

## **DECEMBER 2019 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2019

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

**Present:** Council Members:

D. Hanson-Chairman, G. Aney, G. Arnold, D. Burns, C. Giruzzi, and N. Hinman  
Administration:

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

Guests:

L. Hartman and C. Phipps

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The December College Council meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Chairman Hanson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new Joint Governance co-chair Carlie Phipps. Unfortunately, Scott Tenenbaum was not able to attend this meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Mr. Aney and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019, meeting as presented. All were in favor.**

### **President's Report**

A PowerPoint Presentation was shared by Interim President Wang, where she highlighted various campus activities.

Dr. Wang thanked our College Council members, faculty, staff, students and her senior leadership team, noting this is an exciting time for SUNY Poly, as we enter into a new decade and anticipate a new president to come onboard in 2020. The Framework for a Sustainable Future is now complete; the document will be shared with the search committee and consulting firm and used as part of a profile of expectations for our new president.

A search has recently launched for a Chief Diversity Officer (CDO). This position is critical to cultivating a welcoming, supporting and inclusive climate for our faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Wang advised academic excellence continues to shine stating our Forensic Accounting Master's Program was recently ranked #11 by bestmastersprograms.org and our FNP programs were ranked #8 by registerednursing.org.

Update on research activities include:

- Professor Ji Ung Lee received a \$6.5 million DoD award for AI Hardware Research to Achieve More Efficient Chips for Pattern and Image Recognition.

- Professor Nate Cady received \$1.8 million from the Air Force Research Laboratory for Using Human Brain-Inspired Computing Hardware to Develop Next-Gen Computing Systems.
- Professors Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik and Woongje Sung received \$1.5 million from DOE VTO for Developing Highly Efficient and Reliable Power Electronics for Electric Drive Trains.
- Professor Wongje Sung received \$2.1 million from DOE's ARPA-E for Improving the Scalability and Manufacturability of SiC Power Integrated Circuits.

SUNY Poly's Utica campus hosted an event on September 23 where Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a \$1 billion public-private partnership with Cree, to create the world's largest silicon carbide device facility at the Marcy Nanocenter site. This partnership is anticipated to create approximately 600 jobs once fully operational. Cree has already engaged SUNY Poly, MVCC, and Herkimer College on workforce development initiatives and they recently donated \$25k to our FIRST Robotics teams.

SUNY Poly received a \$6 million National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant to the Northeast Advanced Technological Education Center (NEATEC) to fund workforce development initiatives for the microelectronics manufacturing industry. The funding will support development and implementation of a semiconductor workforce certification program designed to meet critical industry needs.

### **Chairman's Report**

In October, Chairman Hanson attended the annual Association of Council Members and College Trustees (ACT) conference, where he participated in a panel discussion related to presidential searches. Chairman Hanson noted SUNY Poly was on the list of SUNY campuses with current presidential searches.

Chairman Hanson provided an update on the presidential search noting he recently participated in a conference call with representatives with Poly's search firm, Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates. During this discussion, the consultant reviewed a tentative schedule. Chancellor Johnson attended the first meeting of the search committee on November 21 to charge the committee on its mission. The Chancellor also noted that all SUNY presidential searches are now closed, meaning there will be no public visits to the campuses by finalists, however, there may be private visits to include a small number of appropriate campus constituents. Chairman Hanson thanked Mike Frame and Laurie Hartman for their assistance in coordinating the search process.

Chairman Hanson stated that presidential search information can be found on the SUNY Poly website.

The next meeting of the search committee was scheduled for December 13 to discuss and establish a timeline that results in a new president for SUNY Poly on July 1, 2020.

## **Student Government Report**

Ms. Gretchen Arnold shared a PowerPoint presentation with updates from the Student Government, she highlighted the following activities:

- Eversan Sign is fully installed.
- E-Sports has become very popular. SUNY Poly currently has 39 registered players, including 11 teams, 5 of our teams qualified for the playoffs with 3 teams being undefeated.
- Student Government recently attended the SUNY Student Assembly conference. At the conference, SUNY Poly SGU President, Emma Vanderwerken, provided a presentation focused on inclusive leadership. Ms. Vanderwerken is the Disability Services Committee Chair for SUNY SA.
- Starting in the spring semester, all student club financial information will be on our new online platform, Engage, eliminating paper transactions.
- Residence Hall Association (RHA) held a leadership session for its hall council representatives earlier in the fall semester. The session focused on event planning and effective meeting strategies. RHA has sponsored about 20 events in the fall semester. RHA passed its first resolution as a student group regarding their commitment to action for diversity, equity and inclusion.
- 8 students attended the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH) Regional Leadership Conference in November.

## **Faculty Representative Report**

Dr. Phipps advised the main objective for the Joint Governance Council is to analyze the governance structure, noting the initial design structure was to be reviewed after five years. Joint Governance wants to ensure any needed changes are in place prior to the start of a new president. Governance leaders have identified several areas where they want to make changes and will update the College Council accordingly.

## **Adjournment**

**At 4:35 p.m., Chairman Hanson adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie Hartman*

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