

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting
Via Zoom
April 14, 2021
Minutes

In attendance: Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Susan Rightmyer, Tracy Purcell, Micheal Lee-Edwards

Not in attendance: Barbara DiCocco, Rich Shultes

Guests: Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Bonnie Martin, Wendy Gilman, Anne Hopkins Gross, John Zacharek, Amy Healy, Tara Winter, Tim Moore, Gail Wentworth, Caleb Grant, Nick DeCaprio

Eric Stein called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Phil King made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2021 meeting, Susan Rightmyer seconded, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Part I-Information Sharing with On-Campus Contingencies

John Zacharek introduced Nick Decaprio, Director of Development and Corporate Partnerships

Advancement Report-John Zacharek

\$1.2 million raised for the year

Golf tournament—August 13th 2021

Homecoming—October 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2021

COVID update—Anne Hopkins Gross

Pool testing five days a week

SUNY granted permission to do a graduation walk

May 11th and 13th—only people who have been on campus and been tested

Student awards are virtual

Live, interactive graduation for those who cannot attend grad walk

Dairy fashion show, graphic art show—canceled

Budget-Wendy Gilman

NYS Budget passed

2019-20 state support fully funded

5% budget cut (= \$350,000 for Cobleskill) restored for 2021-22

Tap gap to be closed by 2024-25

Funding for EOP students and mental health

Capital funding-- \$1.8 million for SUNY Cobleskill

\$100 million—new construction

No early retirement incentive

No funding for collective bargaining

Program changes need SUNY approval—no longer need State Ed approval

Staffing—47 fewer positions (mostly adjuncts)

Spending down on campus

Direct COVID related expenses totaling over \$3 million— not including revenue loss

Enrollment-Caleb Grant

Fall applications are down 9% SUNY wide

SUNY Cobleskill down 24% in applications

Deposits are flat—looking to recover from last years

New York City applications are down 42%

Accepted student week (last week)

188 advisement sessions—48 deposited

Academic Programming-Sue Zimmermann

BOCES (Capital Region) new facility—partnering for Early Childhood curriculum design

Dept of Labor Appalachian Regional Commission Grant

Purchased equipment/Mobile Unit

Micro credentials developed

Grad School agreements—Empire State college and Brockport

Consolidating programs and departments-

Ag Business, Business and Culinary Arts merger starting Fall 2021

Tim Moore reported on Dairy Processing center, Schoharie Fresh and Carriage House

Gail Wentworth reported on General Education task force—waiting for remarks and comments on report

Interdisciplinary Equity, Diversity, Inclusion plan—with micro credentials

Economic viability with agriculture

Operations-Bonnie Martin

Student Financial Services

\$2.75 million funding distributed to our students

Developed a new collection plan for our campus

Contacting students—unpaid balances prevents student from registering

IT-

E sports area created

Secured remote desk top services VPN

\$1 million in capital funding upgrades

Hybrid-Hy Flex classrooms

90 computers from SUNY—85 to students and staff

Facilities Management-

Disinfecting/Cleaning campus

Waste water testing

Human Resources

New anti discrimination training

Do the right thing training

Construction Fund

\$1.8 critical maintenance

Secured \$389 million –Twisted Whiskers corridor

\$100 new construction—Funding for elevator for Home Ec

House new Business/Ag Business department

Strategic Plan/Pivot Plan (future)—Tara Winter

Align Strategic Plan with Pivot plan points of action

Tara Winter will send draft of chart to College Council

Memorial Service for Doc McKenzie tomorrow (April 15th)

Students and faculty

Family has not scheduled a service yet

Diversity Update-

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee—reading, “How to be anti-racist”

Prodigy project-support positions minorities and women in STEM

Unity Center in progress, Everfi and UPD training

Student Governance update—Michael Lee-Edwards

Resolutions

Hair care products in the bookstore

Course evaluations

More reading days

Scholarship created with extra funds left over from clubs

Given to student club officer with 2.25 gpa or higher

Middle States- Sue Zimmermann

Feedback Forum coming up

Third draft will be written over the summer

Chair of the Evaluation team has been named—hope to announce soon

Part II—Council Reports, Discussion and/or Actions

SUNY Cobleskill’s Future-A Pivotal Moment: Our New Reality is Upon Us

Integration of Agriculture and Liberal Arts-show value

Industry of the things

Co teaching, as example—incentivize faculty to work across disciplines

Domestic productions for essentials of life—Food priorities

Tie learning to a student’s interest

International dealings—global perspective (culture, business)

New Associates and bachelors degrees in global humanities

College Council Meeting May 5th

Dividing agenda to include Strategic sessions

Institute of Rural Vitality and Empire State Greenhouse updates

ESG to break ground by summer

New Business—

Naming ceremonies—outside of commencement

Focus on the Fall

Marion and John Zacharek will meet and send a proposal to Eric Stein and Phil

King for an event at Homecoming

Michael Lee-Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phil King seconded and the meeting ended at 10:14