

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting  
Via Zoom  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Minutes

**In attendance:** Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Susan Rightmyer, Tracy Purcell

**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, Sophie Ano

Eric Stein called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Susan Rightmyer made a motion to approve the minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Tracy Purcell seconded, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**President Update—Marion Terenzio**

Offering two graduation walks—May 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
Chancellor will attend May 11<sup>th</sup> grad walk  
Virtual graduation—May 15<sup>th</sup>  
2020 virtual ceremony—May 8<sup>th</sup> (about 50 signed up)  
No parents invited—will be live-streamed

**COVID update—Anne Hopkins Gross**

Uptick in positive cases—16 currently  
Plan to be fully operational for fall semester  
SUNY survey—asking for our needs and wants in the fall

**Enrollment—Caleb Grant**

SUNY applications are down 9% overall  
Tech sector is down 19% in applications  
SUNY Cobleskill down 21% in applications  
Up 23% in deposits from last year  
Animal science programs growing  
Bachelor programs having more growth

**Marketing—Caleb Grant**

ADA compliance on the website  
Focus on targeted advertising—radio ads, google  
Media coverage for faculty leadership  
Mobileskill van to do outdoor admissions events in capital district

**Budget- Wendy Gilman**

SUNY Cobleskill is eligible for \$15 million in HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund)  
First and second round of funding prescribed for certain areas  
Waiting for third round  
Used for student aid, paid the college back for refunded student money

Currently calculating lost revenue based on enrollment for past three years  
Replace reserves, repay ourselves, COVID expenses, investment in ourselves  
One time funding  
Tap gap funding was part of the budget that passed  
Tuition will be frozen for this year, probably next

### **Partnerships-**

Map entire enrollment

Include 2 year programs, adult education, micro credentials

ESG leaderships team coming to campus

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Gasifier/Caribou meeting with researchers in Ireland (Galway)

Focus on bio char—reduces methane

Carbon negative agriculture

HVCC Bassett Cobleskill

HVCC nursing program, plan to Bassett, Cobleskill for gen ed courses

Feed with BOCES LPN program

Simulation lab on Cobleskill campus

Capital region presidents group

RPI working to bring ag education to RPI

### **Pivotal moments—Sue Zimmermann**

Merging Culinary, Ag Business and Business departments

Business, Food Service and Agriculture Management Department—Sophie Ano, Chair

Schoharie Fresh-Dave Yanisko

Institute for Rural Vitality—External partners—Scott Ferguson

Aunt Karen's farm—Antarctica artists collective

Writers and artist produced talks and films all semester

NSF grant—first NSF grant awarded to the campus

### **Eco System model—Tara Winter (chart shared)**

Strategic Plan from 2018 and Pivot plan goals as they relate to the Strategic Plan

Reviewed how themes impact overall student service

### **College Council Retreat-**

To go over Pivot plan

Invite cabinet to join for lunch

Date to be determined

### **Faculty Governance-Sophie Ano**

Academic Policy—intellectual property, gender neutral adjustments to handbook, credit for prior learning policy

Curriculum committee- approved new courses

Facilities and space-Children and dogs on campus policy updates

Fiscal Affairs and Strategic Planning- big picture academic structure

Professional Development-finding workshops for professional development—joint sessions with Morrisville

Tech committee—new scantron, hybrid classroom cameras

**Foundation and Alumni—John Zacharek**

\$1.3 Million for the year

Working on spring appeal

Raising money for scholarships

Nick working with Communications and Marketing to create a brochure

Board and Committee meetings—finalized foundation budget, nominating for both

*(Eric Stein left meeting, Susan Rightmyer acted as chair)*

**Middle States -Sue Zimmermann**

2<sup>nd</sup> draft of self study report—identified a chair

Spring 2022 visit planning

College council provide feedback on Standard 1 (Mission, identity) and 7 (shared governance)

**Old Business**

**Naming Committee**

Susan Rightmyer, Bonnie Martin and John Zacharek to meet

Consider candidate to be unveiled at Homecoming

**Approved College Council Meeting dates for 2021-2022**

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022—commencement

DEIC—Derwin Bennett

Students requesting a statement from the President regarding Asian American and Pacific Island Unity center on campus starting Fall 2021

Everfi courses to be reviewed by faculty/staff—please include College Council when offered

Tracy Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Cross seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.