

SUNY COBLESKILL COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING – October 14, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES

Council Members Present: Chair, Olive Scott; Linda Cross; Barbara DiCocco; Cliff Hay; Phil King; Tracy Purcell; Susan Rightmyer; Clara Richardson; and Eric Stein.

Excused: Virginia Kintz.

Guests: President Marion Terenzio, Susan Zimmermann, Steve Ackerknecht, Carol Bishop, Lois Goblet, Bonnie Martin, Angelika Hoehner, Amy Healy, Matthew Barney, and Tim Purcell.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. and was audio-taped.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting. The motion was made by Cliff Hay, seconded by Eric Stein, and carried.

PART I

President Marion Terenzio:

Overview

- President Terenzio was the guest speaker at a school board dinner meeting on October 7 which included six superintendents and BOCES leadership. There was much excitement regarding potential partnerships with SUNY Cobleskill.
- President Terenzio met with members of the Iroquois Museum. There is much cultural significance and opportunities for potential partnerships. The Museum will have a role in the presidential inauguration on April 8, 2016.
- President Terenzio enjoyed an evening of “go cart riding” at Gobbler’s Knob, with Ag. Eng. students.
- Council Member Linda Cross reported the Farmer’s Market to be held in Bouck Ballroom on November 13 & 14.
- President Terenzio met recently with Sarah Goodrich, Executive Director of Schoharie Area Long Term, Inc. (SALT). They discussed the possibility of future START-UP NY partnerships in Schoharie. The president will discuss with Leslie Whatley, Executive VP, START-UP NY, and Jason Evans, SUNY Cobleskill liaison, START-UP NY.
- Leslie Whatley will be the guest speaker at the October 15 *College and Community: Economic Stewardship for a Thriving Region* breakfast meeting.
- The external community will be highly represented at this meeting. Elected officials, area businesses and schools, the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce and NJ Creative Place Making will be in attendance.
- 87 students were polled regarding campus/community strengths and weaknesses. Ms. Whatley will discuss the results.
- A follow-up economic summit will be held on November 17.

Budget

- \$1.8M deficit.
- SUNY mandate to have at least 10% in cash reserves; not to exceed 25%.
- We are within required parameters – use to build, not to fill gaps.
- Salaries are the largest budgetary expense.
- Broad based fees are used to support costs.
- Strategic enrollment is crucial.
- Council Member Cliff Hay asked if the solar voltaic panels have made a savings difference; the College has not seen a significant savings.
- The College anticipates we will experience savings due to the gasifier initiative.

- President Terenzio recently met with the Biodigester Committee; we are looking at energy efficient programming and potential partnerships with GE and SUNY POLY.

SUNY Excels

- A Town Hall Meeting with campus stakeholders was held on October 1 to discuss submission of the SUNY Excels Performance Improvement Plan (PIP), due to SUNY on October 21.
- Five white paper proposals were submitted, totaling \$8M in requests.
- The collaboration between students, faculty and staff has been inspiring.
- President Terenzio thanked faculty governance for approving a conceptual endorsement of the SUNY Excels documents.
- The PIP is tied to the Power of SUNY and consists of five areas:
 - Access
 - Completion
 - Success
 - Inquiry
 - Engagement
- The PIP will tie in our vision of coming the premier stewards of sustainability.
 - Mission
 - Institutional Aptitude
 - Community Vitality

Other campus initiatives

- START-UP NY – Despite the Maranatha bankruptcy proceedings, and the purchase of Guilford Mills by Mills Services, several of the companies who received ESD approval of their START-UP NY proposals are discussing alternative locations.
- President Terenzio will co-chair, with Tara Winter, a Retention Task Force.
- President Terenzio announced that Vice President for Student Affairs, Steve Ackerknecht, will be retiring at the end of the year. A national search will begin immediately.
- President Terenzio will provide an enrollment update at the November 4 College Council Meeting.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan Zimmermann:

- The announcement for Canine Studies was submitted to SUNY.
- The Therapeutic Horsemanship BT program went to SUNY.
- Fermentation Program – Another external reviewer will be on campus during October.
- The Food Service Program is at SED.
- Supply Chain Management Certificate is a curricular area to be developed.

Angelika Hoehner, Presiding Officer of the Faculty

- The Fiscal Affairs/Strategic Planning Committee (FASP) has begun an update of the academic prioritization process per the request of President Terenzio. The data from this process will be used for future allocation of resources.
- The Executive Committee endorsed a motion requesting administration to begin an update of the administrative prioritization in concurrence with the academic prioritization.
- The Executive Committee unanimously approved a conceptual endorsement of the SUNY Excels documents.
- The Executive Committee unanimously endorsed a motion to extend the current Strategic Plan up to one year. The current Strategic Plan ends on June 30, 2016.

Clara Richardson, President, Student Government Association:

- 43 clubs are currently chartered through Student Government.
- 2 confirmed interest groups:
 - Empire of Change
 - Busy Bees
- All club presidents and vice presidents will be trained in affirmative consent by the end of the month.
- Student Government will be co-developing and endorsing a Greek life statement.
- Student Government will be co-sponsoring the Empty Bowls event on November 15.
- Student Government has been working on SGA policy revisions and updates.
- Student Government has been conducting new member outreach through unconventional and unique methods.
- The first blood drive of the semester yielded 144 units of blood.
- 42 clubs currently chartered through SGA.
- 2 Confirmed Interest Groups
 - Beta-Beta-Beta Biological Honor Society
 - Empire of Change
- The first blood drive of the semester will be held on September 9.

Tim Purcell, President, SUNY Cobleskill Foundation:

- Tim Purcell thanked President Terenzio for appearing before the full board in September.
- The Foundation audit was completed.
- The 2015-16 Scholarship Luncheon was a huge success; over \$200,000 in student scholarships was awarded.
- Over \$10,000 has been awarded for student travel.
- Tim Purcell thanked Olive Scott and Jerry Robideau for their generous scholarship.

Matt Barney, Executive Director, SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Association, on behalf of President Sandy Dinoto:

- Matt Barney reported that Homecoming 2015 was a huge success and enjoyed by all; the Homecoming Committee will discuss new concepts for next year, including an alumni breakfast. Matt reported that the Homecoming Committee will debrief on 10/22.
- Annual Fund student calling will take place between 10/5/15 and 11/19/15.
- The Alumni Association is partnering with Harris Connect, a provider of comprehensive and accurate research methods to update our alumni database.
- An alumni mixer will be held at Saranac Brewing Company on 10/17/15.
- An Alumni Professional Panel for current students is planned for 11/4/15 at 5:30 in Upper Champlin. The Advancement Office and Student Success Center will work with SGA to bring a diverse group of alumni together to discuss career options, graduate schools, employment placement, etc.
- Students applied for and were awarded money for academic trips led by faculty for the 2015-16 academic year.
- The Havloc Society will visit '15 Michael Kaphan 's restaurant on 11/14/15.

PART II

Chair's Report:

- Dr. Scott thanked President Terenzio for moving things along at the College.
- Dr. Scott stated that meeting regularly with President Terenzio and setting the Council Agenda has been very helpful and productive.
- Dr. Scott reported that the scholarship luncheon was well attended and smoothly coordinated.

- Dr. Scott complimented all who worked to make this year's Homecoming such a success.

New Business:

- Dr. Scott stated that the Council had concerns regarding the naming policy that was presented to the Foundation; Council suggestions and SUNY guidelines must be taken into account.
- CAO Lois Goblet will review Council suggestions and discuss at November 4 Council Meeting.
- An Adhoc committee consisting of Council Members, Phil King and Susan Rightmyer, Foundation President, Tim Purcell, and Amy Healy and Lois Goblet will meet prior to the November 4 Council Meeting.
- Council Members, Dr. Scott and Tracy Purcell, along with President Terenzio will attend the entire conference at Gideon Putnam on October 16.
- Council Members, Phil King, Eric Stein, and Barbara DiCocco, will attend the ACT Conference on Saturday, 10/16. Vice President Steve Ackerknecht and Brian Kaiser will join the group for the luncheon on Saturday.
- SUNY Cobleskill senior, Megan Trigg, will be awarded the ACT Scholarship Award at the luncheon on Saturday. This is a prestigious honor and the College is extremely proud of Megan.

Council Members went into Executive Session at 9:50 am. A motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:20 am was made by Linda Cross, seconded by Susan Rightmyer, and carried.

The next meeting will be held in the VanWagenen Library, Room 213, at 8:30 am. A tour of the library will immediately follow.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Amy K. Healy**

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