

**FARMINGDLE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2015**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Mr. Paul Caroleo; 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; VP George LaRosa; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Dr. Laura Joseph; Ms. Kathy Coley; Chief Marvin Fischer; Mr. Alan Hlavenka; Ms. Terry Esnes-Johnson; Ms. Angela Jasur; Mr. Josh Jones

A discussion was held on whether or not the name of the person abstaining from a vote should be included in the minutes. Dr. Williams indicated that, generally, it is the practice that individual Council members' votes not be recorded by name in the minutes. After a brief discussion, Dr. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Meeting with Legislators - Dr. Williams greeted Governor Cuomo at a pre-press conference reception on campus and reminded him that the red scarf stood for awareness of heart disease in women (American Heart Association); he sent a very nice letter and photo. With Dr. Keen and Vice President Calabria, she met on Feb. 20 with Senator John Flanagan and Senator Michael Venditto, who replaced Senator Fuschillo; and on Feb. 27, with Kimberly Jeanne-Pierre who replaced Assemblyman Sweeney; on March 6 with Senator LaValle, chair of the higher education committee; and lastly, on March 13, the advocacy meeting here on campus with Senator Boyle who is very supportive of the college.

Black History Program - Invited by Jim Durant, a former College Council member, Dr. Williams attended a black history program on Feb. 28, along with Dr. Keen and Dr. Deitsch, where Dr. Veronica Henry was one of the honorees for her work on STEM education.

Foundation Scholarships - A very successful scholarship reception was held, sponsored by the Foundation, where over 200 scholarships were given.

STEM Conference - Dr. Williams participated in the STEM conference on campus on March 20th and enjoyed seeing the many young people who are our future. One of the students, the keynote speaker, was accepted into eight Ivy League colleges.

Commencement - As we approach Commencement, we should join faculty, staff and students in recognizing their achievements. Several of our students are legislative interns, and we have had five Fulbright students. Congratulations to our faculty again. Dr. Williams thanked faculty, staff and administrators for the great work that continues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Retirement - The President informed the Council that Ms. Anita Pallateri will be retiring in June. She has served outstandingly as secretary to the Council. Members expressed their sincere appreciation for her work.

Fifth Annual STEM Diversity Conference - Dr. Veronica Henry - Every year more and more students attend from 7 – 12th grade and present science and technology projects. Over 900 students from high schools and middle schools, as well as other colleges on L.I., participated. Some 200 teachers, administrators and guests also attended. Not only does Dr. Henry do exceptionally well with planning and organizing the event, she also gets funding to support it.

Fulbright - Dr. Beverly Kahn started the Fulbright program on the campus, and we now have more Fulbright scholarships than all but four SUNY campuses. This year, we have two finalists.

Budget - Dr. Williams mentioned the meetings with the legislators to obtain their support for the budget passed on April 1. We should have some idea in May or early June of how the budget will affect Farmingdale. Included in the packet distributed is a summary of how the SUNY budget applies to Farmingdale in some respects. We support the Investment and Performance Fund which is a possible way for the Chancellor to correct inequity in the budget. She asked for \$50M; \$18M was approved. In addition, there is a small portion for salary support - \$4.7M. The legislature approved the SUNY 2020 rational tuition for five years; however, no action was taken to extend past 2016, but it is appropriated for the 2015 -2016 year. There is a possible resolution on research and applied learning; no one knows how it will be defined. The loan forgiveness program basically rewards graduates who stay in New York by delaying payback of their loans for two years.

The capital budget is \$200M. We hoped for construction funds for a social science building; however \$200M over the entire system will not give us a lot and will be restricted to existing facilities. The scaffolding is down on Ward Hall – work is completed. There is an issue with the cupola on Horton Hall which must be rebuilt; the weather vane will also be restored to the building, having been removed years ago.

Alcohol Policy – Following up on the policy, Dr. Keen asked Dr. Corti for an update. The report compiled by University Police and the Dean of Students Office was distributed. The latest data on alcohol violation indicates there are fewer. Before 2014, the violations included both those over 21 and under 21. NYS and Federal law require a statistics report every October for the preceding academic year. It does not include other violations or anyone over 21 – mostly those under 21 with alcohol violations; and it does not include DWI.

Dr. Keen introduced Dean of Students, Terry Esnes-Johnson; Director of Residence Life, Angela Jasur; and Residence Director, Josh Jones, who indicated that overall the alcohol policy is doing quite well. Steps have been taken in residence life, making the policy even more restrictive than the policy the College Council passed last year. A full report with additional data will be presented in the fall.

Mission Change – Passed unanimously by the Board of Trustees to enable offering of Master's programs. Trustee Waldman gave strong support in the Committee instituting Master's degree programs. It now goes to State Education Department who announces it to colleges and universities who might have a concern about overlap, then the Board of Regents for approval. We hope to hear sometime in the fall. A tremendous amount of work was done by Provost Cepriano and a committee of four who assembled the report/proposal for mission change. An almost three-hundred page report was submitted to the external reviewers. Another committee produced the program proposal. SUNY wanted us to incorporate a little more course work in Management rather than have the proposal too strongly allied with Engineering Technology – thus the name of the program is Engineering Technology Management.

Construction Projects – A summary of projects which will begin in the spring is included in the packet distributed. Conklin Hall next to the Campus Center, one of the older buildings on the campus, is next. A renovated Conklin Hall will have Student Government, Student Activities, etc., and allow the student organizations to have meetings and engage in purposeful activities. We are looking forward to its opening sometime in early 2016.

Growth in enrollment, a large proportion from Long Island and commuting students, has brought on other needs. There is an increase in the number of students who want to reside on campus. The former Child Care Center site is being turned into a parking area allowing 240 much needed parking spaces and an increase in the number of handicapped spaces. Dewey Hall's electrical power system will be upgraded this summer and the roof replaced. Orchard needs a new roof; it lost a tremendous number of shingles during Super Storm Sandy. We are concerned about structure – roof failure. After Sandy, there were code changes.

Roosevelt Hall's HVAC system needs upgrading as the building still has importance for us. A detailed analysis of space allocation is taking place through the work of the Space Allocation Committee. Jack Petrich chairs the committee and led to looking into some of the spaces in RH once we move student offices out of that building. Renovating the lower level of RH would require a great deal of investment of funds. These are the kinds of projects we were able to do this

year with the critical maintenance funds we obtained. Should we receive a similar amount, we would be able to continue with similar projects.

Commencement - will be in two sessions – as we do not have another way to handle a single inside ceremony – one at 10:00am and one at 3:00pm. No one wants to go off campus; and, while last spring the weather was beautiful, we could not move inside in the case of inclement weather. A lot of students are disappointed about not being with friends or classmates who are in different ceremonies. Ms. Ferrell indicated that Geneseo splits the ceremonies, but then brings everyone together in one area for refreshments.

Broadhollow Bioscience Park – Two tenants are scheduled to move in; others have already been screened. There are two buildings – one with 62,000 square feet for which we are looking for an anchor tenant. The second 42,000 sq. feet – two tenants have already taken advantage, and three have applied and are close to being approved. If all goes well, we are hoping for early fall occupancy. Start-Up New York came at the right time for new BHBP tenants. Ms. Dresner asked about a tour of the buildings, and Mr. LaRosa said perhaps we can schedule a future meeting once it is operational. Currently, no air conditioning or heat is on; it has very sophisticated environmental control and is expensive to run. OSI used to be there, and a real estate agent is working on getting a pharmaceutical or bioscience company anchor tenant.

Events – Two ribbon-cuttings are scheduled - one on May 8 for the new School of Business building, a very impressive three-story building designed beautifully inside; and the other, on April 29 for the Smart Energy House.

A very successful alumni dinner was held on March 5 honoring Arthur Corwin. The honoree is the head of a construction company in New Jersey, who grew up in Farmingdale, and whose family still lives here. Unfortunately, the weather kept some people from attending, but it was a great financial success.

James Breslawski, President of Henry Schein, Inc. was guest speaker at the Executive Breakfast hosted by the Farmingdale College Foundation on April 7.

The Chair noted that it was previously approved that the Council recess at this point of the agenda to go into Executive Session. At 11:15 a.m. the Council reconvened. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita M. Pallateri

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