

MAY 2011 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

D. Hanson, Chairman, S. Cabral, P. Donovan, S. Lockwood, and T. Max

Guests:

E. Bankert, M. Lyons, A. Panebianco, P. Perkins, C. Phipps, B. Reichel,
J. Swann, D. Tyksinski and W. Yeigh

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the May meeting of the SUNYIT College Council.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Dr. Max to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2010, College Council meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Review of Notes

The notes from the February 23, 2011, College Council meeting were distributed to the members for review prior to today's meeting. Due to a lack of quorum, these minutes are for informational purposes only. Chairman Hanson invited questions regarding the minutes and there were none.

Strategic Plan

A copy of the draft strategic plan was included in the packets distributed prior to today's meeting. Dr. Bankert explained the mission, vision and guiding principles, shown in the document, have been reviewed and approved by Faculty and Staff Assemblies. She also noted the guideline of the framework of how the plan will be laid out is included.

Dr. Bankert has been working closely with C. Phipps and the faculty to move this plan forward. She advised information on the economic framework has been collected and will be inputted into the document starting in the fall.

Chairman Hanson inquired as to the estimated length of the finished document. Dr. Yeigh anticipates the strategic plan to be approximately five pages. He advised the Chancellor will be releasing the SUNY Report Card, which will have specific metrics that we will need to align with our strategic plan. Our plan will include three segments: academic vision, internal vision and external vision and will outline where the institution will be in five and ten years.

Dr. Yeigh advised we are hoping to release the strategic plan at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. The process will include an opportunity for community discussion, by way of several town hall meetings.

Mrs. Lockwood inquired as to the status of the core values. Dr. Bankert advised they are still being developed. We will assemble representation from all campus constituencies to outline these and once these are identified, they will go to Faculty and Staff Assemblies for final approval.

Chairman Hanson requested we review the progress of the strategic plan at the December meeting.

Five-Year Tuition Plan

Chairman Hanson stated that for the past several years SUNY has been hit hard by the budget reductions and one way to help alleviate these cuts would be with an increase to tuition. SUNY is requesting a rational five-year tuition plan so that students and their families are aware of any increase in tuition. There was no increase included in the Governor's budget; however, a bill has been proposed in the Assembly and Senate supporting a rational increase. This bill creates a lockbox so that any money from the increase cannot go to the State.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lockwood and seconded by Dr. Max to support the five-year rational tuition plan for SUNY as presented. All were in favor.

Chairman Hanson asked the College Council to contact our local legislators for their support. A sample letter will be sent to members and they can change as necessary.

Vice President's Report

Mr. Reichel advised the Field House has been delayed slightly due to an issue with the adhesive for the flooring. We have hired an expert to do testing and we are looking to remedy quickly.

Oriskany Hall is 90% complete and we anticipate turnover in mid-July.

The Campus Center Renovation is a \$5-6 million project, which will convert the dining hall to a two-level configuration with seating for 600. The project will go out to bid on May 30 with work to begin during the fall semester.

The facilities master plan is currently in the planning process and should be complete in June. Once complete, the new plan will take us to 2023.

Mr. Reichel updated the College Council on FSMC happenings. He explained the RFP process for the CAT/CCCC buildings was started in November. We have three developers in the bidding process and anticipate a decision in June. Alain Kaloyeros has been appointed Chair of the FSMC board, with Dr. Yeigh moving to Vice Chair. Also, we have been working closely with CNSE on the development of an ad for an executive director posting.

The contractor installing the Edic Road bypass has asked us to close Technology Drive effective May 23 until sometime in late October.

Provost Report

Dr. Bankert distributed an update on program proposals from the past two years. She noted some programs have been changed to online programs and some are only a name change. Chairman Hanson inquired as to the hiring of faculty for these new programs and Dr. Bankert advised we have identified some critical billets for certain programs.

President's Report

Dr. Yeigh recognized Dr. Bankert for her 30+ years of service to SUNYIT and thanked her for the great job she has done through the years.

We have hired a new provost, Dr. William Durgin, who will be starting on September 1. Dr. Yeigh will be interim provost until Dr. Durgin's arrival.

Dr. Yeigh advised state support for SUNY has been reduced 35% over the past three years. He stated that over two-thirds of our budget is tied to personnel and noted we have decreased our workforce by natural departures and retirements only, no retrenchment.

SUNY has proposed four options in which our base budget could see reductions, they are:

- Option 1 – Proportion to state tax - equates to \$665k reduction to SUNYIT
- Option 2 – Proportion to total financial plan – equates to \$868k reduction to SUNYIT
- Option 3 – Blended - equates to \$766k reduction to SUNYIT
- Option 4 – Financial plan capped at 4.9% - equates to \$903k reduction to SUNYIT

We are anticipating a \$1 million shortfall for FY 2011-12, which includes some carryover from last year.

W. Yeigh explained we are moving forward on new revenue generating proposals and will be offering certificate and summer camps on campus as well as non-degree courses. He noted we will not bridge the gap with these offerings, but any additional revenue is helpful. We will deploy any reserves we have left and ask SUNY System for transitional money if necessary.

Executive Session

At 5:28 p.m. Chairman Hanson requested the meeting move to Executive Session.

The meeting concluded at 6:58 p.m.