



July 2024 COLLEGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

RoAnn Destito-Chair, William Thickstun, Chris Giruzzi, Keith Levatino, Mitchell Ford, Nikki Hinman

Administration:

Wole Soboyejo, Wayne Westervelt, Dan Sargent, Andrea LaGatta, Jennifer Adams, Michele Kilburn, Mark Montgomery

Guests: Brittany Morawiec, Kathie Artigiani

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Destito convened the Public Meeting at 4:05 p.m., welcomed everyone, and thanked them for making time to take part in this special meeting of the College Council, which had been called primarily in regard to changes to the University's Code of Conduct, which require the College Council's review. She introduced Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Jennifer Adams, and asked her to present on the Code of Conduct changes.

Code of Conduct Changes:

Jennifer Adams thanked Chair Destito for providing this opportunity to present to the Code of Conduct changes to the College Council, and she introduced Director of Residence Life, Brittany Morawiec, and Title IX Coordinator, Kathie Artigiani, and asked Kathie to begin with a review of what had been put together to ensure the University was in compliance with Title IX regulations.

Kathie provided the Council members with background information on the Title IX Code of Conduct updates, stating that they were injunctions at this time, not currently to be implemented starting on August 1, 2024, but that this could change at any time. Kathie reported that the SUNY General Counsel referred to the changes as "business decisions," and included such determinations as how to structure the grievance policy to distinguish between sexual and non-sexual grievances. This is part of SUNY Poly needing to be able to determine if a grievance falls under Title IX or not. If the determination is that the grievance does fall under Title IX, SUNY Poly (Kathie) conducts the investigation into the grievance. That investigation process is what the University is reviewing and refining, and for which it needs the College Council's endorsement.



Kathie, Brittany, and Jennifer led the College Council members through a review of the sections of the Code of Conduct and the investigation process details as they are presented in the Code of Conduct.

Chair Destito requested a motion to approve the Code of Conduct as presented to the Council by Jennifer, Kathie, and Brittany. A motion was made by Mitchell Ford, and it was seconded by Keith Levatino. Approval was unanimous with no abstentions at 4:44 p.m.

Terms of Service

Chair Destito asked Dan Sargent to update the group on the status of Council members' terms of service dates. Dan confirmed that the dates he had provided the Council members with were the most recent ones he could find supporting documentation for, and asked the Council members to email Chair Destito if their service term dates needed to be updates. Chair Destito also asked the Council members to email her to confirm for her if they wanted to continue to serve on the Council. The group discussed possible candidates to fill Darlene Burns' membership on the Council, since she had completed her term of service and had decided to not renew her membership. Chair Destito also noted that there was one other membership slot currently open that had once been filled by Charlie Greco.

2024-2025 College Council Mtg. Dates

Chair Destito asked Dan Sargent to present to the Council the proposed meeting dates and formats for the 2024-2025 academic year. Dan proposed four meeting dates: September 17 and December 17, 2024; and February 18 and April 15, 2025. He also proposed that the September and February meetings be virtual only (via Zoom) and that the December and April meetings be in-person, with a joint holiday reception with the members of the Foundation Board to follow the December meeting.

Chair Destito requested a motion to approve the 2024-2025 meeting dates and formats as presented to the Council by Dan. A motion was made by Bill Thickstun, and it was seconded by Keith Levatino. Approval was unanimous with no abstentions at 4:50 p.m.

Inauguration Update

Chief of Staff and Vice President for External Relations, Wayne Westervelt, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Andrea LaGatta, provided the Council members with an overview of the plans for the September 13 Presidential Inauguration celebration. They also reviewed the current numbers for RSVPs and noted the deadline of August 23 for responding to the invitation. Chair Destito encouraged all the members of the College Council to attend the inauguration.



No executive session was called during this meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Destito declared the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Sargent