

**DRAFT**  
**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE**  
**COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 12, 2014**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Ms. Shanice Blades, Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo (phone); 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; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Ms. Karen Gelles; Chief Marvin Fischer; Mr. Alan Hlavenka

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dr. Pearl Kamer who passed away recently. Dr. Keen said that Dr. Kamer was nominated, and SUNY approved her, to receive the honorary doctorate at Commencement in May. Dr. Kamer had indicated she would be happy to accept the degree. We are hopeful that a family member will accept the posthumous degree, and if not someone else on the campus will do so at Commencement.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2014.

**MOTION PASSED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Williams thanked all who were able to attend the holiday party and other activities on the campus and encouraged continued participation in campus events. Dr. Williams deferred her remarks in the interest of allowing discussion on other important items on the agenda.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President commented on the difficulties caused by the severe weather and said plans are being formulated to make up the lost class time.

**Resolution on Alcohol Policy** –Dr. Corti presented the implementation plan for a new alcohol policy. If the resolution before the Council passes, it will become effective July 1, 2014, and an update on the impact of the policy will be given no later than September, 2015. Aramark is aware of the policies and protocol; they will obtain the site permit. Dr. Cepriano said the proposal should be amended to include the fact that no alcohol consumption is permitted in any of the common areas: hallways, staircases; lounges, etc. Aramark is responsible to monitor any event at which alcohol is served. A motion was made by Mr. Stricoff, seconded by Ms. Blades, to pass the resolution on the alcohol policy (see attached resolution). The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Title IX Compliance** – While she previously discussed her responsibilities regarding community outreach and affirmative action, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Veronica Henry, detailed the responsibilities of her office associated with the agreement between SUNY and the Office of Civil Rights in terms of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which states no person in the U.S. be excluded from educational programs or activities on the basis of gender. Dr. Henry works closely with University Police, the Dean of Students Office and Human Resources to comply with the guidelines published in the Dear Colleague Letter (DCL). Obligations include:

- Published notice of nondiscrimination
- Compliance coordination
- Training
- Grievance procedure publicized

The information is posted on the Equity and Diversity web site, the University Police web site, campus e-news and the Student Handbook. Students also receive a flash drive containing this information at orientation. Dr. Henry distributed the Farmingdale State College Equal Opportunity Policy Statement, which includes categories such as domestic violence,

sexual orientation, gender identity, amongst others. Dr. Keen commended Dr. Henry for carrying this whole project into the future.

**Tobacco-Free Campus** – While this has been discussed previously by the Council and is in the minutes, a resolution passed by the College Council to work towards becoming a tobacco-free campus would reinforce that commitment. As a result of the prior discussion, it was decided that, in the interest of promoting the health of individuals, all tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) would be included. Currently, there is no smoking within any building or within 25 feet of a building. A motion was made by Mr. Stricoff, seconded by Ms. Dresner, to adopt the resolution that gives the College Council's support for the movement toward a tobacco-free campus. **MOTION PASSED**

Ways to assist in reaching this goal were discussed: smoking cessation workshops, cancer screenings, etc. Having the support of the College Council will do much to further this movement.

**Enrollment** – Dr. Keen distributed a summary of enrollment comparing this spring to last spring which shows the numbers growing rapidly. The 2014-2015 Executive Budget contains no state dollars for operating, but an annual increment for tuition is included. While there was a reduction in EOP and others, we anticipate that will be restored. Another item was the proposal of a college of emergency preparedness with \$15M to start that up, and we have expressed interest, but it appears that it will be going to upstate. Dr. Keen sent a letter to the Chancellor expressing interest and availability.

The Chancellor spoke to the joint committees of the Legislature and advocated for a number of things, including a request to double the capital budget and to fund negotiated salary increments. If not funded, we absorb the salary costs within the campus budget. Senator LaValle sent all campuses a letter requesting six priority projects for the campus. We will be advocating this spring to the Senate Higher Education Committee and Assembly Higher Education Committee. The President said he is planning a trip to Albany to visit with legislators; he will relay to Council members the list on how to advocate.

**Commencement** – Dr. Laura Joseph co-chairs the commencement committee. The Commencement ceremony is scheduled to be held outside on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, a day earlier than the calendar indicated, with a rain date on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will develop a way to make sure people know where to check on the status and home page web site. The student survey indicated students prefer outside if they are able to obtain more tickets.

**Internal Fund Campaign** – was very successful this year, and a breakfast will be held on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Keen invited the College Council members and said Ms. Pallateri will forward the information.

**Other Business** – A search for the Dean of Health Sciences is underway which we hope to complete by summer.

Last fall, 200 students beyond our capacity wanted to be in residence halls, and we were unable to house them. We are trying to renovate one of the residence halls that closed. Apparently, building a new building is less expensive than renovating an existing one. We are housing a few international students at a local hotel.

Ms. Ferrell asked for an update on Start-Up New York, and Dr. Keen indicated we are awaiting a settlement on the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting: April 16, 2014**