

OCTOBER 2018 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

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

Administration:

M. Frame, P. Kelly, M. Lyons, M. Manning, S. Schneider and G. Wang

Guests:

K. Dunn, L. Hartman, M. Lemire, Z. Thomova, K. Tynan-Simon and M. Wyett-
Lennon

The October Council meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new student representative Anthony Viscusi, as well as Interim President Grace Wang, Interim Provost Steve Schneider and Albany faculty representative Kathy Dunn.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by G. Aney and seconded by N. Hinman to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

President's Report

Interim President Grace Wang welcomed Council members to the first meeting of the academic year. She thanked Council members, leadership, faculty, staff and students for their support and guidance in welcoming her to SUNY Poly.

Dr. Wang provided an overview to Council members, highlighting enrollment, rankings, accreditation and research funding in her report, noting the following:

- Enrollment – SUNY Poly welcomed the largest student body since 1980, with total undergraduate and graduate enrollment of 3,036 students.
- Rankings – U.S. News & World Report ranked the institution 18th in its 2019 list of Best Colleges in the Regional Universities North category. We were also ranked 11th in the Best Value Schools category and 3rd in Public Regional Universities North.
- Accreditation – Our mechanical engineering and nanoscale engineering programs have received accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Dr. Wang advised all of our engineering and engineering technology programs are now accreditation by ABET.
- Research Funding – SUNY Poly faculty are conducting world-class, high-impact research, with numerous new federal and state research proposals receiving funding.

Dr. Wang stated SUNY Poly is a great institution and this is a time of great opportunities, noting we are an academic institution and we should focus on our core mission in education and research. Faculty, staff and students are essential to our institution and it is crucial to cultivate an environment of collegiality, transparency and inclusion. It is important to align our efforts in financial sustainability; therefore, we need to take a strategic, thoughtful approach for growth.

The Framework for a Sustainable Future is a new initiative being launched at the recommendation of Chancellor Johnson. The goals of this initiative are to establish a common vision and to lay the groundwork for our future.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Hanson recently met with Mr. Joseph Porter, SUNY senior vice chancellor for executive leadership and employee development, to discuss the search for the next President of SUNY Poly. Mr. Porter anticipates Chancellor Johnson may approve the search in the near future and would like to begin the groundwork soon. He stated one of the first steps will be the selection of a search firm to assist the search committee, therefore, he will contact appropriate SUNY personnel to begin this process.

The search committee will include four members from the College Council. In the near future, Chairman Hanson will provide members with the duties and asked that each member consider joining the committee. The majority of the work is performed by the search committee, but Chairman Hanson noted that the College Council will determine which three applicants' names are forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration to be the next President of SUNY Poly.

The annual SUNY conference for Associate of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) was held on October 12 and 13 at SUNY System. The major topics at the conference were free speech on campus, diversity and inclusion, shared governance, student emergency funding and SUNY's volunteer report.

Chairman Hanson announced that SUNY Poly student Ms. Christina Carambia is the recipient of the ACT Excellence and Student Initiative Award. We hope to invite Ms. Carambia to our next meeting to describe her accomplishments that led to her receiving this prestigious award.

Provost's Update

Dr. Steve Schneider was appointed Interim Provost on July 1, 2018. Dr. Schneider began at SUNY Poly in 1991 when he was hired as an assistant professor and has held numerous leadership roles across campus during his tenure.

As part of his PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Schneider updated the Council on recent program approvals through the State Education Department (SED), the addition of distance learning classes and new programs that have received approval on their letter of intent.

One of our new academic initiatives is a "Bridge to Nano" program. This new program will offer incoming students the opportunity to attend the Utica campus for their first two years and

then transfer to the Albany campus for their second two years. The program will begin accepting students for fall 2019, at which point students will be able to attend their freshmen year at the Albany or Utica campus.

Arthur Lu has recently joined SUNY Poly as the Dean for the College of Business Management. Also, the campuses welcomed more than fifteen new faculty members at the start of the fall semester.

Student Code of Conduct Endorsement

Marybeth Lyons, vice president for student affairs, thanked Katie Tynan-Simon, Title IX coordinator; Megan Wyett-Lennon, director of community standards; and Mark Lemire, university counsel, for their efforts over the past several months to create an updated Student Code of Conduct. They are all very proud of this new document.

M. Wyett-Lennon and K. Tynan-Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council members to review and discuss the substantive changes made to the document.

The roll out plan was reviewed and there was a brief discussion regarding how the student population would be notified of the new Student Code of Conduct, which will be effective starting January 1, 2019.

Following a lengthy discussion and with the recommended edit to add page numbers to the document, a motion was made by D. Burns and seconded by J. Corasanti to approve the updated Student Code of Conduct. All were in favor.

Student Government Report

A. Viscusi stated he is excited to be a part of the College Council, noting he is an Electrical Engineering major with a minor in Nanotechnology and he is currently the treasurer of Student Government at Utica (SGU).

The American Red Cross was on campus September 18, for their first blood drive of the 2018-2019 academic year. There was a great turnout with 35 units being collected. There will be three additional drives throughout the academic year with the next one scheduled for November 13.

The annual Poly Goes Pink event was held on Tuesday, October 16. The event helps bring awareness to breast cancer and pulls together faculty, staff and students and includes a campus walk, lunch and a guest speaker.

All SGU executive positions are filled for the 2018-2019 academic year. A. Viscusi is treasurer and also chairs the budget committee, which has a budget of approximately \$600k. A current initiative is to move all of the finances to SUNY Poly Engage, which is a new software program used by our student body.

Faculty Representative Report

The Albany campus hosted an Open House two weeks ago; the event was well attended with 31 potential students and their families attending.

Faculty Governance is engaged in the creation of the Framework for a Sustainable Future document and are working with Interim President Wang to have faculty representation on each of the committees.

A committee has been formed to solicit, review and put forth a nomination for the Chancellor's Award for Excellent in Adjunct Teaching. This is the first-time SUNY Poly has nominated someone for this prestigious award.

Adjournment

At 5:19 p.m., Chairman Hanson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Laurie M. Hartman