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SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

256th MEETING

November 13, 2012

<b>Present:</b>	Chairman Ronald O'Neill Timothy Currier Roger Sharlow	Grace Burke Nafeesa Johnson	Richard Callan Chloe Ann O'Neil
<b>Absent:</b>	Cecily Morris	Thomas Sauter	
<b>Others:</b>	President Carli Schiffner David Gerlach Randy Sieminski Michaela Young	David Butler Brian Harte Karen Spellacy	Charles Fenner Molly Mott Betty Connolly

***Call to Order***

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Chairman O'Neill introduced Mr. Brian Hutzley, Vice Chancellor for Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer, SUNY Central; Ms. Jennifer LoTurco, Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, SUNY Central; Betty Connolly, representative for our new combined CFO, Natalie Higley; and Chris Robins, reporter for the Watertown Daily Times.

Mr. O'Neill asked the College Council members to introduce themselves.

***Executive Session***

Chairman O'Neill asked for the Council's approval to go into Executive Session under Public Officers Law, Article 7, Open Meetings Law, §105. Conduct of Executive Sessions, f.

Mr. Currier made a motion to approve the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

The College Council members and Dr. Schiffner were asked to stay; all others were excused.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:56 a.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

***Minutes of September 25, 2012***

Mr. Callan made a motion to approve the September 25, 2012 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried.

***New Business***

Chairman O'Neill shared some sample bylaws with the group. He indicated that some College Councils are creating their own bylaws. He asked that the College Council members look over the

samples and consider this for the future. A committee was formed to research this and report back to the group at a future date of their choosing. Nafeesa Johnson, Roger Sharlow, and Timothy Currier sit on the committee.

### ***Old Business***

There was no old business to discuss.

### ***Chairman's Report***

Chairman O'Neill reported on the ACT Conference. He stated that a number of issues were addressed. There are many vacancies on College Councils throughout the state, and this is causing problems for the Councils to meet quorum for meetings.

The Resource Allocation Model was discussed. He indicated that there were many concerns and very few answers. The shift in resources from the Technical Colleges and Comprehensives to the University Centers is an ongoing concern.

There was some discussion on the bylaws at the ACT meeting as well.

Mr. O'Neill stated that the Presidential Search Committee is ready, willing, and able to go as soon as they get the word from the Chancellor.

Mr. O'Neill referenced the campus changes that were implemented recently and noted that they came as a shock to many.

Chairman O'Neill reported that there was a very good presentation at the ACT Conference from Dr. Tim Killeen. He addressed what the Chancellor has in mind for the changes in a very understandable manner.

Chairman O'Neill shared some press releases with the College Council members only, and he passed out an article for the entire group to review from Gene Powell, Chairman, University of Texas System Board of Regents.

### ***Student Government Association Update***

Ms. Nafeesa Johnson reported on the success of student voter registration. The Student Government Association (SGA) registered 350 first-time voters with 120 absentee ballots. Students were shuttled to and from the voting polls; many students have never been in a polling area. They continued the event by watching the results and having pizza and wings. This event was a great success.

Ms. Johnson reported on another event they recently held. The first Student Leadership Conference was held on November 10 at SUNY Canton. Over 90 students attended from various clubs and organizations. The roundtable presenters were executive staff as well as an emeritus. This event mobilized students and provided a great learning experience.

On February 9, the Four-College Leadership Conference will be held. This conference provides networking among students from the four area colleges. It is expected that 30 students from each college will attend with students leading various roundtables.

Ms. Johnson also reported that SUNY Canton's and SUNY Potsdam's SGAs are working on a joint relief effort for victims of hurricane Sandy. They are discussing ideas such as a flash mob and trying to come up with other exciting ideas. The students are planning on donating school supplies to the areas affected to help other students get back to school; they will also donate to the Red Cross.

Molly Mott added that the visit between Dr. Martin, Middle States Site Team Chair, and the students yesterday went very well. Dr. Martin was very impressed with our students and very pleased. Dr. Mott asked that Ms. Johnson pass that on to the student body.

David Gerlach added that he received a message from one of our alums, Major General Ferg Foley, Commander of the New York Guard. Major General Foley indicated to Mr. Gerlach that his unit would be willing to try to help with immediate needs. Mr. Gerlach told Ms. Johnson that if she was aware or became aware of any immediate needs and had contact information to please pass it along to him, and he would share with Major General Foley. Ms. Johnson also indicated that our students were pretty much okay, but she has seen more coming together on their part and show of support.

Dr. Schiffner added that she was honored to be part of the SGA Leadership Conference. She was pleased with the students. She applauded them for their efforts and gave them kudos.

#### ***President's Report***

President Schiffner stated that the realignment was communicated on November 1 and 2 with a campus update provided on November 2. The goal of the reorganization was to align our campus for SUNY's strategic enrollment management plan and get ahead of the resource allocation model. The reorganization will help support the growth in STEM fields and the movement of shared services. Consideration was also given in making sure as little disruption was done to the students as possible. Copies of the PowerPoint and realignment were provided to the Council members.

President Schiffner went on to report that the initial Middle States visit by Dr. Martin was conducted this week. The full team will return in mid-March for a full-site visit. The feedback has been very positive from Dr. Martin, and he is willing to continue to help us with the report until it is submitted on February 8. President Schiffner thanked JD DeLong and the steering committee for all of their hard work.

Dr. Schiffner reported that the National Volleyball Tournament hosted by SUNY Canton went very well. Our girls' volleyball team made it to the semi-finals. Our Sports Management major interns were very professional and have been asked to return to help with future event planning.

Chairman O'Neill asked for a pause in the area updates, so Council members could ask some questions of Mr. Brian Hutzley. Mr. Hutzley stated that their visit was to speak to the broader topic of shared services, but he would try to answer any questions. He indicated that SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam are doing well with regard to sharing. He stated that SUNY Canton has already done so much in the area of sharing, and SUNY uses the sharing models for other campuses. SUNY is looking to work for efficiencies and work as a system. Mr. Hutzley stated that he bragged about us having a shared CFO at the systemness conference that SUNY just hosted, and having a shared leader allows us to be more efficient. He feels that Ms. Higley has a great process for getting things done; he stated that there is nothing else like this at any other campus and that we are in a unique position to lead efficiencies.

Mr. Currier asked Mr. Hutzley who the CFO answers to directly. Mr. Hutzley stated both presidents right now. Mr. Currier asked who would control her schedule to be here. Mr. Currier would like to see her at the College Council meetings, and he does not feel that the Council has control of her being here. Mr. Hutzley stated that he feels if the Council looked ahead and made sure she was available for these meetings it could happen. Mr. Hutzley thinks she wants to be here; however, her schedule is just preventing it. Mr. Hutzley spoke to the fact that she is very professional and wants to attend, also that she cannot be expected to attend both College Council meetings when they are scheduled at the same time. Ms. O'Neil reiterated the question to Mr. Hutzley that Ms. Higley answers to both presidents; he stated yes. Ms. O'Neil stated that she does not see it that way; she feels that Natalie is directing, not the presidents. Ms. O'Neil has many concerns about this; Mr. Hutzley stated that he has not heard concerns about this from either president. Mr. O'Neill was concerned that the conference that Ms. Higley is attending does not seem to be related to higher education and that the cost astounded him. He also was concerned that President Schiffner did not sign off on the travel; he wanted to know who did. Mr. Hutzley said he thought for that particular trip it was approved by President Schwaller. A discussion of who pays for the CFO's travel, the procedure of how it is accomplished, who does/should approve the travel, and attendance at College Council meetings occurred between Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Hutzley. Mr. Callan asked if it would be helpful for Ms. Higley and the two presidents to sit down in a meeting to work out the procedures, priorities, etc. Mr. Callan would like to see that happen. Mr. Hutzley stated that there has been a procedure in place since day one; he is just not aware of it. He further stated that since this is a first in regards to a shared CFO position there will need to be help with it. Chairman O'Neill mentioned another concern that he had regarding recent newspaper articles quoting the joint CFO rather than the Presidents. He gets the feeling that Ms. Higley is getting her orders from SUNY Central. Mr. Hutzley replied that the articles that he saw he felt quoted the appropriate people with regard to the topic of the article. He also stated that Natalie was a key member of the Shared Services Steering Committee and is often asked for her opinion on many issues at these meetings. Ms. LoTurco added that SUNY has 64 campuses and is not able to reach down into the administration to control any one person. She further stated that Carli and Natalie are both part of the Shared Services Steering Committee, and SUNY is learning a lot from all of its campuses. Mr. Hutzley stated that these shared services are felt to be campus driven, SUNY supported. SUNY steps in to help when they are asked, such as with SUNY Canton's and SUNY Potsdam's IT integration. Mr. O'Neill stated that he feels it is important to be on board with the shared services, but he says it is a concern when it affects our own campus. Mr. O'Neill asked Mr. Hutzley if he has any projection of how much we have saved as of now or will save in the next year. Mr. Hutzley reported that \$6 million has been saved system-wide since nine months ago when this initiative was announced; this was only looking at a few campuses and did not include what SUNY Canton was already doing prior to the nine-month mark. SUNY is looking to save \$100 million. Mr. O'Neill stated that he is interested in what SUNY Canton, and possibly SUNY Potsdam, has saved individually. Mr. Hutzley stated that there was a report, but he did not have it. Mr. Hutzley also stated that there has been an instant result by being able to hire more faculty. He talked about how SUNY set specific goals for each campus to reduce costs, and with that 5% savings, what the campus would use it for. SUNY left that open to the campuses to decide what it would be used for; SUNY Canton is in a good financial place, so the savings could be used for whatever it needs on behalf of the students. Other campuses are not so lucky and need to use their savings for deficit reduction. Most campuses are okay, and SUNY would like to see all of the campuses in a good financial position.

Chairman O'Neill asked Mr. Hutzley when we would be reading about administrative changes happening on SUNY Potsdam's campus. Mr. Hutzley said he cannot speak to SUNY Potsdam's

changes at the SUNY Canton College Council meeting. Mr. O'Neill asked if there will be joint positions combined at SUNY Potsdam in the future. Mr. Hutzley stated that he thinks over time yes. He feels it has only just begun, and many areas will be looked at. Mr. O'Neill asked why changes were not announced for both campuses at the same time. Mr. Hutzley stated that he was not personally making the tie between the structural changes here and shared services. He stated that there was some realignment. Mr. O'Neill asked if the realignment was done to save money. Mr. Hutzley replied that it was done in support of strategic enrollment management, which is becoming critical to every campus over the next five years. He goes on to explain all the ways that strategic enrollment management and realignment is important for a campus and the System. Mr. Currier asked if there have been changes elsewhere. Mr. Hutzley said there have been changes every day, such as Delhi and Cobleskill having a similar realignment.

Chairman O'Neill asked Mr. Hutzley several questions in regard to when SUNY Canton will be allowed by the Chancellor to search for a president. Mr. Hutzley addressed the questions by saying he was not sure if the benchmarks that were set have been met at Canton or at Canton and Potsdam. He said part of the benchmark was beyond financial; it was aligning of the administration functions, and we are in a good place now. He stated that the answer was yes or close to yes meaning that we are getting there. The hiring of the joint CFO helped move us forward. Mr. Hutzley stated that he cannot answer for the Chancellor, and the answer would have to come from the Board of Trustees. Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Hutzley, and Ms. LoTurco discussed when this agenda item would actually go before the Board of Trustees; it was determined that it would be discussed at the December meeting. Mr. O'Neill feels we have met the benchmarks set by SUNY and the Board of Trustees; he feels that they should meet their part.

Chairman O'Neill asked why System is trying to limit student enrollment. Mr. Hutzley said they are not trying to cap enrollments but rather help campuses to grow in areas where they can be state funded to get the enrollment with additional funding. Mr. O'Neill asked if the Chancellor can implement the Resource Allocation Model without the Board of Trustees' approval. Mr. Hutzley replied that the Chancellor can implement the model, but the Board of Trustees has to approve the budget portion, so essentially, they approve it. He further shared why the new model is being developed; it is due to the fact that the old model was ten years old. The old model was outdated and unfair to many campuses. SUNY Canton has grown over the past ten years in the right areas, which allowed for an above average position. There are plans in place to help the campuses with the transition such as transition funds and a three-year roll out.

Mr. Callan stated that he felt the Council wanted the shared CFO position to be successful; however, he felt that more communication needed to happen. He asked for a commitment from Mr. Hutzley to meet with Natalie and the two presidents to discuss the scope of the position, the difficulties, etc. to provide more assurances. Mr. Hutzley stated that he felt communication was very important, and they would do everything to help.

Mr. Sharlow asked about the events of last week and how much communication was given to our president prior to the changes being made. Mr. Hutzley stated that those changes were entirely campus driven; he said that they were aware of it but not exactly when. He stated that those changes were not driven by System Administration. Mr. Sharlow asked again if they were not driven by System. Mr. Hutzley stated no. Mr. Sharlow asked if Natalie oversaw the changes. Mr. Hutzley stated that the discussions were between Natalie and Carli. Mr. Sharlow stated that he is concerned that proper communication may not have happened. Mr. Hutzley stated that communication in this

instance was in the form of informing SUNY. Mr. Sharlow felt that the meeting should have been delayed or postponed in order to have Natalie present to answer the questions that were being asked. Chairman O'Neill understood the changes to have been implemented without Dr. Schiffner knowing about them. Chairman O'Neill asked if that was true or not true. Mr. Hutzley stated that it was not. President Schiffner stated that a month ago Natalie and her met in Albany and talked about administrative changes to support strategic enrollment management. She stated that that is when the conversation started. Chairman O'Neill asked if when those meetings were implemented was she aware of them. President Schiffner stated that on November 1 and 2 she was the one who called and talked to everyone about the changes that were coming down, including reaching out to Mr. O'Neill on November 2. Mr. O'Neill felt that something still was not true. Dr. Schiffner stated that SUNY was aware of it. Mr. Currier also stated that he did not feel that the truth is being told. Mr. Currier asked Mr. Hutzley if he is telling the Council that Dr. Schiffner made those decisions. Mr. Hutzley stated yes – Carli and Natalie with discussions with System. Mr. Hutzley reiterated that they would not know enough about the administration to know who does what here. Mr. Currier stated that it still does not add up, and he does not feel that it was campus driven based on what had been reported to the Council earlier in the meeting. Ms. LoTurco stated again that they have 64 campuses and cannot control personnel moves. Mr. Currier stated that he does not believe they have been given the truth as to who made those decisions. Mr. Sharlow and Dr. Burke also feel that pieces of information are lacking; Dr. Burke stated that it is very important to have clarity in order to move forward with any other changes. Mr. Hutzley stated that he could not even imagine working with the campus to decide who would be the administrative assistant to the president. Ms. LoTurco agreed that that would never be anything they would be involved in. Mr. O'Neill shared that Stacey Basford was the secretary to the College Council and assistant to Joan Eurto for years, and he asked why Carli did not come to him to tell him that that had changed. He felt that it was because the decision was made somewhere else. Mr. Hutzley stated that Dr. Schiffner did go to Mr. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill agreed, but stated that it was not until 10 a.m. the morning of the changes. Mr. Sharlow thanked Mr. Hutzley and stated that he was just trying to clarify how the communication process worked and how the Council could be better informed. Ms. LoTurco reiterated System's initiatives of strategic enrollment management, shared services, and the resource allocation model. She indicated that System helps its campuses move them forward in a way that makes sense to them. She stated again that they could not possibly reach down in and pick a secretary and move the administration. Mr. Sharlow thanked Ms. LoTurco and stated that he hopes in the end we can all work toward SUNY's goals. Ms. LoTurco stated that we have a very unique opportunity to help with the initiatives and assures the Council that the wool is not being pulled over their eyes. Mr. Callan agreed with what was being said; however, he did not feel that the announcement was done in the correct manner. Instead of having everyone on the same page and understand what was happening before the announcement came out, it left many people worried about what would happen next. Mr. Callan urges SUNY Central to provide reassurance over the next few weeks and months and to make sure that the next announcement does not happen the way the last one did. He feels that the campus and the Council need to feel like they are involved. Ms. LoTurco indicated that she will continue to encourage communication and that the Council's point regarding the need for communication has been taken. Chairman O'Neill stated that he felt all of the right things are being said for what should happen, but he does not feel that they are happening.

Ms. LoTurco indicated that she would help the Council with any questions they had regarding establishment of their own set of bylaws or any other questions they might have. She also indicated that, since July 13, many campuses have received new College Council appointments. She said it is

slow, but it is happening. The location and process of the appointments' office has changed, so it will act as a more professional recruitment agency.

Lastly, Mr. O'Neill stated that he wished the Chancellor would have met with each College Council, or sent a representative, to explain her agenda from the start. Ms. LoTurco said she would encourage more internal communications.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. O'Neill if he had seen President Schiffner's PowerPoint presentation from her campus update on November 2. Mr. O'Neill indicated that he did not, but Ms. O'Neil stated she had. Mr. Butler asked her if she noticed that there was no President's Office at SUNY Canton; she indicated that she did see that. He asked if she thought that was significant; she answered yes. Mr. Butler asked what she thought that meant; she stated she wished she knew.

Mr. O'Neill thanked Ms. LoTurco and Mr. Hutzley for coming and answering the Council's questions. He asked that they email him the projections of what SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam will save over the next three years.

#### ***Academic Affairs Update***

Provost Spellacy reported that the steering committee for the SUNY Institute of Arts, Science, and Technology has been established for SUNY Canton's; Elizabeth Erickson, Dr. Kenneth Erickson, and Karen Spellacy will be SUNY Canton's representatives. Provost Spellacy has been notified that SUNY Potsdam has also aligned their three representatives for the committee as well. They will meet in the next few weeks and discuss governance issues and the mission of the Institute. Ms. Spellacy has asked the Deans to look at all of their existing programs, and she has charged them with determining what the perfect class would look like for Fall 2013 given their current level of resources. She indicated that she knows Admissions cannot deliver that by Fall, but there is a need for us to start looking at enrollment by program, not just overall enrollment.

Provost Spellacy reported that searches are going on for two Dean's positions – School of Business and Liberal Arts and the Canino School of Engineering Technology. Another search will be happening for a Dean of Strategic Enrollment Management; this position, under a different title, was previously held by Molly Mott. With the realignment, Dr. Mott will continue to serve as Vice President for Student Affairs. Provost Spellacy reported that she approved 18 searches for new faculty; some are replacements, but many are not. Searches are also happening for a Registrar and 2 ½ ISAs. Provost Spellacy indicated that the faculty have been great about picking up overloads, but these searches are needed to transition back from adjuncts to full-time tenured faculty.

#### ***Administrative Affairs Update***

Betty Connolly reported for Ms. Higley. Ms. Connolly spoke personally to the fact of needing shared services for areas such as administrative services where there has been such an overload for so many years. She hopes that future shared services will give the opportunity for professional development and nurturing on the campus.

Mr. O'Neill asked Ms. Connolly if she had heard of any positions at Potsdam not being refilled due to attrition. Ms. Connolly stated she could not speak to that.

On behalf of Ms. Higley, Ms. Connolly welcomed Information Technology and University Police to the Administrative team.

She also indicated that they are in the process of hiring a consultant to develop a Health and Safety program to provide some gap analysis and identify some critical areas. Michael McCormick, Calvin Smith, and Natalie will be working on this. Advertisements are being run for a shared Personnel Associate to help with Ms. Connolly's transition into her new position as Assistant Vice President for Administration. The position will be shared; however, that person will be on SUNY Canton's campus and will work with labor relations. The behind the scenes processes for travel and payroll are being worked on, and utilization of specialists from both campuses is being used. An advertisement for a shared sustainability position is also being worked on. They hope to have it posted by the end of November, and hire someone by the end of February.

### ***Advancement Update***

David Gerlach reported that the Alumni/Development staff has been/will be traveling to Chicago, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, Connecticut, New York City, and California. Mr. Gerlach senses that Alumni are starting to get over the recession issues and the issues with the change in leadership, and money is starting to come back.

Mr. Gerlach reported that Dan Sweeney, former Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, is working for Advancement and helping with Alumni now. He has 30 years experience at his disposal and has been able to secure his second \$10,000 endowment.

Mr. Gerlach reported that his division is focusing on estate planning and charitable gifts.

Grasse River housing is in its second year and is showing great returns. Some of the payment issues for the construction are being resolved, so that is a good sign. Mr. Gerlach reported that he has a meeting today to put forth a second residence hall. This hall will be 200 beds due to the uncertainty of the resource allocation budget model. It appears that this will be financially doable. The goal, barring no hold ups, is 2014.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Gerlach if he thought the push back that was received from the Alumni when they heard that Dr. Kennedy was gone would happen again if we had a shared president. Mr. Gerlach stated that he would want to stay positive; he felt that there would be initial problems but hoped that they would not be insurmountable. However, it was hard for him to know; he had no real prediction.

### ***Student Affairs and Information Services Update***

Molly Mott gave a shared services update for her area.

On the IT side, SUNY Potsdam is sharing programming code with SUNY Canton in order to facilitate the implementation of SUNY Canton's electronic student health records; this provides direct benefit to the students. SUNY Canton is sharing testing notes with SUNY Potsdam in order to facilitate SUNY Potsdam's move of Banner to ITEC. This is a significant step towards both campuses sharing the same file structure and being able to leverage resources and expertise of ITEC; this also provides direct benefit to the students. Investigations of a unified ticketing system for the Help Desk are underway, which would provide more direct benefit to the students. Both campuses are moving towards the same student billing process, sharing more knowledge, and providing better service in order to provide more direct benefit to the students.



The Library has hired a shared interlibrary loan person. A nice news release on this should be coming out soon. This will provide better service and be a direct benefit to students. We are also piloting a regional scalable inter-library loan model for SUNY. The final details are being worked out which will provide direct benefit to the students.

On the Student Affairs side, earlier conversations on shared services have sparked both colleges to resurrect/reinvigorate the diversity alliances among the local campuses, resulting in the formation of the Affiliated Colleges Diversity Consortium (ACDC) (Potsdam, Canton, St. Lawrence, and Clarkson). A workshop was hosted by SUNY Canton on Thursday, November 8, which was packed with students from all four colleges. SUNY Canton has also reached out to SUNY Potsdam to coordinate an Anti-Hazing Prevention and Education campaign. Both campuses would pool resources and really able to do something powerful. Dr. Mott reported that a “special event” is being worked on. It is in the planning and discussion stage and would highlight benefits of shared services and campus collaboration. She stated that she would share the details when it has been confirmed; it will be a great experience for students. Dr. Mott also stated that there are lots of other opportunities and plans that we are excited about.

Dr. Mott gave an institutional shout-out to the following areas that scored #1 in Tech Sector Ranking in the Student Opinion Survey: Financial Aid Services, College Computer Network, Library Resources and Services, and Advising. A special nod was given to Student Health Services and Personal Counseling for a #2 ranking. Dr. Mott stated that our outstanding staff made this possible.

#### ***Faculty Senate Update***

Brian Harte reported that he recently represented SUNY Canton as the Faculty Senator at the 162<sup>nd</sup> Plenary in October. Concerns were voiced at the plenary regarding the new model and its untested results as far as implementation and the growth of STEM areas. Dr. Harte reported that a resolution was passed in support of each campus having a single president. It was based on the fact that Middle States visitation teams did not show any assessment for effectiveness for a shared president. They believe that each campus should have their own uniqueness and identity which would be accomplished by having their own president. Chancellor Zimpher talked about innovation, job growth, and entrepreneurship. She also encouraged philanthropic efforts to raise money and not be totally dependent on State money. Dr. Harte reported that there was some clarification on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes. Each course will be given an identifier, and those identifiers will result in funding adjustments based on how that course falls into a certain classification. Dr. Harte also reported that there was a discussion and concern in regards to the transitional fund and how it would be used to help those campuses who do not have surpluses. Mr. O’Neill asked if SUNY Canton would be able to keep our surpluses. Dr. Harte indicated that he did not see it as a rob Peter to pay Paul type of situation; he believed that the intent was that no campus receive more than a 10% cut in state funded assistance. Therefore, transitional funds will be provided by SUNY to seven underfunded campuses (as temporary assistance only).

#### ***Athletics Update***

Mr. Sieminski shared with the group that athletics was part of the recent realignment. He thanked David Gerlach for his help over the past few years with athletics. He indicated that there has been amazing progress and additions of several new sports. He also indicated that SUNY Canton is transitioning to the NCAA with this being our provisional year. Mr. Sieminski reported that the volleyball tournament was very exciting as President Schiffner had also mentioned, and five of the

six fall teams participated in their post-seasons. Mr. Sieminski is very optimistic and excited about joining Student Affairs.

***Executive Session***

Chairman O'Neill stated that he had received a request from a Council member to go into Executive Session for the same reason as recorded above.

Mr. Currier made a motion to approve the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

The College Council members and Dr. Schiffner were asked to stay; all others were excused.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:57 a.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

***Adjournment***

Mr. Currier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Young  
Acting Secretary to the College Council