathy Coley; Mr. Alan Hlavenka

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2014.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Williams announced that the ACT annual conference would be held October 16-18, 2015 in Saratoga Springs. She encouraged members to consider attending. No formal chairperson's report would be given today in order to provide ample time to discuss the items in the President's report, and Dr. Williams said she would comment on these issues as they are discussed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Policy on Sexual Violence/Misconduct**

- National issue brought to focus in 1972 with Title IX
- Equal treatment for men and women, mainly focused on Athletics at that time
- Modified over the years with both legislation and executive action
- Federal - Clery Act on reporting of crimes, Violence Against Women Act
- Demands on campuses to address these issues in recent years
- In response to these demands, in October the Governor asked the SUNY Board of Trustees to adopt a policy on sexual violence
- Chancellor set a working committee who developed a policy which she adopted December 1, 2014
- Dr. Henry has been working actively on the Federal, as well as SUNY policies
- Areas of the SUNY policies adopted December 1, 2014, previously sent via e-mail to Council members, require the approval of the College Council in order to be incorporated into the campus policies
- Dr. Henry distributed a presentation including a summary of the policy, briefly reviewed the contents and indicated that an implementation plan is due to the Chancellor by March 31, 2015
- Dr. Henry reviewed affirmative consent, amnesty in sexual violence cases, campus climate assessment and said policies include men, women, transgender, etc.
- Information is presented to students during orientation, but there will be additional training given to student leaders, clubs and organizations to assure the communication of these policies to all students
- Dr. Corti reiterated that training would be given to promote understanding of these issues and indicated the policy would be published in "Student Handbook - Code of Conduct"
- Dr. Corti said students are involved in developing some of the activities to bring awareness to the policy
- Dr. Henry explained the training being done for employees – 4 modules each requiring responses; when successfully completed, a certificate is printed for each module
- Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator determine whether a criminal issue exists, and, if so, report it to University Police which has the full enforcement authority as outside police departments
- Victims' privacy must be protected – it can become a complicated issue

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution on the implementation of the sexual assault prevention policies as written. With a majority vote, one abstention and one proxy vote, the

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Report on Changes in the Campus Alcohol Policy**

- The resolution passed on February 12, 2014 called for a report to be presented in one year; however, an update on the changes was presented by Dr. Tom Corti
- The change went well; students were responsible and cooperative in embracing this policy
- A request was made for the Dean of Students to attend a College Council meeting and address alcohol and other policies, and it was agreed she would be invited to the April 15 meeting
- Another report on the alcohol policy would be brought to the first College Council meeting in the fall, and Dr. Williams asked that hard data be included with University Police reporting
- Dr. Williams acknowledged and asked for a motion to accept Dr. Corti's report on changes in the campus alcohol policy

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Advocacy**

- The Governor's proposed Executive Budget is before the legislature for adoption by April 1
- A minimal amount of state funds for SUNY – not enough for us to cover negotiated salary increases
- The SUNY budget request in the packet distributed shows the amounts the Chancellor and the Board are requesting and the amounts proposed in the Executive Budget
- Important for us, other than salary increments, is capital - \$200M in critical maintenance is for small scale renovations, upkeep and repair – no new construction
- The Master Plan calls for two new buildings – last year a \$5M allotment, thanks to Senator LaValle, was approved for planning the Social Science building
- A serious issue is SUNY's allocation per student; Farmingdale's is the lowest in the System other than Empire State College, and we will be advocating for addressing that issue as well
- We will be advocating for three items: increase of operating funds; capital projects; and the Chancellor's Investment Fund which will enable a fair funding model
- Appointments with legislators have been scheduled - Senators Venditto and Flanagan are coming to campus on Friday and Assemblywoman Jeanne Pierre, next week
- Following that a meeting is scheduled with Senator LaValle, Chair of the Education Committee, in his office, and Senator Boyle, on campus
- Dr. Keen said he would provide a summary of these legislative initiatives for the College Council

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **Commencement**

- Scheduled two ceremonies for Saturday, May 16, one in the a.m. a break for luncheon, and one in the p.m.
- Dr. Joseph stated the committee is meeting this afternoon and will decide the times

#### **STEM Diversity Summit**

- Dr. Henry announced the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Diversity Summit will be held on March 20
- February American Heart Association – heart health month

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita M. Pallateri*

**Next Meeting: April 15, 2015**  
[approved 4/15/15]

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