



APRIL 2022 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

RoAnn Destito-Chair, Darlene Burns, Mitchell Ford, Charles Greco, Christopher Giruzzi, Nichole Hinman, Avenash Kemraj, and William Thickstun

Administration:

Michael Frame, Laurie Hartman, Susan Head, Tod Laursen, Mark Lemire, Marybeth Lyons, Mark Montgomery, Steven Schneider

Guests:

Bradley Thiel, Linda Weber, Megan Wyett

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Destito convened the Public Meeting at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed all participants to the College Council meeting. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Giruzzi and seconded by Mr. Thickstun to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Student Code of Conduct

Marybeth Lyons indicated that we have one proposed Student Code of Conduct revision. She introduced Megan Wyett, director of student conduct and leadership, to speak on the proposed revision.

Ms. Wyett shared that today's proposed revision. Hilttop Hall is a card access building only, both the building doors and room doors are accessible by your ID card.

Megan read the proposed revision to include the new language: Unauthorized tampering to include but not limited to: refocus, reposition, cover, manipulate, disconnect, or otherwise tamper with or disable a security or surveillance camera and/or door access security system.

A motion was made by Mr. Giruzzi and seconded by Mr. Thickstun to approve the student code of conduct revision, meeting as presented. All were in favor.



Chairman's Report

Chari Destito's testimony during the SUNY Public Meeting was shared with the College Council, which includes Poly highlights pertaining to academics, cross campus research, and first silicon chip manufacturer to Oneida County.

Shared photo from Wolfspeed event with President and students working at the new fab.

President's Report

Dr. Laursen thanked the Council for the opportunity to share updates on SUNY Poly activities that have occurred since our last meeting in December.

Chair Destito shared words of congratulations for the Poly faculty and students.

Student Representative Update

Avenash Kemraj, student representative to the College Council, shared updates from the SUNY Poly students.

Updates from SGU – elections for 2022-2023 academic year: get from slide.

Resolutions passed – Senate 2122-30 / Senate Resolution 2122-38 / 2122-39

Avenash shared campus activities and events (get from slide). Apocalypse week took place last week.

More campus events – Lafa Meditarianian Campu Center dining hall take over.

Student Highlights Frag Fest was first since pandemic.

Student Concerns have met with representatives to discuss their concerns.

Chair Destito

Faculty Representative Update

SUNY Poly Joint Governance co-chairs Drs. Bradley Thiel and Linda Weber provided an updated to the Council on faculty activities.

Brad advised that the Albany faculty were upset about the Chair's report to the SUNY Board and feel the concerns are very one sided. They are concerned about the misinformation that are being made by the local politicians, such as SUNY Poly being moved from the Utica area and CNSE is being moved from Utica. The faculty are pointing out that CNSE faculty are in the Albany region and administration is 90-miles away at the Utica campus primarily. Chair Destito has offered to meet with the Albany campus representative with President Laursen.



SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Dr. Weber shared that the Utica faculty are very concerned about the lack of a permanent president for the university and the lack of information pertaining to the unmerger of the two campus, as well as the misinformation in the media of what SUNY Poly is.

Faculty Senate is working on independent study maximum credit policy has been approved at the Utica campus, from 8-16 hours. Change of institutional readiness policy, working with our online program to scale – amendment to Albany campus to have a one year sunset policy....approved at both campuses so will be moving to provost and president.

Adapting our gen ed policy to the new SUNY guidelines. Main changes have to do with campus having final approval what courses or combination of courses meet the gen ed courses. SUNY included DEI knowledge area, which we do not currently have. The three guiding principles were approved by Utica Senate today. 1. Gen education is generally / 2. Non-intrusive to how we were doing / 3. Faculty within discipline will be expert to make decision on whether courses/knowledge areas meet the gen ed requirements. Will be moving to Albany campus for review and approval.

Courses have opened up one week before, but this practice seems to have stopped, therefore classes started so students could review course syllabus. This will be reinstated.

Policy on videorecording of courses was introduced.

Policy on MVEDGE's resolution was introduced.

Adjournment

Chair Destito requested a motion to adjoin. A motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Giruzzi. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Hartman