

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting

February 12, 2020 8:30 a.m. Knapp Hall 203

Minutes

In attendance: Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Barbara DiCocco, Susan Rightmyer, Cheyanne Matulewich

Guests: Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Bonnie Martin, Wendy Gilman, Anne Hopkins Gross, Beth Orgeron, Barbara Brabetz, Scott Ferguson, Amy Healy, Tara Winter

Absent: Tracy Purcell, Rich Schultes, Anne Myers

Eric Stein called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting was live-streamed.

Minutes from November 13th, 2019 reviewed

Correction on statement of full time and part time faculty ratio reported at the last meeting. Stated incorrectly at 50/50. Since 2017, the ratio has been about 70-75% to 25-30%

Barbara DiCocco made motion to pass the minutes with the correction, Linda Cross seconded, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Part I Information Sharing with On Campus Contingencies

Student Government Update- Cheyanne Matulewich

Student housing security on college breaks—opportunity for free housing

Other SUNY's using our model

Thanked the council for their support of this initiative

SUNY Student Assembly-

Brought a resolution forward for funding model for housing on breaks

Current Initiatives in process

Dual recycle bins for campus—requesting 10-cost an issue

Advocating for course evaluations for all faculty

UUP doesn't feel student evaluations are a good way to evaluate faculty

Academic Personnel Policy Committee—seeking best practices for administering evaluations—expect to have something in May

Barb Brabetz noted that APPC will review best practices associated with student evaluations and provide the results of their review

SGA elections in March

Everyone is welcome to attend the debate

Graduation-

May 8th will include awards, dinner and then hooding

Trying to include hooding/pinning for associate students

Creating a transition binder for the new SGA president

Eric Stein offered a meeting with council and new president

President Update—(Handout)

Honorary Degree recipient—Yono Purnomo
Everything listed in the Designing the Future chart is in operation
June 1-5 online boot camp—supported by provost
Micro credentials
E sports-slowly moving forward
Lounge will be introduced in the fall
Cyber security/Supply Chain management
Herkimer Community College—prison programs
Tuition does not cover cost—seeking 2nd chance Pell bill
Entrepreneurship and Leadership—Business Department
Gen Ed—stackable modules. Critical thinking
Intensive coaching model—for students, faculty (Linda Cross suggested parents)
Master Scheduling—cross program conversation
Academic mindset for students
Coursedog—scheduling tool for faculty
Matriculation policies—residency policies and how micro credentials fit
SUNY and IPEDS (Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System) doesn't allow for micro credentialing or the way we do business (Grad rates will shrink but budget levels should reflect change)
Wendy is creating a budget that will reflect how we will look
Blue Ocean Strategies (hand out)
Ideas submitted are assigned to a cabinet member to follow up

Faculty Governance update—Barbara Brabetz

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion- faculty voted to include a wider governance committee with bylaw change
University Senate-
Advocated for Tap Gap resolution
Tuition rises, Tap does not
Currently not included in Open SUNY—(on line initiative)
What will it mean when we are included?
Test Optional—Chancellor stated it is a campus decision to adopt
College Council Membership—advocacy for updates
Full on line program—SUNY to come to campus March 6th for readiness review
Energy savings applauded, printing costs to be discussed at the May meeting
Chinese students currently on campus, making arrangements to allow them to stay during summer break

Middle States update—Sue Zimmermann

Review team will be here Fall 2021
Liaison, Ellie Fogerty, will be on campus in April
Mission and governance—council members are needed
Gathering evidence of meeting standards—identifying gaps—some updated and improved immediately

Energy Savings—Bonnie Martin

Electricity usage down 3.5%	Gasoline usage down 24 %
Natural Gas usage down 6.8%	Diesel usage down 5.8 %
Water usage down 5.1 %	#2 Oil usage down 18.3 %
Propane usage down 23.1 %	

Parking lot solar array coming soon
Steady reduction of costs over 4 years

Gasifier update---Wendy Gilman

Caribou Biofuels--Signed license agreement—means money for the college
Calfire grant awarded to Caribu--\$6 million, sub award to SUNY Cobleskill \$1.3 million
Large Scale Renewable Energy Consortium—College partnering to purchase
SUNY to release RFP soon

Bright lights on field—can they be reduced? (Bonnie Martin will address)

SUNY Higher Education Day—February 27 10:00-3:00 at capital

Cheyenne invited council to join

Amy Healy will check with Angie Wright at SUNY

President Terenzio reminded council that the state pays for 60% of benefits to employees. The president is the official lobbyist of the college

Enrollment—Powerpoint—Bonnie Martin and Caleb Grant

Alt accepted—students missing a requirement

22% enrolled in Cobleskill

49% enrolled in a 4 year elsewhere

15% enrolled in a 2 year elsewhere

14% didn't enroll anywhere

819 students were alt accepted— about 600 went elsewhere

Enrollment in Associate degrees continues to go down—12% decline in Community College enrollment

Paid applications are currently up—mostly due to canine program

Preliminary spring enrollment currently shows up 85 students than expected

Wendy will determine what that means for us financially

Ag Eng reaccreditation approved for the next five years-

John Deere program increased out of state students

Mobile outreach training unit

Received a grant for \$1.92 million

Applying for \$1.6 million more through SUNY and the State workforce development

PA representative on campus today, meeting with Tim Moore

Dept of Labor coming in March to look at our programs

USDA came last week—identified areas where we could apply for money

Administrative conference-

Faculty Governance and Administration---old model

Campus governance—process shared governance as reflected in the handbook and board of Trustees bylaws

Local control of institution—expanded cabinet

Would like a council member to help look over policies

Foundation and Alumni Update—Beth Orgeron

\$2 million fiscal year goal

\$1.45 million currently

Annual fund moving forward—working with Communications and Marketing for general appeal in April

Day of giving set for February 14th—goal to have 104 people donate

Anonymous donor to match

Local photographer selling calendar 50% proceeds go to scholarships

Foundation meeting in March

Alumni meeting Feb 17th with catered dinner to follow

Looking for new members, consultant from Binghamton to invigorate our alumni association

Part II Council Report, Discussion and/or Action

Chairs report- Eric Stein

Chancellors State of the University address—chair could not attend

Each sector was asked to submit three points of pride

Stewards of place, Institute, Food—Fuji the horse was there

Chancellor to give \$1 million towards scholarships

President Terenzio was approached by Senator May's staff member—

Interest in Institute of Rural Vitality for Rural initiatives

New Business

None to report

Phil King made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Cross seconded, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:15

Distribution: College Council, Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs, Presiding Officer of the Faculty, The Alumni Association, The College Foundation, Van Wagenen Library.