

SUNY Cobleskill College Council meeting
(via Zoom call/video conference)

September 9th, 2020 8:30 a.m.
Minutes

In attendance: Eric Stein, Linda Cross, Phil King, Barbara DiCocco, Susan Rightmyer, Tracy Purcell
Not in attendance: Richard Schultes

Guests: Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Wendy Gilman, Bonnie Martin, John Zacharek, Anne Hopkins Gross, Amy Healy, Barbara Brabetz

Phil King made a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2020, Barbara DiCocco seconded the motion and the motion passed, minutes were approved.

Part I—Information Sharing with On Campus Contingencies

Student Government Update---

Anne Hopkins Gross read a letter from Interim SGA president, Brittney VanDuzer
Brittney is serving as president until elections on September 23rd
One candidate per role—currently
Virtual Q and A session next Wednesday
Budget Proposal at 50% less than usual activity fee income

Presidents Update-

Dashboard updated daily
Look at website for most accurate information
Started our 4th week of classes
Students suspensions moving forward—conduct process
Waste Water testing/Management
President's Forum today at 11:00
Jim Malatras—fully approved chancellor—focus will be on the state budget next

Reopening debrief—Sue Zimmermann

75% of courses on line, 25% in person
In person labs—worked with health and safety officer to make safe as possible
Explained isolation vs quarantine
Gail Wentworth will meet with On-line instructors next week
Vinny Basile—director of online education
Pool testing for students only—faculty and staff do not have to be tested
In phase III—students co planning their increasing activities on campus

Admissions—

6% down in enrollment—was projected as high as 25%
60 students deferred to spring
Students in internships—held additional summer courses to help them through internships

Budget—Wendy Gilman

Cares Act--\$1.3 Million to Students

Institutional Cares Act \$1.5 million to campus—helped with refunds we gave students

Helped with 85% of what was paid out

CAS was not eligible

2019-20 financial plan—had \$1.7 million gap

Close to breaking even

15% reduced state support

2020-2021 financial plan

Board of Trustees not acting on tuition increase

Would have a \$200 increase

State support is questionable

Projecting 20% state support reduction

Reduced expenses projecting \$3.3 million budget gap

TAP and Excelsior cuts

Substantial cut in state support

Extra scholarship money

Occupancy in Residence Halls creating deficit—refinance debt service

Restarting a budget committee to work with FASP

Mini Strategic Initiative—owning Ag and Tech name

Community Relations-

Meeting with county leaders and mayor

County recognizing the college as an economic engine

Do Better campaign—push back from students

Faculty Governance—Barbara Brabetz

Engaging Students via Zoom

Challenges of rigor and test taking

Governance meeting via zoom—voting causes issues

Faculty senator—Chuck Moran's term is finished

Sinikka Grant—new senator

Faculty senate will vote in September for new presiding officer

Barb will convey result of voting to Irene—Irene to share with council

On line readiness project—adding changes to bylaws

Experiential learning-

Converted internships to self study

Faculty teaching hands on labs first—to prepare for remote learning later

Foundation and Alumni---John Zacharek

Foundation audit went well

Total revenue \$3.5 Million—new contribution \$2.36 million

Emergency fund raised \$115k

\$2 million goal for this year

Mini campaign focus--\$25k-\$50K aligned to strategic focus

Alumni Association—Coby family weekend canceled

Created ways to connect and engage with alumni virtually

Middle States report—Sue Zimmermann

Drafts from sub committees (for each standard) submitted

Evidence inventory loaded

Full Steering committee meeting in October

Five people from campus to read over what is done

Part II—Council reports, Discussion and/or Actions

Title IX changes—Anne Hopkins Gross

Requirements for live hearings and both parties must have advisor and can be cross examined.

Changes went into effect August 14th

College Council must endorse changes made to policy.

Barbara DiCocco made a motion to endorse the policies, Susan Rightmyer seconded, the motion carried and the Title IX policy changes were endorsed.

Advancement report- Susan Rightmyer

Written report submitted—includes everything covered by John Zacharek

Campus Coalition Committee—Tracy Purcell

Reported to the community—number of students in dorms, pool testing plans, isolation and quarantine plans

Cobleskill Police and University Police working well together

Hang tags for students living in village—reminder of good neighbor behavior

Trying to match students with community members

Orientation went well

Next meeting September 22nd

Tracy Purcell made a motion to go to executive session at 9:46, Susan Rightmyer seconded, the motion passed and council went to executive session

Executive sessions started at 9:48 and Barbara DiCocco made a motion to end executive session, Tracy Purcell seconded the motion and executive session ended at 10:11.

Linda Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tracy Purcell seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting ended at 10:12.

Next meeting on October 7th, 2020.