



**College Council Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019
5:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Lake Lodge**

Present: Chair Patricia Fogarty, Mr. Michael Colomaio, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. Alan Mosher, Mr. Ronald Nasca, Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann, Mr. Frederick Sinclair and Mr. George Welch.

Also Present: President Dr. Skip Sullivan, Provost Dr. Kristin Poppo, Vice Presidents Dr. Craig Clark, Ms. Betsy Penrose and Dr. Gregory Sammons, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Wendy Dresser-Recktenwald and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Joseph Greenthal, Faculty Senate Chair Mr. Earl Packard and Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Tammy Conrad.

Guests: Ms. Amanda Gardner, PAL Student and Ms. Baylee Durantini, Student Senate Vice President of Student Life.

Excused: Ms. Eva Benedict and Mr. Joseph Pelych.

1. Call Meeting to Order-Chair Fogarty

Ms. Patricia Fogarty, College Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She asked the students to introduce themselves. Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann explained that she is now the Student Senate President due to the resignation of Austin Oakes. Ms. Jasmine LaRocca is the new Executive Vice President & Student Representative to the College Council. She was not able to attend this evening.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting- Chair Fogarty

Mr. Charles Craig made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on October 21, 2019, seconded by Mr. George Welch. The minutes were approved.

3. College Council Chair's Report

Chair Fogarty informed that the council will be replacing Mr. Wren Keber as Alumni representative. A thank you letter was sent to Wren. Chair Fogarty read his response letter.

Chair Fogarty thanked everyone who contributed to the Day of Giving.

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4. President's Comments/Updates- President Sullivan

President Sullivan thanked everyone for their service and support of Alfred State College and our students. He will be in California in January and acknowledge Mr. Keber's service. He also thanked everyone for their support of the college.

The Oishei Foundation gave us a gift of \$100,000 toward our HVAC Program.

We had another successful holiday party on Saturday evening. We have a faculty member with medical needs. We raised over \$1,100 cash and the party that was delivered to him today.

President Sullivan provided an update on Northland. Empire State College will be providing some leadership and oversight at Northland. We continue to struggle to find faculty for this location with ten full-time presently working there. The Dean for the School of Applied Technology oversees the Alfred State programs. There is approximately 200 students with 150 being Alfred State students.

Institutional Advancement Report

We raised \$212,000 during the Day of Giving. This is a record for Alfred State. We have six months left in the silent phase of our Major Gifts Campaign. We have raised approximately \$7 mil. to date in the campaign.

SUNY has changed the process of naming buildings. They have identified 20% of the cost to rebuild a building as the new requirement. None of our buildings have been named due to monetary support of the college. They are also moving the required endowment amount from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

5. Action Items

Proposed Update to Student Code of Conduct (Vice President Sammons)

The "Proposed Update to Alfred State Student Code of Conduct: Drug Misuse" was provided. We have not had language on the misuse of prescribed or commercial items. This update adds that language. Vice President Sammons provided an overview of the need for this change. Mr. Fred Sinclair made the motion to update the Student Code of Conduct seconded by Mr. Charles Craig. All approved.

6. Senior Staff Updates (Brief reports only!)

Student Affairs (Vice President Sammons)

Vice President Sammons announced the new scoreboard at our Pioneer Stadium has been installed. It is the best quality scoreboard in our division in New York State.

We had fall employers attend our Career Fairs; this is up from 153 that attended in 2018. We are at capacity with the number of employers we can host for the fairs. We had over 1,000 students sign in at these fairs. Job postings are exceeding 1,800.

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We have 70% of our student body registered to vote with 1 in 5 voting. We are working to increase this number for the next election.

The large screen jumbo wall in the Student Leadership Center is ever increasing with a very popular Monday Night Football.

The fall musical "All Shook Up" was held this semester. An instrumental Music and Voices Choir winter concert was held on December 6.

Economic Development (Vice President Clark)

Vice President Clark provided an update on the Crossroads Project. The water line will be in place after the first of the year. We have a truck stop developer selected and a hotel developer looking to start construction next fall.

Clean energy projects in the county are taking off. The Alle-Catt wind project of 380 megawatts with 120 turbines that includes Centerville and Rushford has article 10 accepted and now under review. Financial assistance application now under review with Allegany County Industrial Development Association. Anticipate a 2020 or 2021 start at this time.

Start-Up Allegany is the new name for the group that includes Incubator Works and Alfred/Allegany County program manager and team from Alfred University, Alfred State and Houghton to develop an entrepreneurship ecosystem in the county with ACIDA director.

Mr. Fred Sinclair reported that a grant was received, for three counties including Allegany, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus for a hemp project. These counties are working through Cooperative Extension Allegany County and the Southern Tier West. The plan is to develop, grow and process hemp while bringing in some small businesses. A consultant from Pennsylvania has been hired that has worked with Southern Tier West before in doing the development work.

Enrollment Management (Vice President Penrose)

Vice President Penrose reported that we are about even with registration compared to last year. We are up in transfer applications. The Electrical program at Northland is on wait list. We are ahead in paid deposits from last year. For fall our applications are down 12.5%. All Colleges of Technology are down, which is a trend. We are working diligently to improve this trend.

Academic Affairs (Provost Poppo)

Provost Poppo reported that around 100 agricultural students from all over the Northeast U.S. attended the 2019 Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge at the RIT Conference Center in Henrietta, NY. Over the three-day event, students participated in hands-on opportunities that helped them prepare for careers in the dairy industry.

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As the host College for this year's event, Alfred State had eight Agriculture students participating on teams visiting 3 different farms for analysis. Two of Alfred's students, Cara Ando and Courtney Charlesworth were members of first place teams.

The C&IT department held tryouts for the North East Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NECCDC). Two teams qualified for the regional competition in ME. Students continue to excel showing the quality of our programs.

The Civil Engineering Technology department hosted a successful ACCE accreditation visit for the construction management program.

SUNY Online is increasing with plans to double this program.

Business Affairs (Chief Financial Officer Greenthal)

Chief Financial Officer Greenthal reported that we will be updating the fire alarm system in the Casting Center in January. We need to bring back up to code now that this building has been returned to us.

We continue work on the Hinkle Library exterior. The roof will be done in the spring.

The Huntington Administration Building is on schedule. We are painting and finishing the floor updates. We will move staff back in mid-January through March.

The SLC entrance near the townhouses and University Police has been redesigned. That entrance will now serve as the front entrance.

Pioneer Lounge is closed off for construction. We are adding an ACES restaurant option that we hope to open by the fall semester.

Human Resources/CCET (Chief of Staff Dresser-Recktenwald)

Human Resources has working diligently to finalize the UUP Salary Compression Study by December 4 so employees can be paid out on the December 24 paycheck. We had 88 employees from the \$96,500 funding provided. We were one of the leaders in SUNY on this initiative.

The Employee Morale committee has been working hard to improve "little" things that make a big impact on employee morale at Alfred State College. We launched this initiative at Opening Remarks by providing t-shirts for all employees and announcing "Spirit Fridays".

Stephen M.R. Covey came to Alfred State College on October 29 & 30, 2019 to present on his best-selling book - "The Speed of Trust."

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Covey facilitated three presentations – one presentation to 149 Community Members, one presentation to the Alfred State College Leadership Group and one presentation to 230 of our students.

7. Consistency Reports

Alumni

No report provided.

Faculty Representative (Assistant Professor Mr. Michael Colomaio)

Assistant Professor Colomaio reported on upcoming events:

February 10 at 7 pm Meet the Candidates

March 2 Women's History Month

April 20 Earth Week (Sustainability events)

All will be held at the Small Events Space in the SLC, tri-sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, Student Senate and Center of Civic Engagement.

Student Representative (Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann)

Student Senate President Rebmann announced that Mr. Austin Oakes stepped down as Student Senate President last week. She announced Ms. Jasmine LaRocca was appointed Vice President and will be our student representative to the College Council.

Student Senate President Rebmann attended the SUNY Student Assembly Fall Conference in Albany and plans to attend the Student Assembly Summit January 10-12 in Albany.

ACT Update (Mr. Ronald Nasca)

Nothing to report.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

9. New Business

There was no New Business for discussion.

Mr. Charles Craig made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Alan Mosher. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Recorded by:

Tammy Conrad, Executive Assistant to the President