

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SUNY COBLESKILL
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING - October 9, 2013**

Members Present: Chair Olive Scott, Barbara Bartlett, Linda Cross, Barbara DiCocco, Cliff Hay, Phil King, Ginny Kintz, Susan Rightmyer & Eric Stein.

Excused: Jeanne Kane, Tracy Purcell.

Guests: Acting President Debra Thatcher, Steve Ackerknecht, Carol Bishop, Bruce Wright, Chuck Moran, Jennifer Regeski-Rotman, and Ann Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and was audio-taped.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. The motion was made by Eric Stein, seconded by Ginny Kintz and carried.

PART I

Members were emailed the agenda prior to the meeting. The following information was discussed at the meeting:

Steve Ackerknecht reported for Kia Lamica, Student Government Association:

- Student Government, together with CPI and the village of Cobleskill, obtained sponsors to purchase new signs for the Village.
- Photo op on October 9 showcasing SGA, CPI and village employees working together on the signs.

Jennifer Regeski-Rotman, Alumni President

- Homecoming Weekend - good turnout.
- Alumni Awards Dinner on September 28 was very successful.
- Alumni Association will hold a working retreat on October 25 at the college.
- Dr. Scott complimented the Alumni Association on their work on behalf of the college.

Bruce Wright, Presiding Officer):

- Thanked Council Members and the College Community for their support during his recent illness.
- Thanked Chuck Moran for stepping in as Acting Presiding Officer.
- Bruce is back working at the college ten hours per week.
- Faculty Governance is moving ahead. Communication with Administration needs to continue.
- Orange Carpet Reception, Cultural Arts Series/Coby's Faculty Chat Series - These great visibility efforts are important for college.
- Coby's is a window into the college.

Acting President Debra Thatcher

- Thanked everyone for making Homecoming such a tremendous success.
- The Scholarship luncheon had over 250 attendees.
- Four Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (Peter Fuerst, Rachel Moody, Tim Terry and Kristy Vancour) were honored at the Athletic Dinner held on September 28.
- Emeritus John Shear, honorary alumnus, Steve Ackerknecht, alumnus in the community, John Hall, three distinguished alumni, Betsy Foote, Bill Dickson and Dan Merkel, young alumna

Amanda Tripple, and outstanding alumnus, Chris Flynn, were also honored during special Homecoming dinners.

- Presidential Forums – At least two presidential forums are planned for each semester to update the campus on issues of interest. The first forum was held on October 3 and focused on the budget. Carol Bishop provided information on budget types, resource allocation, budget status, and information requests for next.
- Presidential Coffees – Coffees are being scheduled to engage campus members to share ideas during informal discussions about campus priorities.
- Marketing – A plan is being finalized with Ruckert Advertising for a television and internet image campaign to target the capital district and Schoharie County. The campaign should be launched in late October or November.
- Athletics – The Athletics/Fighting Tigers Club Golf Tournament and Apparel Fundraising Sale were successful, together grossing over \$18,000 (net to be determined but probably in the \$10 - \$12 K range).
- Thanked the coaches for their hard work and commitment.
- START-UP NY – We have submitted two “marquee properties” (Guilford Mills and Ski Lodge) to be included on the START-UP NY website. We are awaiting a draft of the START-UP NY regulations.
- CAS – A ribbon cutting and grand opening was held for Shop 24, a deluxe vending station located outside Champlin Hall with up to 250 selections of food and health/beauty items.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Cultural Arts Series (7:30 p.m. Bouck Theater)
 - October 17 – “The Junkman: Environmental New Age Music,” with Donald Knaack.
 - November 14 – “Wow & Flutter: Animated Short Films”
 - 7th Generation Lecture Series (8:00 p.m. Bouck Theater)
 - October 17 – “How Not to Frack New York: Fracking in the Context of New York’s Energy Future,” with Chip Northrup
 - December 5 – “How Does Climate Change Impact Our Backyard Birds?” with Dr. David Bonter
 - Faculty Chat Series (7:30 p.m., Coby’s)
 - October 30 – “Dying to Know: Research on Communication with the Dead and Other Paranormal Phenomena,” with Dr. Diane Dobry
 - November 13 – “Promoting Alternative Farming Techniques Here and Abroad,” with Dr. George Crosby
 - December 11 – “Investment Management in Uncertain Times!” with Dr. Charles Moran and Mr. Paul Gemmiti
 - Community Trick or Treat – October 24, 6 – 9 p.m., Bouck Ballroom
 - Harvest Festival Week – October 19 – October 26. Tentative Schedule:
 - Saturday, October 19: Harvest Barn dance at fairgrounds
 - Tuesday, October 22: Pumpkin Fest – pumpkin chucking, seed spitting, haybale races, “headless horseman” races, pie eating contest
 - Wednesday, October 23: Country Night at Brick Yard Point, sponsored by Ag Council
 - Thursday, October 24: World Food Day Events! (Farm-to-table meals in dining halls; local food recipe contest; Schoharie Fresh Farmers Market on Campus!)
 - Thursday, October 24: Club pumpkin carving and scarecrow contest judging
 - Friday and Saturday, October 25/26: Community Haunted House at the fairgrounds; caramel apples and cider for sale; events for small children

PART II – College Council Members:

Chairs Report:

- Dr. Scott introduced one of two new College Council Members, Barbara DiCocco, from Jefferson, NY. Barbara is very active in the community and we look forward to working with her.
- Tracy Purcell, co-owner of Grapevine Farms in Cobleskill, is the other new College Council Member.
- Dr. Scott thanked Barb Bartlett and Jeanne Kane for their service on the Council. Their terms ended in October, 2013.
- A reception for the retiring members will be planned.
- September was a busy month.
- Homecoming was very successful and the weather was beautiful.
- The Scholarship Luncheon had the largest number of attendees in its history.
- The Merrill breakfast was held on September 30. The event was very enjoyable.

Committee Reports:

ACT :

- Dr. Scott, Cliff Hay, Ginny Kintz and Eric Stein will attend this year's ACT Conference which will be held October 18 thru 20 at Gideon Putnam in Saratoga.
- Dr. Scott urged members to attend any or all of the conference.
- The Chancellor will be speaking on Sunday.
- Travel forms need to be approved for reimbursement.

New Business:

1. Council Members will take a tour of the Paramedic Lab following today's meeting.
2. Coffees with College Council:
 - The first coffee with Council Members was held from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in American Heritage Restaurant on October 9.
 - The second coffee with Council Members will be held from 8:00 – 9:00 in Curtis Mott Lounge from 8:00 – 9:00 on November 13.
3. New Member Orientation:
 - Dr. Scott and Dr. Thatcher will put together an orientation binder for Council Members.
 - Members will be given a tour of the campus following the November 13 meeting.
 - Members will coordinate tours of classrooms with Provost Zimmermann.
4. Council Member Phil King commented on the pride of the dairy operation.
 - 30,000 cows/in the top 10 herds in NYS.
 - Outstanding accomplishment.
 - Commented that the farm is in good shape.
 - Needs good news to be spread.
5. Council Members Phil King and Cliff Hay discussed that Advisory Committees have too many members and scarce attendance at meetings.
 - There is a need to consolidate.
6. Council Member Phil King commented that it would be good for the college to have a presidential roundtable breakfast in the near future.
 - In the spring, we could have sponsored speakers.

- Council Member Cliff Hay remarked that in the past there wasn't a problem getting sponsors for the breakfasts.

A motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. was made by Linda Cross, seconded by Barbara Bartlett, approved, and carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 13 at 9:00 am in 203 Knapp Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy K. Healy

Distribution: College Council, Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs, Presiding Officer of the Faculty, The Alumni Association, The College Foundation, Van Wagenen Library.