

**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2014**

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

College Administration, Staff and Guests: Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Chief Marvin Fischer; Ms. Karen Gelles; Mr. Alan Hlavenka

Dr. Williams introduced Ms. Vianna Reyes, the Student Government President and asked Council members to introduce themselves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2014.

MOTION PASSED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Dr. Williams attended the 50th Anniversary meeting of the Partners of the Americas in Brazil. The Long Island Chapter of the organization started right here at Farmingdale and is now in existence for 30 years. It was a very successful conference attended by the Deputy Ambassador to Latin America from the United States promoting a program, "100,000 Strong in America," President Obama's initiative to send students from the U.S. to Latin America and from Latin America to the U.S.

Dr. Williams encouraged attendance at the upcoming ACT Conference to be held October 24 – 26 in Lake George. An excellent venue for exchange of information, the conference is well attended by College Council members and members of the Board of Trustees. Chancellor Zimpher and Chairman of the SUNY Board of Trustees, Carl McCall, will be speaking, and awards will be presented to students who have been selected to receive scholarships.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Enrollment:

- Handout distributed (attached) compared 2014 to 2013 and showed a 2.8 percent increase
- Raised the serious question about how long we can sustain the growth in enrollment
- Planned to hold constant but grew consistently over approximately ten years
- Transfers increased somewhat by plan
- Retention and enrollment of continuing students produced the largest increase
- Faculty hired total 21 with 6 new positions and the others, replacements
- Discussed adjuncts, students on track for graduation and degree audit which will help to track students
- President Keen stated the importance of serving the needs of Long Island and the students, while considering the limitations of funding and facilities
- On-line and blended or hybrid courses were discussed; these have increased over recent years

Housing

- Residence halls filled to capacity with 20 international students housed at the Marriott Courtyard
- Determined that renovations of existing residence halls sometimes cost more than building a new building

Academic Programs

- Master's degree and mission change proposal submitted June 30
- Other bachelor degree programs with innovative and modern perspective to be proposed

Alcohol Policy Implementation

- Responsibility of students increased
- Evaluation of implementation to be presented, according to the policy adopted, at the end of the academic year; as requested in the meeting, preliminary report in February
- Aramark contract renewed and application for alcohol license submitted (takes 3 – 4 months)
- Aramark staff will be trained and certified

Safety on Campus

- Independent agency determined we have one of the lowest crime rates on college campuses in the country
- Implemented a range of training programs mandatory for all on campus regarding Title IX and sexual misconduct
- Dr. Henry keeps informed, distributes materials and issues reports to be sure we are in compliance with all legislation and policies

Facilities

- Removed the old bookstore
- Removed the old Child Care Center, and parking spaces will be added in this area
- Lights are being installed in the last parking lot by the baseball field
- Power supply to the campus is being upgraded to avoid outages and accommodate increased demand
- Various elevator and roof repair projects are in progress

Start-Up NY

- College was approved for tax-free space, as well as relief from income taxes, for Broad Hollow Bioscience Park
- While incubator and start-up space is fully subscribed, still needed is a large corporation – anchor tenant

Farmingdale Reunion

- The brochure for Homecoming and Farmingdale Reunion was distributed listing activities for Oct. 17 – 19th

Other Business

- The College Council annual report for 2013 – 2014 was sent to the SUNY Board of Trustees
- A copy of the Council's annual report, along with the resolution passed on tobacco-free campus will be sent to Council members
- The internal campaign was initiated with letters sent to employees and alumni
- Hunger on campuses was addressed by Randi Shubin Dresner with Board of Trustee Chair Carl McCall; a follow-up meeting with Dr. Corti to explore a food bank on campus is planned

A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Pallateri

Next Meeting: Nov. 12, 2014

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