



**College Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
Allegany Dining Room  
6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chair Patricia Fogarty, Ms. Eva Benedict, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. Eric Hulbert, Mr. Alan Mosher, Mr. Joseph Pelych, and Mr. Frederick Sinclair.

Excused: Mr. Ronald Nasca, Mr. John Richardson, Mr. George Welch and Mr. Wren Keber.

**Also Present:** President Dr. Skip Sullivan, Executive Vice President Ms. Valerie Nixon, Provost Dr. Kristin Poppo, Vice Presidents Dr. Craig Clark and Mr. Gregory Sammons, Faculty Senate Chair James Grillo and Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Tammy Conrad.

**1. Call Meeting to Order-Chair Fogarty**

Chair Fogarty called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting- Chair Fogarty**

There was a motion made by Mr. Frederick Sinclair seconded by Mr. Alan Mosher to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on August 30, 2016.

**3. College Council Chair's Report  
Donations-DFB Challenge**

Chair Fogarty thanked those council members who have contributed or committed to the challenge from the Development Fund Board for the "Day of Giving" to be held on November 29.

**Chancellor Search**

Chair Fogarty provided an update on the Chancellor's search. There is a location on the SUNY website for groups or individuals to give their perspective on what we are relooking for in a new chancellor. President Sullivan reported that some of the needs brought forward by the Colleges of Technology Presidents include:

- A chancellor who is responsive to needs of our colleges.
- Someone who maintains autonomy.
- Someone who understands what the Tech Sector does.

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Chair Fogarty recommended that College Council provide recommendations as a group. The SUNY Maritime President represents the Colleges of Technology on the Search Committee. Mr. Charles Craig made a motion to have Chair Fogarty provide recommendations on behalf of the College Council for what we want in a Chancellor by November 1. These recommendations will mirror those that President Sullivan noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alan Mosher. All approved.

#### **ACT Conference Update**

Chair Fogarty and Mr. Ronald Nasca attended the ACT Conference this past weekend in Fairport, NY. This was an excellent conference. We are going to invite our Student Senate President to council meetings. This person will not be a voting member of the council. The representative to the College Council (Mr. Eric Hulbert) will remain on the council as the voting member. SUNY Provost Cartwright attended the conference. He led a discussion regarding reciprocity. SUNY Fredonia and Alfred State strongly expressed the desire to move forward with this request.

#### **4. President's Comments/Updates- President Sullivan**

President Sullivan's updates since the last meeting are provided on the President's Updates report.

President Sullivan thanked council members for their service, guidance and leadership to Alfred State College and to our students. He thanked everyone for coming early to host the Professional Staff Reception. It was well attended and a nice event.

There is a national epidemic of clowns on college campuses. This includes SUNY campuses. While extraordinarily odd, they take on a life of their own. The Chronicle of Higher Ed came out with an interesting article highlighting this issue. There have been no sightings of clowns on our campus but clowns have been sighted in the far end of our community.

A SUNY President (Polytechnic) is on administrative leave due to procurement issues. This does have impact Alfred State and in the legislative session.

SUNY is placing a lot of emphasis on enrollment management. While enrollment SUNY wide is down; we are up in enrollment. SUNY leadership will be on campus soon for discussions.

The FLSA federal law will take effect on December 1. This will have an impact for us in regards to salary structure.

Homecoming/Family Weekend will be held October 13-16. We hope you will be able to attend some of the exciting events scheduled.

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President Sullivan's review with the Chancellor is scheduled for December 7. You will receive a survey from the Chancellor to be completed prior to the review.

Three Task Forces have been developed:

Cost of searches-look to reduce cost and stay within budget.

Admissions, Retention and Processes-look at what we can do better; variables in why numbers are not where we want them to be and where can we improve.

Marketing of new Online programs-social media, etc.

The SAMEC Building Ribbon Cutting will be held next Friday, October 14 in Wellsville. Senator Young, Lt. Governor Hochul and Assemblyman Giglio are scheduled to attend.

## 5. Action Items

There were no Action Items for review.

## 6. Vice Presidents Updates (Brief reports only!)

### **Administration, Enrollment and Institutional Advancement (Executive VP Nixon)**

Executive Vice President Nixon reported that we are up in enrollment. We are ahead in our budget plan. We have hosted 4,800 visitors through our Admissions Office. This is a 20% increase over last year. We have started recruiting for 2017. Executive Vice President Nixon provided an overview of the prior-prior year tax returns used now when filing for financial aid. The challenge is that it bumps back the whole recruitment cycle. We now offer financial aid award letters in November instead of February as in the past.

Executive Vice President Nixon provided an update on campus construction projects including the Athletic Locker Room Project, Pioneer Landing and the Mackenzie project. She also mentioned the work that has been done at the farm including a new hay barn and commodity shed. Please take the opportunity to visit when possible.

### **Academic Affairs (Provost Poppo)**

Provost Poppo reported that external reviewers will be on campus in early October to review Healthcare Management (B. Tech) and Criminal Justice (B.S. degrees).

We are working on many initiatives to help our students be successful. We are also working with a grant writer to assist with grant opportunities.

We have approved ISLO's developed by faculty, now being sent to Faculty Senate for approval and then implement.

Based on a recommendation from Middle States and the need to meet SUNY requirements, the Student Life Committee of the Faculty Senate was charged with

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researching and developing the first Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLO's) at Alfred State. They are now in the approval process.

Provost Poppo provided an update on our recent Nursing program accreditation. A follow up report will be submitted in two years as requested the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

### **Student Affairs (Vice President Sammons)**

Vice President Sammons noted that all homecoming events are listed on the Alfred State website under the tab for homecoming.

Vice President Sammons provided an update on our athletic teams. The Volleyball team is having a great season with a 12 wins 0 losses record so far.

The Pioneer Trail Ribbon Cutting will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 3:30 pm.

Vice President Sammons provided an overview of the new update to legislation regarding Cleary reports. He explained a recent issue with our reporting.

We received notification from the White House that we once again are an honoree of the President's Higher Education Honor Roll for 2015.

### **Economic Development (Vice President Clark)**

Vice President Clark announced that he is now the Executive Director for the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (ACIDA). The GE Lufkin project is closing December 15. We continue discussions with state and federal legislator's staff, ESD and Governor staff about other opportunities for this location.

A consultant is working on developing the new Allegany County website that will include an improved economic development site with data from statebook.com.

The BDCC group has had their \$4 million EDA grant reviewed by Senator Schumer and Congressman Reed's economic development staff.

Empire State Development is in negotiations with the group that will manage the \$44 million Northland Training facility. We are discussing how to partner with this group.

## **7. Consistency Reports**

### **Alumni (Mr. Wren Keber-excused)**

No report provided.

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**Faculty Representative (Ms. Kathryn Markel)**

The first Faculty Senate meeting of this academic year was held on September 20. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for October 25.

In addition to updates from College administration and standing committee reports, Chair Grillo shared several upcoming projects to be addressed through shared governance during the coming academic year.

Ms. Markel thanked the group for hosting the reception for the professional staff. It was a very nice event.

**Student Representative (Mr. Eric Hulbert)**

The General Assembly of Student Senate met last Tuesday. Provost Poppo noted that Student Senate requested a student representative to sit on the Advising Task Force.

**8. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

**9. New Business**

There was a recommendation made to tour new facilities prior to College Council meetings when appropriate.

Mr. Charles Craig made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Frederick Sinclair. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Recorded by:

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