

## **APRIL 2019 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council Members:

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

Administration:

M. Frame, M. Lyons, S. Schneider and G. Wang

Guests:

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

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He introduced Josh Sager, SUNY associate vice chancellor for finance and business and SUNY Poly special assistant for finance and budget, who participated in the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Mr. Viscusi to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

The notes from the February 6, 2019, meeting were distributed and reviewed by Council members, however they were not approved as a quorum was not present.

### **President's Report**

President Wang provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting progress, partnerships and pride in the following areas:

- The College of Business Management has gone through the AACSB accreditation process; only 5% of business schools can get AACSB certification. Dr. Wang recognized Dean Lu and the CBM faculty for their hard work throughout this process.
- The College of Health Sciences will be accepting students in their Transformational Leadership in Nursing program, this new program will give nursing professionals an opportunity to gain leadership knowledge in the health care professions. The program offers either a Master of Science Degree or Post-Master's Advanced Certificate.
- In May, the Utica campus will break ground on a new residential dorm consisting of 257 beds, with anticipated completion by 2020. We will discuss a name for the dorm later in the meeting.

- President Wang advised she has been working closely, over this academic year, with the admissions and enrollment management teams to build partnerships with our academic partners. On March 29, SUNY Poly announced the Path to Poly Partnership with Mohawk Valley Community College, expanding 58 pathways for MVCC students to transfer to SUNY Poly to continue their academic career.
- An announcement was held earlier in the day with Herkimer College for new transfer agreements. The new pathways will allow Herkimer College graduates to seamlessly gain admission to SUNY Poly in four robust programs – Biology, Computer Science, Business and Accounting.
- A transfer agreement was recently signed with Schenectady County Community College to provide a path for students from their game design program to our Interactive Media and Game Design (IMGD) program.
- On April 1, SUNY Poly announced a partnership with Albany Law School to have students at both institutions learn about technology commercialization and policy implication.
- An agreement with Rome Memorial Hospital was recently finalized to provide nursing education with a deferred tuition program through the College of Health Sciences.
- An expanded research partnership with IBM was announced in February. IBM will invest \$2 billion at Poly’s Albany campus to create a global research hub to develop next-generation artificial intelligence (AI) hardware. Empire State Development will provide a \$300 million capital grant over five years to the Research Foundation for SUNY to purchase, own and install the tools necessary to support the AI hardware center.
- In February, Senator Schumer visited the Mohawk Valley Region to announce the research partnership with AFRL and SUNY.
- US News and World Reports rankings have SUNY Poly third for “Best Value Schools” in the Regional Universities-North category. Also, College Factual ranks SUNY Poly in the top 5% “Best Value” nationwide.
- On March 14-16, SUNY Poly’s Utica campus hosted the Central New York FIRST Robotics Competition, where approximately 3000 students along with their families, coaches and mentors, from across NYS and the world. This tournament provides great recognition for the entire Mohawk Valley.
- Highlights from Wildcat Athletics were shared, noting women’s basketball won the NEAC Championship and the Curling Club took 2nd place at the USA Curling College Championship.

- Finally, in this year's SUNY Mascot Madness had SUNY Poly's Walter the Wildcat finish 2nd out of 64 campus mascots. Dr. Wang recognized the whole campus community who voted and supported this exciting competition.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hanson advised he has awaiting final approval to officially start the presidential search process. Once approved, he will provide a preliminary schedule for the work of the search committee and reach out to each Council member regarding their participation. A RFP has been submitted for a search firm to assist with the search.

The nomination process for the 2018-2019 Association of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) Scholarship has begun. SUNY Poly students are in the process of preparing applications for these awards. Chairman Hanson asked if any College Council members were interested in participating in reviewing student applications, to let him or Laurie Hartman know. Last year, a SUNY Poly student was the recipient of one of the ACT Scholarships.

### **New Dormitory Resolution**

Michael Frame shared and reviewed a draft resolution in regards pertaining to the naming of our new residence hall. He advised the new 257 beds facility will be located at the intersection of residential drive, hilltop drive and wildcat drive.

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) is doing a design build structure and we anticipate it will be completed and ready for occupancy for the fall 2020 semester. The first net zero energy dorm of new construction in the State of New York.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hinman and seconded by Mr. Aney to endorse the construction of the new dormitory at SUNY Poly's Utica site and endorse the temporary naming of the new dormitory as Hilltop Hall. All were in favor.*

### **Student Code of Conduct Revisions**

Marybeth Lyons thanked Mark Lemire, Megan Lennon-Wyett and Katie Tynan-Simon for their work on the proposed revisions to the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct. Ms. Lennon-Wyett and Ms. Tynan-Simon reviewed the three proposed revisions with the Council. These recommendations were sent to Council members prior to today's meeting.

Ms. Lennon-Wyett pointed out that Student Code of Conduct will always be a living document, as requirements for the document are always changing and in order to be in compliance, will need constant updates. These proposed changes are based off of cases they have worked through this semester.

The following revisions are being proposed:

Proposed Revision #1: Administrative Directives

In cases in which a respondent is found not responsible following an administrative hearing or Board Hearing, the No Contact Order shall be withdrawn. In all cases, regardless of responsibility outcome, the student conduct officer or designee may, at their discretion, issue a Cease and Desist Order, which is not a sanction.

#### Proposed Revision #2: Final Probation

C. **Final Probation:** An elevated probation that serves as a final notice that if respondent is found responsible for any Code violation(s) during the probationary period, the respondent may be suspended or expelled. At the discretion of campus offices and programs, students on final probation may be ineligible for employment and/or participation in certain activities.

#### Proposed Revision #3: Appeals

If the reporting individual or respondent submits an appeal request of a Category II case outcome, the non-requesting party will receive notice that an appeal was submitted and will be afforded the opportunity to submit a written response to the requesting party's appeal within five (5) business days of the notification. Should both the respondent and the reporting individual both file an appeal, the appeals will be considered concurrently. Both the reporting individual and respondent of Category II cases will be notified of the appeal decision within thirty days of when the appeal review took place. The decision shall be final, except in cases that are eligible for review by the SUNY Poly President, as described in the Final Appeal portion of this Section.

*A motion made by Mr. Viscusi and seconded by Mr. Giruzzi to approve the three proposed revisions to the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct. All were in favor.*

#### **Student Government Report**

Mr. Viscusi thanked President Wang and Provost Schneider for the recent completion of the articulation agreements with academic partners. He also thanked the College Council for their support over the academic year.

Mr. Viscusi shared a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the 2018-2019 academic year, highlighting:

- Voting registration and transportation
- SUNYs Got Your Back
- Community Engagement
- SUNY Voices and Chancellor's Inauguration
- SUNY Poly Engage – campus wide website
- SUNYSA Fall/Spring Conference – resolutions and bill passed at these meetings to assist students at all SUNY campuses.
- Utica & Albany Student Governments – discussed how to make sure the Albany campus' voice will also be heard at College Council meetings.
- EVERSAN LED Sign – this is a class gift from the Class of 2019, which will highlight campus events, as well as administration and facilities notices.
- Congratulating Tucker Mogren as SUNY System Student Government President of the Year award for doctoral granting institutions.

- Shared the new SGU Executive Board.

Chairman Hanson thanked Mr. Viscusi for his presentation and his participation as the student College Council representative for the past academic year.

### **Faculty Representative Report**

Dr. Thomova advised faculty governance is working in collaboration with Provost, President, and other relevant committees on micro credentialing and open access.

The Faculty Assembly in Utica has discussed possibly restructuring their current governance structure.

SUNY is looking at the needs for their general education policy to determine if changes are required. The Campus is reviewing and will provide responses as warranted.

### **Adjournment**

**At 5:09 p.m., Chairman Hanson adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Hartman