



JULY 2021 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members:

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

Administration:

Michael Frame, Laurie Hartman, Susan Head, Tod Laursen, Marybeth Lyons

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Destito convened the Public Meeting at 5:00 p.m. and shared her excitement for being back on campus and hosting an inperson meeting. She welcomed Avenash Kemraj, the 2021-2022 new student representative. Members of the College Council and Administration introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021, meeting as presented. All were in favor.

Resolution

Michael Frame, CEO of the SUNY Poly Foundation, discussed two transformational gifts received from the Francis A. Wilcox Trust, the first gift of \$900k will be used to purchase equipment and renovate four electrical engineering labs located in Kunsela Hall. The second gift in the amount of \$1million will be used to set up the Francis A. Wilcox Scholarship Fund. Scholarship awards will be based on academic merit and/or financial need with preference given to students enrolled in the College of Engineering.

These gifts have been coordinated with the Poly Foundation through Mr. Wilcox's executor and nephew, Kevin Keehle, a '92 alumnus of SUNY Poly.

A motion was made by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the resolution, as presented and to endorse the naming of the C Wing located on the second floor of Kunsela Hall as the "The Francis A. Wilcox Engineering & Technology Wing," All were in favor.



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Mr. Frame thanked Andrea LaGatta, Executive Director of the SUNY Poly Foundation, and Michael Carpenter, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering. This gift was truly a team effort between SUNY Poly and the Foundation. This is the single largest gift ever to be received by our Foundation.

President Laursen and Chair Destito echoed their appreciation of the collaboration by the entire Poly team and are tremendously grateful to the Wilcox and Keehle family.

Press release will be issued this evening and a ribbon cutting will be held once the renovations are complete, likely fall of 2022.

Convening of Executive Session

At 5:10 p.m., Chair Destito requested a motion to convene an Executive Session under provisions of Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law for purposes of a discussion related to matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

In addition to College Council members, she invited the following individuals to remain:

Zulaika Rodriguez from SUNY System Administration
Michael Frame and Laurie Hartman from SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Chair Destito noted no further business would be discussed after Executive Session.

A motion to convene Executive Session was made by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Giruzzi. All were in favor.

Reconvening of Public Meeting

At 5:21 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Burns to move out of executive session, and seconded by Mr. Thickstun. All were in favor.

Chair Destito noted the actions taken in Executive Session were confidential and related to matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Adjournment

Chair Destito requested a motion to adjoin. A motion was made by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Giruzzi. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

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