

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2019

College Council members present: Patricia Hill Williams, Richard Redmond, Randi Shubin Dresner, James Durant, Robert Sweeney, Kathleen Ferrell, and Jahad Hoyte

Excused absence: Paul Caroleo, Kenneth Card

College Administration: John Nader, Laura Joseph, Pat Calabria, Kevin Jordan, Greg O'Connor, Erica Chase, Carolyn Fedder

Guests: Kathy Coley, Orla LoPiccolo, David Phyfe

Chair Williams convened the meeting at 10:05am. She thanked everyone for attending, David Curry joined via teleconference. Dr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 and July 31, 2019 meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Redmond and seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

Chairperson's Report:

Student Alcohol Policy

Dr. Williams indicated that the special summer meeting of the council resulted in acceptance of the updated Student Alcohol Policy, which was of importance and timely as it went into effect for the start of the fall semester.

SUNY China 150 program

Chair Williams attended a reception held at Farmingdale for Chinese students that attended FSC ten years ago due to a devastating earthquake in the Sichuan Province. She shared how the students have grown and commended Kathy Coley who was very involved and remained in contact with them. There was also an event held by the Chinese Consulate in NYC for all SUNY campuses that supported the initiative, the majority of students there were from Farmingdale. Dr. Beverly Kahn was on a panel that discussed the impact the experience had on the students and their achievements here and in their own countries. A book, which acknowledged each campus, featured Farmingdale and included pictures and some very nice comments from the students. Chair Williams reported that the Consulate General spoke of the importance of more collaboration and education for students of the future to bring about peace and comradery around the globe.

Other Events

Dr. Williams reported that Convocation and the Legislative Breakfast were both well attended and the presentations put forth by Dr. Nader about Farmingdale's success were impressive. She also attended the LIEOC unveiling of the new SUNY Educational Opportunity Center logo.

President's Report:

Personnel Changes Dr. Nader announced that Dr. Kevin Jordan will be the Interim VP for Student Affairs and will continue his duties of Chief Diversity Officer. Erica Chase-Gregory will oversee Foundation and

Alumni Affairs on an interim basis and a search will be launched for the VP of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement position. He informed that Eddie Cruz was hired as the new Residence Life Director and Dorothy Hughes has been promoted to Asst. VP for Administration. Katie Tatzel was promoted to Chief Enrollment and Strategy Officer.

President's Gala

This year's Gala will be held on November 14 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. The Gala honorees are Farmingdale Alum, Senator John Brooks, Dr. Charles Adair, Dean of Arts and Sciences, student Sonia Chemerisov, and Barnes and Noble College.

Enrollment

Fall numbers are up slightly from 2018 and our new programs have helped to recruit new students. We are focused on the future, as there has been a decline in the number of transfer students and in the number of high school graduates on Long Island. A new enrollment management working group will dive into data, to look at opportunities for attracting students and to increase retention to sustain enrollment. There has been a regional trend of enrollment decline in the Northeast.

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The advocacy for the building continues. Dan Fuller, the Governor's Deputy of Education, visited campus and Senator Brooks and John Durso joined the meeting to show support. Assemblyman Steve Stern requested documentation of campus investments in infrastructure, which is well over \$10 million, which he feels will help make our case.

E- Sports

Our new intercollegiate team had a victory over U-Albany. Thanks to student government, which helped fund the arena. The team could eventually seek corporate sponsorships and serve as a recruitment tool. The ECC will help us develop rivalries with other Long Island schools.

NYS Title IX

Dr. Jordan reported that our compliance with the sexual harassment training mandated by SUNY is currently at 98% participation. We did our own videos and messaging to deliver the training.

Alumni Outreach

The new alumni publication, The Rambler, has been emailed to 50,000 alumni and a paper version will be mailed to an additional 35,000 alumni. The fundraising piece will go out in the late fall and early spring.

Provost's Update

Dr. Joseph reported that re-accreditation for Engineering, with ABET went well. The School of Technology site visits resulted in a few minor recommendations that can be easily addressed. She credited the faculty who worked very hard to prepare for the visit. Dr. Williams said our engineering programs have an excellent reputation around the region and our students are very qualified for internships. She has personally met alums who want to give back through their companies. Mr. Calabria will provide talking points and data for council members to use to cultivate opportunities for internships for our students.

Dr. Nader stated SUNY and Dept. of Labor data for employment and income shows our graduates rank very well. *Payscale.com* ranked us in the top 4 SUNY institutions in return on investment and *Money.com* has ranked us in top 100 transformational campuses. He stressed that our remarkable outcomes are more important than rankings are.

Ms. Ferrell informed that she attended a HIA Energy event where National Grid's training program with FSC was mentioned. She added that our Energy Conference is very reputable and suggests that our new Dean of the School of Engineering attend a council meeting to report on what we are doing with STEM programs.

Dr. Nader reported that Residence Life occupancy rates are up. Some aesthetic upgrades, a change of atmosphere, and improved culture with the new director in place, which will lead to retention.

Dr. Williams stressed the importance of the council member's advocacy and that she, Dr. Card and Ms. Ferrell will attend the ACT Conference in Cooperstown. Dr. Hill Williams will moderate a panel on Research and Economic Development.

Ms. Ferrell, Dr. Williams and Mr. Durant enjoyed the movie screening, with alum, Bill Fichtner. Dr. Nader thanked Kathy Coley who organized the event.

Other Business

Randi Shubin Dresner co-chaired the **SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force** which completed a report as a result of Chancellor Johnson's resolution and the Governor's No Student Goes Hungry Program which called for onsite pantries or easy access for all students at public Colleges. The Task Force investigated the current support system for food insecure students and recommended appropriate additional services to which students should have access. A survey was issued to students at all 64 SUNY campuses, findings can be found in the [Food Insecurity Task Force Final Report](#).

Ms. Shubin Dresner added that the Island Harvest Giving Garden at FSC has produced 800 pounds of product in under a year.

The new college website still on target to roll out for the spring semester.

Chair Williams entertained a motion to adjourn James Durant seconded it.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fedder

Approved December 4, 2019

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, December 12 – Campus Holiday Party, 3-5pm, Campus Center Ballroom

Wednesday, December 18 – Winter Commencement, 11:00am, Nold Athletic Complex

Thursday, December 19 – Winter Commencement Snow Date, 11:00am Nold Athletic Complex

Tuesday, January 28 – Library Ribbon Cutting, 11:00am Greenley Hall 3rd floor