

Cabinet Meeting Notes September 28, 2011

Cabinet Retreat – The SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY Delhi cabinet members will attend a retreat on October 5 – 7 at SUNY Cortland’s Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education located at Raquette Lake. Strategies and outcomes will be shared with the campus community.

Campus Suggestions – Dr. Vancko reported that she has received numerous suggestions for improving the campus. Amy Healy will organize a meeting in the near future to address strategies and implementation.

Campus “Walk-Arounds” – In addition to regularly scheduled cabinet meetings, the cabinet will meet at various campus locations. Sites and dates will be determined.

Campus Events – Chancellor Zimpher has asked each SUNY campus to identify the three major events that each college would like the Chancellor to attend. The deadline for submission is October 5.

Clerical Assignments – Deb Thatcher asked VPs to review roles of clerical support staff to determine areas of need.

Middle States – Deb Thatcher distributed a timeline and asked cabinet members to review. A formal response is due in the beginning of March, 2012. The Middle State’s team will visit the campus in April, 2012. It is critical that we adhere to deadlines. Cabinet members will provide bi-weekly updates at cabinet meetings which refer to timely issues.

Natural Disaster Fund – Regina LaGatta announced that students who have been directly impacted as a result of a natural disaster can apply for support by providing pertinent information to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 211 Knapp Hall. Upon receipt of applications, personal interviews will be scheduled with the Natural Disaster Review Committee. She also reported that the SUNY Board of Trustees passed a resolution enabling Chancellor Zimpher to create the “SUNY Helps Fund” to provide tuition assistance to students affected by the storms.

Residence Hall Flood Renovation – Steve Ackerknecht reported that as a result of asbestos abatement, residence hall renovations have been delayed.

Washington Update – Regina LaGatta reported that SUNY Cobleskill represented SUNY System Administration at Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s New York Farm Day. Regina, along with Doug Goodale and Jason Evans were invited to attend the Senator’s working group meeting to discuss the update of the federal farm bill and agriculture issues throughout the state of New York.