

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting - February 8, 2017

Draft Minutes

College Council Members Present: Olive Scott, Linda Cross, Phil King, Sarah Peavey, Susan Rightmyer, Richard Shultes, Eric Stein

College Council Members Excused: Anne Myers

Via Phone: Barbara DiCocco, Tracy Purcell

Guests: President Marion Terenzio, Barbara Brabetz, Wendy Gilman, Lois Goblet, Anne Hopkins Gross, Irene Loucks, Bonnie Martin, Susan Zimmermann

Via Phone: Tim Purcell

Chair Olive Scott called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Meeting was live streamed.

Olive welcomed the new Faculty Presiding Officer, Barbara Brabetz, and congratulated Dr.

Zimmermann on her position as Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2016, meeting was made by Susan Rightmyer, seconded by Linda Cross and the motion carried.

Part I

President Marion Terenzio

President Terenzio attended SUNY President's meeting yesterday

- Interactive meeting
- Collaborating among campuses
- SUNY wants four regions
 - Decided by research areas
 - Presidents to meet every two weeks

Strategic Plan-

- Draft of Vision, Mission and Value Statements—will share with Foundation tomorrow
- Three coffee hours for campus community to ask questions
- Technology Committee to become a task force
 - Should be done by May

Diversity Committee

- SUNY wants each campus to have a Chief Diversity Officer by 2017
- Plan to go forward will go to Executive Committee
- Draft of definition and Vision statement

Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)

PIP Meeting at SUNY Administration on March 2nd

Enrollment

(Hand out) Chart on Enrollment Trends
Average student is on campus five semesters
Build four year programs where they make sense
Articulation agreements with grad schools
Keep two year program where they make sense
Spring Enrollment is up
Paid applications for Fall are up

Middle States-

Will have a draft soon
Committee meets this week
Due to Middle States June 1st

Impact of President Trump's Executive Order

H. Carl McCall—Chair, Board of Trustees memo regarding immigrants (hand out)
Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (Dream Act)
Students must feel safe from personal harm

Impact of Governor Cuomo's Free Tuition Proposal

We support Governor's plan
Chancellor spoke of three initiatives
Eclipsed Tennessee's
National Commission of Free Tuition
80% of all households in Upstate NY are eligible
Must be enrolled in 15 credits
Give legislatures our advice starting now
Tap Gap still an issue—new Tap gap?
FAFSA needs to be filled out—students left \$174 million unclaimed
We are changing criteria for awards
Center for Systems Change—Through Rockefeller Center
Foundation for Impact

Farm Protection Plan- (draft copies available)

SUNY Cobleskill is key in the plan

Budget Update- (Wendy Gilman)

Governor Cuomo's Budget recommendations are out
In the past, Governors' have given budget briefings to State Legislators,
Governor Cuomo gave briefings around the state.
SUNY has a good budget
State support is flat
Critical Maintenance used to get \$200 Million—is now getting \$550

Will use a grant process for some
Legislative Bills—are in hearings
Will know more in a few weeks
Governor Cuomo is known for on-time budgets
Working with FASP
Getting out a Budget Call Letter
Different process this year
Hearing at FASP Meeting
Mid-March through Mid-April
Strategic Plan should unveil what budget priorities are

Faculty Governance Update- Barbara Brabetz

(hand out)
New Presiding officer serving (Barbara Brabetz)
New Secretary serving (Kurt Verderber)
Sabbatical applications being reviewed by the APPC Committee
APC finalized a minor's policy
FASP Committee working on the new Strategic Plan

Student Government Update- Sarah Peavey

Four member officer team
Three more eligible members
Blood Drive collected 98 units—108 people through the door
Planning a donor appreciation dinner
SGA Student Bill of Rights
Working on now—will have draft by March
Hope to have in place by Fall
Updating Policies
Reviewing advisors commitment
Pizza with President—tomorrow
End of semester breakfast—faculty would like to serve

Foundation Update—Tim Purcell via phone

Foundation Retreat tomorrow
Golf Tournament June 16th
Working with Athletics—50% of proceeds to go to Athletics
Morning start time
Culinary Extravaganza
Friday, October 13th
Foundation members at 65% giving—goal is 100% by June 30th

Alumni Update—Matt Barney for Mark Finney

(hand out)
Alumni Association is drafting a Strategic Plan
Alumni working on a Regional Florida Alumni Mixer March 25th
Seeking nominations for Alumni Award

Part II

Chairs Report-

Dr. Scott attended Christmas Open House

Dr. Scott did not attend Chancellor's State of SUNY address---watched live stream
Eric Stein, Phil King, Tracy Purcell and Cabinet members attended

In answer to questions from the Council members, Dr. Terenzio gave an Update on
Start-up NY projects

Four in pipeline

Two involve Coby Farm and Ski Lodge

Two involve campus (Kniskern and Alumni)

Just received two back

Old Business

Naming Policy Protocol

People/names nominated to be honored, with no financial support, must be submitted to President Terenzio using the criteria already in place. Starting with five people, photos will be hung in hall above President's Gallery.

Motion to approve this proposal was made by Susan Rightmyer, seconded by Phil King and carried unanimously

Institute of Rural Vitality- update sent to Council Members prior to meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. was made by Linda Cross, seconded by Richard Shultes, and carried.

**The next meeting will be held on April 12th 2017, at 8:30 a.m.
Commencement rehearsal will immediately follow the May 10 meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Irene Loucks

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