

## DECEMBER 2018 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, December 20, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, D. Burns, J. Corasanti, N. Hinman and A. Viscusi  
Administration:

M. Frame, S. Schneider and G. Wang

Guests:

C. Carambia, K. Dunn, A. Foster, L. Hartman, M. Lemire, G. Liscio, M. Raab,  
and Z. Thomova

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and welcomed everyone. College Council and Cabinet members introduced themselves and guests joining us for today's meeting are Christine Carambia, recipient of the ACT Scholarship; Alicia Foster, director of graduate admissions; Gina Liscio, director of undergraduate admissions; and Maryrose Raab, associate vice president for enrollment management.

### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by G. Aney to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

### President's Report

Interim President Grace Wang provided an update to Council members, highlighting organizational changes, the Framework for a Sustainable Future, and community outreach.

In regards to organizational changes, Dr. Wang advised Dr. Michael Liehr's title has changed to executive vice president for technology and innovation and Dr. Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik has been appointed interim vice president for research advancement and graduate studies.

The Framework for a Sustainable Future is a campus-wide initiative; faculty, staff and students are working together to formulate a framework that will start a new chapter for our institution, with a focus on innovative academic programs and research opportunities, carried out by outstanding faculty, staff and students, as we strive to achieve a financially viable and sustainable future. The Framework was launched in November during a Town Hall Meeting at both the Utica and Albany campuses, committees have started to meet to identify initiatives. Dr. Wang anticipates many initiatives to be in place by March 2019.

Empire State Development (ESD) and The State University of New York (SUNY) recently announced a new research partnership with Applied Material, the Materials Engineering Technology Accelerator (META Center) will be located on our Albany campus. This new strategic alliance will allow researchers from across the SUNY system to submit proposals for joint research and development activities.

A workshop focused on Quantum Science and Engineering was held at the end of November at the Griffiss Institute. This collaborative workshop was coordinated in partnership with SUNY, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and Griffiss Institute, with more than 70 engineers who attended the workshop to discuss strategies for New York State.

The Bridge to Nano program is a joint initiative between the Poly Utica and Poly Albany campuses. This newly developed program is part of the Framework for a Sustainable Future and will have students completing their first 2-years of classes at the Utica campus and their second 2-years of classes at our Albany campus.

The enrollment management team is working with our local community college partners to create articulation agreements for specific programs, these agreements will allow students who receive their associates degrees to seamlessly transfer into a corresponding program at SUNY Poly. Some of the local community colleges we are currently working closely with are Mohawk Valley, Herkimer College, Hudson Valley and Schenectady County.

Dr. Wang advised Manufacturing Day was held in October. The event brought more than 50 local manufacturing companies to our Utica campus to talk with our faculty, staff, and students. SUNY Poly will once again host the Central New York FIRST Robotics Competition, which is scheduled for March 13-15, 2019. This event will bring more than 3000 competitors, coaches, mentors and family members to campus.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanson congratulated SUNY Poly student Christina Carambia, who received the Associate of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) scholarship. Ms. Carambia is an undergraduate student studying Interdisciplinary Studies and is one of only four SUNY students to receive the scholarship. Ms. Carambia was in attendance and spent a few minutes discussing her studies and her work with Bellamy Elementary School in Rome, which is what helped her to achieve this scholarship.

### **Enrollment Update**

Alicia Foster, director of graduate admissions; Gina Liscio, director of undergraduate admissions; and Maryrose Raab, associate vice president for enrollment management joined today's meeting to provide an update on enrollment activities.

M. Raab presented first and reviewed the enrollment management leadership team, advising that besides A. Foster and G. Liscio, who are with us today, Tze Tek Sim oversees International Admissions and Mike Alsheimer is our new director of Financial Aid.

In regards to International Admissions, M. Raab advised that many colleges are finding it very difficult to admit international students with admission down at most; however, we are on track to enroll our largest international class in our history. We believe this is the result of some new

enrollment recruitment initiatives, such as contracts with foreign recruiting agents and expanding outreach at international recruitment fairs.

G. Liscio discussed Undergraduate Admissions highlights, noting the following items:

- 2018 undergraduate recruitment visits have increased 18% vs. 2017 visits.
- An increase in out-of-state college fair and high school visits have created increases in applications and early action accepts.
- Transfer initiatives include working strategically with our community college partners to develop new articulation agreements.

G. Foster shared Graduate Admissions highlights for fall 2018/spring 2019, remarking on the following items:

- Hosted their first ever virtual graduate fair, which was a huge success.
- Attended Global Foundries Development Days; now negotiating an MOU.
- Expanded GMAT waiver options in our Business Management programs, as we noticed we were losing students because of this required testing.
- Working with Rome Hospital on a partnership opportunity to include our undergraduate and graduate programs.

### **Student Government Report**

The Student Government at Utica (SGU) has hosted two blood drives for the fall academic semester and there are two additional drives scheduled for the spring semester. So far, the American Red Cross has collected 60-pints from our students, faculty and staff.

The SGU offered free coffee to all students who were studying for finals. Over 300 cups of coffee were provided.

A. Viscusi advised a new position, director of diversity and inclusion, has been created within Student Government.

SGU participated in SUNY's Got your Back Campaign. Students led an initiative to assemble comfort care bags for victims of domestic abuse. Approximately 2500 bags were filled with various care items; students worked with our local YWCA for distribution.

### **Faculty Representative Report**

Joint Governance co-chairs Drs. K. Dunn and Z. Thomova provided an update on various initiative they are working on.

Dr. Dunn advised the governance leaders on the Albany campus are reviewing bi-laws and their charter in an effort to reduce redundancies related to committees.

Dr. Thomova stated faculty are currently working with the Provost Office on several initiatives, they include micro credentialing, open access and reviewing the academic calendar.

Committees have been formed and a call for nominations has been issued for nominations for the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. There are three faculty awards and an award for professional service.

**Executive Session**

Chairman Hanson requested the Council move to an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, paragraph f. "... or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation."

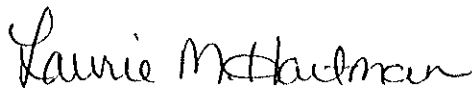
*A motion was made at 5:12 p.m. by Chairman Hanson and second by D. Burns to convene an Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.*

*At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made by G. Aney and second by D. Burns to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

At 5:46 p.m., Chairman Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was second by G. Aney and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:



Laurie M. Hartman