

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
Minutes

**College Council members in attendance:** Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Tracy Purcell, Jennifer McKenna

**Member absent:** Susan Rightmyer

**College Council guests:** Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Anne Hopkins Gross, Bonnie Martin, Wendy Gilman, Amy Healy, Sophie Ano

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Linda Cross made a motion to approve the minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Tracy Purcell seconded, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**Part I—Information Sharing On Campus Contingencies**

**President's Update**—President Marion Terenzio

- Budget and Enrollment**—Wendy Gilman, Bonnie Martin, Sue Zimmermann
  - 1870 Students in the fall, typically have a 85% retention rate
  - Spring looks better with a chance of 1570—the budget goal was 1515
  - Spending below in salaries—hard to fill positions and some haven't been filled
  - SUNY is down in applications
  - Our out of state student numbers are better than expected
  - Downstate enrollment is lower—transcripts are hard to get
    - Hired 2020 grad as recruiter—still focusing on the area
  - Ag education—jointly registered with Empire State College
    - Building relationships with Ag teachers to help create pathways
- Covid** –Wendy Gilman, Anne Hopkins Gross
  - Covid relief money-
    - \$15.3 million in stimulus
    - \$6.5 student emergency grants—another round going this spring
      - Some used to pay their bill
    - Institutional funds—waiting for direction from SUNY
      - \$20,000 used for outreach to students
      - \$200,000 mental health improvements
  - Opened more things for students—more gathering
    - Must wear masks
    - Offering antigen tests for students traveling
  - Testing on vaccinated people—will start letting up
    - Still getting positives from employees
    - SUNY booster mandate for students
- Commencement**—in person, outside May 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00
  - Planning something that looks different

### **Strategic Plan-**

- Deliverables moving forward
- Removing schools model to one college—giving justification
- Ag advisory committee created—Tim Moore to help lead
  - Advising President Terenzio
- Thriving College, Thriving Community Task force—
  - Scanning environment to see what's needed
- DEI—exploring if we should be a minority serving institution
- Applied learning—leading the way

### **Governors State of the State** manual—SUNY Cobleskill mentioned on page 197

- Clear where the governor wants to go
- Found 10 areas we play a distinct role
  - Play to our strengths, meaningful change, labs of the future
- State budget—best budget offered in a long time
  - Excelsior tuition increase
  - Money for capital funding—to include new buildings
  - Targeted support—funding for full time faculty \$53 million
  - No longer hold student transcripts for unpaid debt
- College Council members—letter sent to SUNY
  - Proposal sent in November
  - Council members needed

### **Student Government update**—Jennifer McKenna

- Elections are coming up—creating time line and time for debates
- Mary McCarthy is the new advisor

### **Faculty Governance**—Sophie Ano

- Faculty involved in the one college model
- FASP—collecting feedback to give to administration
  - Strategic Initiatives funds
  - Equipment replacement funds
  - Tech Committee funds—to directly help students
- Curriculum committee—
  - Approval of on line classes
  - New General Education requirement—from SUNY
- One college—affects membership of governance committee members
- Policy committee—reviewing language to match practice
  - Reviewing intellectual property
  - Credit policy
  - Student complaint policy

### **Foundation and Alumni**—John Zacharek

- \$1.7 million raised to date
- \$100,000 check presentation from FAM funds—endowment for Schoharie county scholarships
- Endowment reports sent out
- \$20,000 raised for corporate scholarships
  - 12 companies participated

\$4 million out in requests

Working on spring appeal

Alumni Association—clean opinion on the audit

Wool blanket auction—from sheep on campus—during livestock auction

**Middle States**—Sue Zimmermann

Evaluation team has been named

Visit on April 10-13<sup>th</sup>

Mock Middle States visit from SUNY Assessment team

Tentative date—March 3<sup>rd</sup>

College Council may be expected to welcome team on April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Part II—Council reports**

Nothing to report

Eric Stein made a motion to go into executive session, the motion was seconded and executive session started at 9:18 a.m.

Executive session ended at 9:37 a.m. and the meeting ended at 9:38 a.m.