

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting - April 13, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

Council Members Present: Chair, Olive Scott; Linda Cross; Barbara DiCocco; Phil King; Anne Myers; Tracy Purcell; Susan Rightmyer; Richard Shultes; Eric Stein, and Clara Richardson.

Guests: President, Marion Terenzio, Angelika Hoehner, Susan Zimmermann, Frank Lawrence, Tara Winter, Amy Healy, Irene Loucks, Tim Purcell, Wendy Gilman, Lois and Goblet.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. and was audio-taped.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting. The motion was made by Linda Cross, seconded by Susan Rightmyer, and carried.

Part I

Dr. Scott began the meeting by having everyone at the table introduce themselves to new council member, Richard Shultes.

President Marion Terenzio:

President Terenzio stated that the Inauguration went very well and feedback indicates that everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Naming Survey

- The president will put the raw data into summary format.
- The team will draft a policy which President Terenzio will coordinate. The directive will be clear.

The Institute

- Cobleskill is the recipient of an entrepreneurial hotspot grant; SUNY Cobleskill will be the 11th entrepreneurial hot spot in the area.
- An impending partnership with Albany Law School was announced at Inauguration.
- The focus will be on rural legal services

Strategic Funding

- Foundation and Alumni Boards are working along with the cabinet and SGA on improved funding strategies
- Currently, there are 10 different funding sources for students
- Requests should go through the Advancement Office
- Foundation President Tim Purcell would like to have a greater campus role for Foundation

College/High School

- Provost Susan Zimmermann spoke of our partnering with Cobleskill Richmondville Central School and BOCES to identify pathways where our programs can fill gaps with high school and BOCES
- April 19th meeting with CRCS and BOCES and instructors – design a template to apply to programs, along the lines of the P-Tech Model
- Striving to engage students sooner
- Syracuse OnTech – Applying for SUNY Charter School, focused on agriculture for refugee families with agriculture background
- SUNY Cobleskill sent a letter of support
- Two SUNY Excel grants were approved
 - College in High school focusing on 9th grade is crucial

Clean Energy Initiatives

- We have the expertise to do more
- An advisory committee will be created. Angelika Hoehner and Olive Scott were asked to compile a list of people who should serve
- Anne Myers will serve on the committee
- TURBO (Turning University Research into Business Opportunities) – Pilot Program

Athletics

- We will be announcing at Homecoming that baseball will be returning to SUNY Cobleskill
- Athletics and Alumni will be working together on Annual Golf Tournament

Enrollment Update

- Applications are down from the NYC/metro area
- Applications and paid deposits in bachelors programs continue to outpace the associate degree programs
- Transfer student applications/accepts/deposits are up
- Housing requests are up

Many new initiatives including using IP targeting to send subliminal messages to potential students

- Accepted Student Days – biggest yield events
- ROTC affiliate site – Working on being an ROTC site – to go thru Governance

Tuition

- Council Member Phil King asked about veteran tuition break – SUNY Cobleskill students are eligible
- We are amongst the Top 100 Military Spouse Colleges
- Our Veterans Center has been highlighted in veteran's articles
- President Terenzio met with Eileen Fisher, Schoharie County Veteran's Service Officer
- Council Member Phil King asked about out of state tuition costs
- President Terenzio stated that we are looking at articulation agreements in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; build on tuition model
- SUNY Degree Completion – Chancellor has promised 60,000 more graduates per year; include credentials and micro credentials
- President Terenzio is a member of the SUNY Micro credentialing Task Force

Vice President of Student Affairs Search

- The final candidate was on campus this week
- The Search Committee will write up recommendations and send to the President

Budget

- VP for Business and Finance, Wendy Gilman announced budget plans from the State
 - No tuition increase
 - No increase in general state tax support
 - Maintenance of Effort provision, enacted in 2011-12 removed
 - Campuses remain responsible for TAP Gap
 - Small increase in EOP funding state-wide not yet determined how it will be distributed to the campus
 - Small increase in critical maintenance/capital funding (\$2.7 Million in total for Cobleskill)
 - Funding provided for SUNY 2020 Round VI, regional Economic Development Councils and Upstate Revitalization
 - Minimum Wage increase up to \$12.50 by 12/31/2020 for upstate regions and on an indexed schedule thereafter. It is anticipated that the SUNY board of Trustees will revisit their resolution on minimum wage at their June 2016 meeting
 - Chancellor has called an emergency meeting with Presidents and CFO's on Monday, April 18th
 - Dr. Terenzio feels we are well positioned and we will capitalize on our strengths

- Council Member Linda Cross spoke of Cornell University dropping their Master's program in Agriculture teaching. Dr. Terenzio feels that we need to stabilize our two and four year degrees
- Masters programs are very expensive and require additional certification
- Provost Zimmermann noted we were approached to teach undergraduate credits to Agriculture teachers for their teaching credentials
- Chief Advancement Officer Lois Goblet noted Farm Credit East awarded \$100,000 for undergraduate education

Angelika Hoeher, Presiding Officer of the Faculty

- Angelika Hoeher announced that we received a \$50,000 grant for water analysis in the Mohawk River with the BOCES new visions program (as announced in the Gazette)
- Active shooter threat training—issue with how to lock large lecture hall doors was addressed with a sample lock. UPD Chief Frank Lawrence is checking on code violations for the lock
- FASP is in the process of analyzing academic prioritization data
- Facilities and Space committee distributed a survey to the campus for feedback on use of the Coby Farm. Responses will be sent to Dr. Terenzio; College council members can submit their input to Council Member Phil King
- Angelika Hoeher will ask Kristina Johnson to send the survey out to campus again
- Angelika Hoeher and SGA President, Clara Richardson, attended SUNY Voices Conference on Campus Climate

Clara Richardson, President, Student Government Association

- 51 Clubs currently chartered through Student Government
- 1 confirmed Interest Group
 - Model United Nations
- Updated Student Government Logo
- Pizza with the Presidents open forum went well; another forum to be held tonight
- SGA Elections-April 20th
- Student Activity Free Referendum Vote on April 20th (to determine if fees are mandatory)
- Drafting of Student Activity Fee Budget
- Student Assembly Conference – Attending next week
- Club Highlights
 - Ducks Unlimited-highlighted in DU Flyways Magazine (40,000 receive)

- Dairy Cattle Club-Dairy Fashion Sale raised \$250,000
- Circle K -Recognized at State Conference for Outstanding Service Project and an increase in membership; Council Member Eric Stein noted that he is a member of the Kiwanis and is proud of Circle K
- Woodsmen’s Club-Cobleskill Meet, 4th place (400 + participants and spectators)
- “SWAG Week”- April 24-30 Donkey Basketball, Ag. Eng Luau
- Wildlife Society-Upcoming Wildlife festival April 30th in town park

Tim Purcell, President, SUNY Cobleskill Foundation Board

- Golf Tournament, June 17th ; Regina Ryan and her husband – honorary chairs
- 80% will go to scholarships; 20% will go to Fighting Tigers
- Culinary Extravaganza, October 21st ; Doug Plummer and Garth Roberts will be honorary chairs
- New Foundation Board Member, Peter Pochilli, NBT Bank
- Spring calling – 25% faculty and staff; 88% fulfillment of pledges

Dr. Terenzio, on behalf of Sandra Dinoto, President, SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Board

- Alumni were happy to have been invited to inaugural events
 - The Alumni Board had a presence during the opening of the time capsule and walked in the inaugural procession
 - Centennial Committee is discussing the burying of the next capsule during Homecoming
- Vickie Church, from California, Toni Lawson, from Albany, and Ron Zega, from Ducks Unlimited, recently joined the Alumni Board
- Alumni website is being reworked
- Alumni will help students with this weekend’s clean up at the Ski Lodge
- Alumni gatherings during Homecoming Weekend are being planned

Part II

Chairs report

- Inauguration went well. Guest speakers were great and there was a good turn out
- MC, Brannon Brass did a terrific job
- The Inaugural Committee did a fine job
- Attended the opening of the time capsule – great event and a good turn out
- Dr. Scott distributed revised College Council by-laws; this in the first revision since 2010

- Motion to approve the revised by-laws was made by Susan Rightmyer, seconded by Phil King and carried
- VP of Business and Finance, Wendy Gilman, will send revised document to SUNY Counsel, Penny Ploughman
- Dr. Scott will email Council Members a new copy of the by-laws

Old Business

- Status of broadcasting of open meetings to be discussed at next meeting
- Development of guidelines proposals and projects got stalled and is back on the radar

New Business

- Provost Zimmermann, VP of Business and Finance, Wendy Gilman, and Grants Coordinator, Barry Gell, are working on a grants chart process
- Progress will be discussed at next council meeting
- Council Member, Eric Stein suggested recognizing Cliff Hay and Ginny Kintz for their service to the council and College
- There will be a reception in May and Dr. Scott will draft resolutions for each
- Council Members will take a tour of Canine and Therapeutic Horse Facilities after business meeting

Council Members and President Terenzio went into Executive Session at 9:45. A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Executive session was made by Tracy Purcell, seconded by Eric Stein, and carried. A motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:10 was made by Phil King, seconded by Linda Cross, and carried.

**The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2016, in Knapp 203 at 8:30 a.m.
Commencement rehearsal to immediately follow the business meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted by,
Amy Healy and Irene Loucks**

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