

College Council Meeting
May 8, 2019
Minutes

In attendance: Olive Scott, chair, Phil King, Linda Cross, Tracy Purcell, Barbara DiCocco, Richard Shultes, Anne Myers, Eric Stein, Susan Rightmyer

Not in attendance: Cheyanne Matulewich

Guests: Marion Terenzio, President, Susan Zimmermann, Amy Healy, Wendy Gilman, Bonnie Martin, Anne Hopkins Gross, John Zacharek, Scott Ferguson, Tara Winter, Barbara Brabetz

The meeting started at 8:30 a.m. and was live streamed.

Part I—Information Sharing with on Campus Contingencies

Linda Cross made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2019, Tracy Purcell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Student Government Update- Provided by Anne Hopkins Gross on behalf of President Cheyanne Matulewich

Cheyanne was re-elected as next year's President

Typically, the SGA President is a senior who speaks at commencement. As Cheyanne is a sophomore, this year, a nomination was held by Student Development in which two seniors were chosen to speak

Period Act – SGA purchased feminine dispensers for residence halls with the assistance of Facilities Management and CFO Wendy Gilman

SGA Retreat is forthcoming

Faculty Governance Update—Barbara Brabetz

SUNY Faculty Senate Meeting—Barbara Brabetz and Charles Moran attended

11 resolutions

Significant discussion regarding SUNY's online initiative

Provost Todd Laursen is looking to change student dynamic

Pilot Program – 10 or 12 schools, will be selected by SUNY

Looking at modes of instruction/teaching assistants

120 credits – 1000 students each program

SUNY would like to engage the one million people who have already completed some credits

Scale doesn't seem to be a good fit for SUNY Cobleskill

Our applied learning, active learning and visual makeup make us unique

Discussed tenure track

Encourage numerous possibilities to be included in portfolios

Scott Ferguson noted that such discussions have come up during PRODIGY discussions

Discussed Withdrawal process

3 campuses out of the 26 campuses present at meeting have policies in place in which faculty can withdraw students

Faculty can withdraw students for excessive absences, fraud and misbehavior

We are not an attendance taking college; however, for financial aid purposes, we need to know the last day that a student sat in class

Discussed that there was a resolution to help the College of Ceramics – resolution was supported

Faculty members are very busy during this last week of classes

Administration and Faculty work very hard together on governance issues

50% of existing faculty have been at the College for less than 7 years; we need to foster new leadership

President Update—Marion Terenzio

College Council Advisory Groups are working very well

President Terenzio and Chair Olive Scott will name two Council members to a Dashboard Advisory Group who will work with President Terenzio, Tara Winter and Amy Healy

President Terenzio announced that a ceremony was held on May 3 at which Greeks were recognized

The event went very well and exuded pride and excitement

President Terenzio attended a SEEC (Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation) Meeting

County leaders, Eric Stein, Tom Putnam, Steve Harris and Midtel are committed to economic development in the county.

The group is in agreement that the College is instrumental in all economic initiatives

The time is now to move forward

They will be naming an Advisory Group

Professor Gail Wentworth invited President Terenzio and Provost Zimmermann to attend an intergenerational session at the Child Care Center

A researcher from Bassett Medical Center was in attendance

An Albany Medical Center researcher is in attendance at each week's session

This fits in well with the Governor's child care initiative which was discussed at the recent REDC meeting

President Terenzio stated at the meeting that onerous policies and regulations and low pay for workers need to be considered

President Terenzio received an invitation from IBM to participate in a Global P-Tech Conference in August

100 people were invited – SUNY Cobleskill will participate

Attendees will look at p-tech model; globally and virtually

Summit - Partnering with Cornell and northern NY Presidents

What does it mean to be rural serving?

Are students different and how can we help?

Combine the summit with northeast states – USDA grant, looking at economic development, quality of life, etc.

SUNY Board of Trustee, Vice Chair, Meryll Tisch visited the campus last week

She met with cabinet members and students

She has visited 45 SUNY campuses and stated that this is the most engaging campus that she has visited

We told her that enrollment is flat which surprised her

Other colleges are down 10% and there are less traditional age students

Student Research Showcase – President Terenzio encouraged Council Members to attend

We have students who are researching at a graduate level

One student who is in Dr. Stander's class did a project on solar system mapping

President Terenzio read the agenda titles to parents at an Accepted Students Day

Bio/Chem have so many projects that they had their own showcase

Best posters will be on display

In the future, the College will assure that Council Members are included

Council Member Barbara DiCocco asked how the issues that are discussed at Council Meetings can better be shared outside in the community by Council Members

We will send a Council Listserv to Jim Feldman so that Council Members are included in more campus events

Barbara Brabetz suggested that re-tweeting what they see will send an important message to students/campus

Dashboards:

Tara Winter stated that the spreadsheet that was previously shared with Council Members has been converted to an interactive website

25 indicators; we have reached or exceeded 18

Driven by data

3 initiatives next year:

Access/Completion

Partnerships

Fiscal Stability

PRODiG-

Chancellor's incentive to increase the number of faculty and students who are underserved minority, women, focus in STEM

RFP process—due July 15th

Some data has been collected

Reached out to Admissions – pipeline perspective

Look at pre-college age students who enter SUNY Cobleskill and how they can achieve advanced degrees

Can fit our model – touch young students who never thought about attending College

Budget-Wendy Gilman

Budget fluid; decent NYS budget

Out of state students make up 9 or 10% of our student population – 19% of our revenue

Accreditation-

Middle States Review – 2021 – 2022

Will name a Steering Committee in fall; two council members to be included

Process for substantive change to Middle States – offering online programs

Submitting farm/food entrepreneurship certificate – going through campus governance

Histotech reviewers were on campus last week – We have been verbally recommended for 10 year accreditation – official approval to come in the fall

Programs

Bachelor's Tech Degree in Canine/ existing and new students

Much press exposure including Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Australia, NYC and local papers

BT – cyber security – approved by SUNY, forwarded to State Ed – 2 to 4 month approval process

Enrollment-

Fluid time for enrollment

We are neck in neck with last year's number of deposits

EOP apps are down across the state

Admissions is working hard to yield students

Very competitive

Up in out of state numbers

Huge shift in enrollment; less traditional age students

CUNY Community Colleges shared with President Terenzio that it is hard for them to shift as they were set up as transfer schools

Financial Aid Matrix – 200 have accepted offers; still analyzing

50 very high achieving students have accepted

Deposits

60% Bachelor's – more transfers; not a four year model

40% Associates

This causes difficulties for faculty – students who are out of financial aid, scheduling conflicts

Faculty will be doing curriculum mapping with the Provost

Look at 2 year and 4 year

Certificate programs through PACE are non credit bearing

Paramedic Certificate Program is credit bearing; looking at two more programs

Certificate students do not participate in graduation

Foundation Update

Golf Tournament on June 7

After six years as serving as the Foundation President, Tim Purcell has stepped down

John Brust has been named as the next President

Entertain a motion to thank Tim for his service

Rich Shultes made a motion to approve the resolution, Linda Cross seconded the motion and the motion was carried

Olive Scott will draft the resolution and bring to September meeting; invite Tim to attend the meeting

Alumni Update

Homecoming Weekend, October 4 – 6

Streamlining events

Marie Gerhardt is doing a fabulous job – working in concert with Foundation and Development

Part II—Council Reports, Discussion and/or Action items

Chair's Report

Olive Scott thanked President Terenzio for hosting a catered dinner on April 8 for Council Members

The dinner was delicious and well attended

Dr. Scott stated that the Governor's Office has been behind in Council confirmations

As of June 30, only four Cobleskill Council Members will have legitimate appointments

Discussion that many College Councils can't have a quorum which is proving very difficult for presidential searches

Council Member Reports

Phil King attended Ag Business Advisory Meeting

Fantastic and committed students

Did a marketing presentation – spin off of Seagram's

Real leadership skills were shown

Council Member King advised all members to attend future presentations

Susan Rightmyer and Eric Stein met with VP for Development, John Zacharek

Meetings are working very well

Council members are better informed

They cover staff updates, tools we use, funding changes

New staff member, Shannon Manchester, Finance Associate, Class of 2003

Implementing Raiser's Edge donor base – Eric is familiar with the program as it is used by

Friends of Bassett – offered support to Development Office

Program provides much analysis and detail

Beth Orgeron and Marie Gerhardt are enrolled in a 10 month development training course

Confidence and effectiveness are proven to increase as a result of training

\$1.5M raised this fiscal year

\$3M in proposals have been submitted

Working on data base screening – identifies hot spots

This is all public information

Combining many of the Homecoming Events

October 4 – Extravaganza

October 5 – Alumni Awards and Golden Grads, Donor Reception

Council Member Rightmyer suggested that the report should be sent to all Council Members

New Business-

College Council Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Discussion whether to hold five meetings rather than six.
Council Member Anne Myers stated that it is important that Council Members have meetings as they serve as communicators to the community
Important not to lessen the significance of Council Members
The County has lost many residents – the more meetings the better
Dr. Myers is working on a proposal with SCHOOL students regarding county government changes
Dr. Myers will share proposal with Council/Cabinet members
Council members agreed that it is important to hold six meetings
Phil King suggested that the Council have an informal summer meeting
Eric Stein stated that he is a founding member of SEEC
SEEC needs to “do it right” and work with various stakeholders
Eric Stein stated that he attended an AASCU meeting at which it was evident that SUNY Cobleskill is one of a handful of colleges that are “doing” economic development

Graduation

Practice immediately following the business meeting
Secretary Thomas Vilsack is the keynote speaker and recipient of an Honorary Degree in Science
SUNY Board of Trustee Member, Eunice Lewin, will attend
Secretary Vilsack will attend a dinner at the Fort Orange Club on Friday evening. Attendees at the dinner include Marion, Richard Ball, Tim Moore, Amy Healy
Academic Award Ceremony is at 4:30 on Friday; 7:30 is hooding ceremony

Susan Rightmyer made a motion to end the meeting, Anne Myers seconded and the meeting ended at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Healy to College Council Members, Cabinet Members, Faculty Governance Chair, Alumni Board, Foundation Board, Department Chairs, VanWagenen Library