

**SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL**

**244<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

<b>Present:</b>	Jennifer Bernadotte Cecily Morris	Grace Burke Thomas Sauter	Richard Callan	Timothy Currier
<b>Absent:</b>	Anthony LeBarge	Chloe Ann O'Neil	Ronald O'Neill	Roger Sharlow
<b>Others Present:</b>	Charles Fenner Molly Mott	David Gerlach John Nixon	Christine Gray Linda Pellett	Joseph Kennedy Randy Sieminski

***Call to Order***

Mr. O'Neill regrettably was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute. Mr. Sauter served as acting chair in his absence. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sauter at 10:35 a.m.

***Minutes of September 28, 2010***

Mr. Currier made a motion to approve the September 28, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morris and carried.

***New Business***

There was no New Business to report.

***Old Business***

There was no Old Business to report.

***Chairman's Report***

The Chairman's Report was not given due to the absence of Chairman O'Neill.

***President's Report***

President Kennedy briefly mentioned that SUNY received an additional \$900,000 cut. This brings our total loss of state support to \$203,000.

Dr. Kennedy shared with College Council members some of the programs that the campus is doing to help increase college success rates. Two of these programs are Jumpstart and Be Proud. Dr. Kennedy has met with the administration of Heuvelton Central School and shared with them the college success rates for their students. Areas that students seem to be struggling with are English and Math. Similar data has been tabulated for Ogdensburg Free Academy and Canton Central School. Meetings with their administration will follow as well. Dialogue with these schools will continue with hopes of helping their students be more successful.

***Academic Affairs Update***

Provost Pellett reported that the SUNY reviewer has asked questions regarding our new Veterinary Technology, B.S. degree proposal, and she expects it to be approved and sent to the State Education Department soon.

Ms. Pellett was pleased to report that after midterms, out of 120 Nursing (A.A.S.) students, only six appear to be on the edge of not passing.

President Kennedy shared that Dr. Nixon will be retiring in December. Dr. Nixon currently serves as our Faculty Senator.

Dr. Mott and Sandra Livernois arranged to have a Middle States workshop, entitled "Fostering a Culture of Assessment," held on our campus. Linda Suskie from Middle States was the presenter. There were attendees from SUN Canton, SUNY Potsdam, Jefferson Community College, and SUNY Plattsburgh.

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

Ms. Gray reiterated the additional cut to our state support. This was a piece of the \$250 million that the Governor had hoped to get through union negotiations and retirement incentives, but wasn't successful.

State grant funds will be reduced by 1%, which would include our Liberty Partnership grant funds.

There were ten retirements in September, and another ten retirements are expected in December.

Our Director of Financial Aid, Kerrie Cooper, was awarded the New York State Financial Aid Administrators' Association (NYSFAAA) Region VIII Service Award at their annual conference banquet on October 20 in Buffalo, NY.

#### ***Advancement Update***

Vice President Gerlach reported that there are two quiet fundraising campaigns currently happening: The GIVE Campaign and the Building Champions Campaign. The GIVE campaign stands for Giving (Increase donor and alumni participation), Imagining (four-year college spirit and traditions), Visioning (the future potential through philanthropy), and Expanding (support from our faculty, staff, boards, and community). The Building Champions Campaign's goal is to raise \$5-\$8 million in funds to assist with SUNY Canton's mission of providing the best educational experience and resources for our students, alumni, and community. We challenge our students to achieve more; our faculty strive for excellent career-centered programs; and we will provide outstanding athletic facilities for everyone's benefit. Mr. Gerlach is asking campus leadership, Foundation Board of Directors, and College Council members to assist in the fundraising efforts by pointing out prospective donors to him and his staff. He handed out a sheet for this information and asked that it be returned before the next meeting.

Mr. Sieminski reported that the college will be doing an exploratory term with NCAA. We hope to have twelve sports (six male and six female) by 2012. We will be adding Men's Golf, Women's Volleyball, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Lacrosse, and Women's Ice Hockey. The latter two will come in 2012. The new women's volleyball coach will begin in December.

Mr. Sauter asked about the difference in costs between NAIA and NCAA. Going with NCAA will save money on travel costs and will make it easier to recruit student-athletes.

Two male cross-country runners qualified for the national championships. John Kennedy received the Conference Coach of the Year. Our cross-country team currently consists of fifteen male runners and seven female runners.

The After Canton will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Admissions Counselors are feeling good about the enrollment numbers for next year.

### ***Student Affairs Update***

The new residence hall is on target. The furnishings are currently being finalized. The new residence hall will help immensely with college marketing and admissions.

Winterterm numbers continue to increase each year. We are anticipating a 50% growth in numbers. Over sixty students registered on the first day of registration, which was one month earlier. Empire State College is #1 as far as online offerings, because they are strictly online. SUNY Canton is #2!

Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist and associate editor of The Washington Post, is coming to SUNY Canton and will be speaking at 8 p.m. Monday, November 15 in the Richard W. Miller Campus Center's Kingston Theater.

A series of diversity discussions, sponsored by the College Activities Board and the Diversity Office, are being held with students. Faculty members are also attending the discussions. Recent topics of discussion include bullying and domestic violence.

Group dinners are being held once a month with faculty and students. The faculty members choose a topic to talk about. The dinners have been very successful with positive feedback from our faculty.

Miss Bernadotte reported that our Student Government Association and College Activities Board will be attending the Assembly Conference in Binghamton. SUNY Canton is well known with the Assembly, especially the amount of school spirit that we have. We hosted an Assembly Conference here last year, and we hope to host another one.

The College Activities Board will now have a Spirit Coordinator for sporting events.

The students would like to bring popular fraternity and sorority chapters to the campus. When more information is available, Miss Bernadotte will bring this back for discussion.

### ***Executive Session***

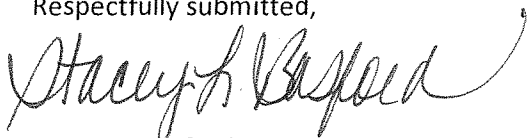
President Kennedy asked that a motion be made to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending lawsuit that one of our Greek organizations is facing. Mr. Currier made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morris and carried. The group went into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m.

Mr. Callan made a motion to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Miss Bernadotte and carried. No motions were made during the Executive Session. The group went back into regular session at 11:29 a.m.

### ***Adjournment***

Ms. Morris made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burke and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Basford  
Secretary to the College Council