# SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

# 275<sup>th</sup> MEETING

## February 28, 2017

Present:	Grace Burke Joseph Rich Nikki Zeitzmann	Chloe Ann O'Neil Thomas Sauter	Ronald O'Neill, Chair Roger Sharlow		
Absent:	Timothy Currier	Cecily Morris	Marie Regan		
Others:	Courtney Bish Anne Sibley Barat Wolfe	Shawn Miller Travis Smith Michaela Young	Douglas Scheidt Zvi Szafran Al Mulkin		
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#### Call to Order

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

He thanked Tom Sauter for chairing the last meeting.

#### **Introductions**

Mr. O'Neill welcomed Al Mulkin, Chief of University Police, to the meeting.

# Minutes of November 1, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Rich made a motion to accept the November 1, 2016, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and approved.

## **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

## Chairman's Report

Chairman O'Neill mentioned the Stan Cohen naming that was approved at the previous meeting. He noted that he did not know Stan as a basketball coach; however, Mr. O'Neill stated that he was an excellent accounting teaching and a great friend and person.

## **President's Report**

Dr. Szafran reported on the status of some new degree programs. He noted that the process to get approval for these takes too long. Recently, the BBA in Agribusiness and the BS in Game Design and Development have been approved by both SUNY and State Ed. There has been good press and comments from people in the community, so these should be good for us. Telecommunications has received SUNY approval, but it still needs approval from State Ed. Several programs have recently received approval from SUNY for distance education purposes, including A.A.S. and A.S. in Business and A.S. and A.A. in General Studies. Hope to hear about several others soon.

Athletics has been accepted into the ACAA conference. Efforts continue to secure a spot in a conference that is more centralized. They are having to deal with pushback from some SUNY

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Presidents not wanting us as a member of a SUNY Conference. Men's basketball won the conference championship and were invited to host (1<sup>st</sup> time ever hosting a championship game) and be in the ECAC championship. That game will be on Wednesday, March 1. Women's hockey is in the semi-finals.

The Center for Diversities and Inclusion had a soft opening. They will do their grand opening in April. They are located in Campus Center, Room 222. Watch for their upcoming programs, as well as Soup Wednesdays for everyone on campus.

Poornima Rathika Belasubramaniam Nanayakkara and Sarah Nuss received the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence this year.

SUNY Canton has been ranked in the Top 100 Nationwide for Online Programs, and there are only three SUNY's on that list. We are also twelfth in the Top 25 Pet-Friendly Campuses and are the only SUNY on that list.

The SUNY Board of Trustees approved an honorary degree for Louise McDonald, Clan Mother of the Akwesasne Nation. Dr. Szafran shared that we are trying to build better relations with the Akwesasne Nation – a few meetings have been held, but it is too early to know the path it will take. The hope is to make SUNY Canton the College that Native Americans choose.

The Campus Visit to System went well. Ten people traveled for the meeting, and we were the only SUNY to bring a student and union president. Several ideas were put forward to help the Colleges of Technology – more funding needed, move as they move. It was noted that the team from System seemed pretty engaged and indicated that we were on the right track.

Dr. Szafran spoke about the Governor's proposed Excelsior Scholarships. He indicated that we are happy to have increased funding for higher education; however, the devil is in the details – it could be good, could be harmful, or could be neutral for us. The proposal still needs to go through the legislature. If it gets approved, it is scheduled to come out this Fall, so we may be scrambling to implement it.

Capital Project funds have been included in the budget proposal; it is only for renovations, but that is still good.

Mr. Sauter asked what the physical capacity is to accept more students if the Excelsior Scholarship proposal is passed. Dr. Szafran stated that nobody knows at this point, as it is not known how many will actually shift; the guess is it would probably be a couple percent. It was noted that we can take a large increase in the number of commuter and/or online students, but it would be limited for residential students, as we are at or over capacity now. Designs have been developed for a new residence hall, but it is premature to consider that at this point. The Chancellor has said that across SUNY the Community Colleges can take 2-5% more, and the Comprehensives and Technology Colleges can take less. There is speculation that there may be a shift from the Community Colleges to the other sectors if the cost turns out to be zero.

The privates face a TAP issue, because they cannot raise tuition more than 2% for fear of losing TAP.

Chairman O'Neill asked what the average debt is for a graduate. Dr. Scheidt noted that it is around \$26,000 when they graduate. Mr. O'Neill stated that he felt something needs to be done in higher education to help with this. An example was shared that people do not want to pay for free tuition but will pay \$50,000 a year to have someone locked up – something needs to be done. Dr. Szafran agreed that it needs to be looked at seriously, and we are working with the Governor's Office, SUNY, and our legislators to see what the details are to be sure they are good for our students. Dr. Szafran added that work readiness programs are being considered by some faculty for people who are incarcerated and being released soon.

## Academic Affairs Update

Dr. Scheidt reported that PR and Admissions are already hard at work on promoting the new degrees that Dr. Szafran mentioned. Technological Communications and Mechatronics bachelor degrees have been approved at SUNY and are now at State Ed. Cyber Security and Early Childhood Management are at SUNY under review. And, two of our associate degrees that are embedded in two of our bachelor degrees online are being registered; they have been approved by SUNY and are at State Ed for approval. He shared that there are a lot of things in the pipeline, and we should be hearing about them by summer.

#### Administrative Affairs Update

Ms. Miller reported that the budget is stable. The numbers are flat, and we are able to maintain what we have and move forward. The hope is that the new programs will bring in new students to increase revenue.

There is a concern regarding the new union contracts and what will be approved for salary increases. PEF received a 2% increase, and the belief is that UUP and CSEA will follow with the same or something very similar. This would mean we would have to come up with an extra \$380,000. If they also get a 1% discretionary increase, it would move that figure to over \$500,000. The timing will be key – sometimes it is retroactive and sometimes it is not.

Dr. Szafran added that we are budgeting very conservatively.

Ms. Miller shared that we have been allotted \$33m in capital funds over a five-year period. We have projects that are ready to go as soon as the budget passes – Chaney Dining Center, exterior of Dana Hall and possibly the interior, waterlines and sewer projects, and infrastructure projects.

## Advancement Update

Ms. Sibley reported that the year has been progressing well. As of January 30, their fundraising efforts totaled \$396,000, which is not quite halfway, but there are a few large gifts that are in the works. She stated that everyone is working hard.

She shared that they have been working hard to improve the participation rate, as they knew that needed to be addressed. They are doing a lot more outreach, and as of December 31, the participation rate was 92%.

Events have been held in Florida, Texas, and around New York State. They held a NYC business networking event, which was new and went very well. There will be events in Albany and Syracuse in April. The Stan Cohen naming was held in December and was well attended. The hope was to hold the

Al Sovie ceremony in December also, but he passed away. They are moving forward with a Nursing Open House on March 6 in an effort to showcase the facility in hopes of securing some funds for lab equipment; all are welcome to attend. They were hoping to unveil the naming as well, but some issues have come up and are being worked through.

There have been five new endowments approved.

Advancement participated in Engineers' Week; they hosted an Excellence in Leadership speaker, Mark Bondoni '82, who also spoke in some classes. He brought a diesel engine for the Automotive class and had students fully focused on him. They plan to host an Industry Leaders dinner later this week.

Ms. Sibley spoke about an online donor initiative that they are working on. They were approached in NYC by an alum who had never set foot on campus, but he wanted to visit. They are looking at ways to reach those that have never been on campus – linked interaction. They are hoping to incorporate it into Alumni Weekend.

#### Faculty Senate Update

Barat Wolfe reported that our campus is hosting the Faculty Senate Plenary in April. The Chancellor is scheduled to be there. She reported that at the last Senate meeting the Excelsior Scholarship was a very popular topic. Faculty raised a concern regarding the effect on grades if a student cannot fail a class due to needing 15 credits. Barat also reported that the Senate requested a SWAT analysis for the next Plenary on what will be communicated to the new Chancellor. And, she shared that several resolutions were passed, including the Sanctuary Campus resolution.

Mr. Sauter inquired about the faculty concern with regard to failing a class and grades. Dr. Wolfe clarified that faculty were concerned about being able to give a grade of F. There was also a concern about enrollments being down due to students waiting to see if tuition was going to be free before they enrolled. Dr. Szafran explained that this concern was among the SUNY-wide faculty senate, and he stated that this concern was also raised during his discussions as well. He reminded everyone that this sort of thing has happened in the past (i.e., fear of being drafted during Vietnam War caused grade inflation, as well as in other states for similar things). Mr. Sauter expressed that he hoped we would not do that here. It was pointed out that there are safety nets – 30 credits by the end of the year and creation of a second seven-week rescue course to regain/keep 15 credits. Mr. Sharlow asked if there was a defined timeline of when they would be thrown out if they failed. Dr. Szafran shared that he has had discussions on who holds the bag if this happens – college, student, or state? There have been no clear answers on any of this.

Mr. Smith added that the republicans are proposing an alternative to a raise in TAP. It was noted that that would be better for us.

## **Public Relations Update**

Travis shared that there has been a website upgrade, which is mobile friendly on every device. There are more bios, informational graphics, and photos. They were able to accomplish something that normally costs thousands of dollars in just a few months and at zero cost.

He also shared that we have just been approved for STEM Jobs for the fourth consecutive year; the press release will be coming out in the next week or so. Both Summer Session and Winterterm had record enrollments for the third year in a row. They will be starting to advertise for Summer Session through Open SUNY tomorrow in hopes of having a fourth year of record enrollments.

For Engineers' Week, some of the events include an alumni panel discussion, a career fair, an open house with a zip line competition, and an industry dinner. Also, Jerry Bartlett will give a presentation on his Centurion (backyard-built super car).

# Student Affairs Update

Ms. Bish shared a funny story regarding the borrowing of a Zamboni machine and driving it through town to allow the women's hockey game to continue. A thanks went out to the Canton Pavilion, and it was mentioned that the viral video received 27,000 hits. She also shared that we have been hosting Section X games lately, and Admissions has been there to recruit.

Ms. Bish reported that the housing numbers are good - 989, as well as the GPAs - 2.81 overall, 2.96 student-athletes, and 2.70 Greeks.

# Student Government Update

Ms. Zeitzmann reported that the Student Government is very busy. She recently attended the SUNY Student Assembly meeting in Albany where they discussed numerous resolutions, including ones on sustainability, veteran-friendly campuses, and black lives matter. Nikki shared that many of the resolutions that were passes are ones that SUNY Canton is already in support of or already doing.

She reported that during the semester break four cell phone charging stations were installed around campus. This was a Student Government Association effort, and they are very proud to be able to bring this to campus. The charging stations seem to be very popular.

Ms. Zeitzmann shared that they unveiled the Club and Organization banners, and she expressed appreciation for the support on this effort. There are about 40-45 clubs and organizations on campus this year; it was noted that the number is not as high as in the past. One idea being explored to help increase participation is a co-curricular interactive software for online and commuter students. They are starting to stream meetings to get other clubs and organizations interested in doing it also, which could allow online and commuter students to become involved.

The student body is doing well. SGA is working on activities that are friendly and varied to try to engage more students. Turnouts to events have been very positive.

Lastly, Nikki shared that she recently attended a SUNY Student Government Presidents' conference in Albany. This conference gives SG Presidents a chance to work together to share ideas and collaborate on events. One topic of discussion was the Excelsior Scholarships. They also discussed three categories that were the focus for budget priorities for next year:

- Support Section ~ Excelsior Scholarship, predictable tuition plan, investment fund, and capital fund
- Programmatic Initiatives ~ EOP, EOC, Attain, disproportionate hospital share payments, SUNY teaching hospitals, children care, and GAP funding for Community Colleges

• Enhanced Funding ~ investment fund, capital fund, hospital capital projects, EOP, EOC, Attain, Community Colleges, and child care

Dr. Szafran introduced the metric sheet (see attached). He explained that it is being used to look at various data on campus. It has also been shared with the Campus Leadership Group and union representatives for UUP. He mentioned that we are trying to build a culture on campus where we can discuss anything without fear of repercussion. Chairman O'Neill asked what the online enrollment number meant. It was stated that we need to check with Sarah to be sure what was included, and we recognize that we need to define certain metrics.

Mr. Rich asked about the withdrawal rate of students, where we stand compared to the average and what the cost is to the campus. Dr. Szafran replied that should be going down as our retention rates are going up.

Chairman O'Neill asked about the average GPA for online students vs. residential students. Dr. Scheidt stated that they are about parallel – Fall 2016 - 2.63 online and 2.67 residential. A discussion followed regarding fully online students living in the residence halls and reasons why this may happen. It was noted that there are not that many, maybe three at any given time.

Mr. O'Neill shared that Bob Regan had a heart attack, and the hospital offers a link to send an electronic get-well card to patients if you would like to send one. It was also shared that Dan Fay had surgery, and he is doing well.

# New Business

## **Naming Resolution**

Anne Sibley presented a naming resolution for Ray Modell (see attached). Mr. Modell is a member of the Alumni Board and has been inducted into the SUNY Canton Hall of Fame. He has given a gift totaling \$750,000, and they are proposing a naming of the Veterans' Lounge.

Ms. O'Neil made a motion to approve the Raymond G. Modell '62 Veterans Lounge naming resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and approved.

## **Student Handbook Revision**

Ms. Bish explained that the student handbook revision (see attached) was a change in age for visitors to residence halls. It currently is 16, but there have been issues in the past. The change raises the age to 17.

Dr. Burke made a motion to approve the Student Handbook Revision – Change in Age for Visitors to Residence Halls. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich and approved.

## **Police Academy Update**

Potsdam has been doing a number of initiatives to help increase their enrollments, and one place that they did this is by creating a "police academy"; however, this is an issue because competes with us. Due to the fact that this is not a program, it does not go through the normal program submission process; therefore, there is no comment period or review by SUNY. However, it was indirectly funded by SUNY with money they received for their Applied Learning Center. We reacted, and an MOU was drafted

indicating the following: their police would still be sent to us for training, they would cease calling it a policy academy and would call it a center for law enforcement (or something similar), and they would restrict enrollment to only their own students. Essentially, this is applied learning for their sociology majors and criminal justice majors. The MOU was shared with Mr. Mulkin, and he was okay with it. Potsdam was told that we were prepared to sign it; however, there were a number of things that needed to be changed – web posts, application materials, how they conduct interviews, and promotional wear. Dr. Szafran contacted Dr. Esterberg again, and she agreed to take care of it. Dr. Szafran followed up a couple of weeks later, as things still had not been done. He asked her why it had not been addressed, and she indicated that we needed to give her time. Dr. Szafran expressed that that was not acceptable, and it needed to be done. A subsequent email had to be sent due to non-compliance of issues; no response has been received.

Mr. O'Neill asked when we became aware of this issue. A discussion followed as to when it actually was. Ms. Miller explained that Potsdam initially presented it differently and made it seem like it was okay, but then, it took a turn. Dr. Szafran added that we were not happy with it, but part of the issue is that the Chancellor is pushing the initiative to make all campuses have applied learning. It was also noted that when we initially checked it was only for their students. It was stated that we want to work collegially and not run to SUNY as they do not approve these types of things, and it was noted that past practice has favored the comprehensives. It was recognized that we may need to give up on trying to work collegially.

Mr. Rich noted that often funds that are given are for specific criteria. It was stated that part of the problem is that SUNY has told the campuses that are in the red to fix it, and it will compete with us and others. In order for us to stay ahead, we need to be funded more. Mr. Sauter stated that we can control what we do, say, and write; he feels we should lead as we do in the police academy and in our online programs - Promote It, Promote It. It was mentioned that we should invest internally if need be. Dr. Szafran shared that he did have a meeting to discuss this and is following a two-prong strategy – do just what Mr. Sauter suggests above and, at the same time, address deficiencies here regarding doing great things that are never shared, but this is being worked on. Dr. Szafran added that we are working on doing a second police academy for the summer. He also shared that the second prong would be to box them into what we are comfortable with. Mr. Sauter agreed that turnaround is fair play and suggested that we might want to consider offering a degree in Acoustical Engineering. Dr. Szafran shared that we have pulled back on somethings to show them there are consequences. Mr. Sharlow reminded everyone that over the past few years we have had to work to distinguish ourselves at certain times and share in certain areas. It is important that we do not forget that, and Potsdam needs to be reminded that we each excel in certain areas and collaborations will be determined by each other's actions. He feels that over the years we have missed some opportunities. Dr. Burke stated that she felt it was good to move to action as we may have been too laid back. In the interest of full disclosure, Dr. Szafran explained that this is not the only problem we are running into. He shared another example of how the process allows for each campus to comment on other campuses degree programs, which can become a back-and-forth exchange that extends the approval process. The example was of how Plattsburgh pushed back on our Cyber Security degree, because they already offer this degree. Their argument was that the population in the North Country is shrinking, so additional degree programs in this area are going to erode enrollments. The rebuttal pointed out that that argument could be made about any program, which is not true as we recruit statewide. What really needs to be determined is how much demand is there statewide for this program. The block caused SUNY to contact us. Dr. Szafran was surprised to learn that SUNY

did not have a policy or procedure to deal with this – campus X wants to do something that campus Y does not want them to do. Dr. Scheidt created a policy regarding this and presented it to them – decisions should be based on mission of the institution, demand, and capacity of the campus to do what they are proposing. This has been more or less adopted by SUNY. We were asked to have a discussion with Plattsburgh, who in the meantime had put forward a degree in Robotics. We were fully against this because we had already submitted a degree in Mechatronics, which is robotics. Long discussions happened between the presidents and the provosts; the outcome was – they agreed to withdraw their robotics track in engineering and stick to just the computing end, which is reasonable since they already have computing; and they would withdraw their objection to Cyber Security. This current process presents a problem, as any degree proposal will get pushback as everyone is worried about erosion of their numbers.

Chairman O'Neill asked why we did not object in March. Dr. Scheidt explained that part of the Chancellor's mission is to bring applied learning to all campuses, and subsequently, Potsdam was funded for a Center of Applied Learning. He went on to say that their Law Enforcement degree is very different than ours – ours is very applied – it initially was really to solely enhance their Criminal Justice program, and then, it transformed and was labeled a Police Academy. It was not for college credit in March, just building a 12-credit course, but then changed. Mr. O'Neill asked why our members did not say no. Mr. Mulkin explained that, at that point, no one thought it was going to go anywhere. Some steps have been taken to try to stop it – all the Police Chiefs have stated that they are only going to use SUNY Canton's Policy Academy graduates to fill St. Lawrence County jobs. Anyone going through the Potsdam institute still needs to go through our academy. Also, Police Chiefs have agreed that any extra training done will include our Police Academy regardless of if it is held here or not. And, Chief Mulkin is working to bring a lot more trainings to our campus. Dr. Szafran stated that he recognizes we need to market ourselves much more aggressively, circumscribe what they are doing as much as possible, and respond faster. Mr. Mulkin stated that he recognizes that he may have needed to bring it to the President sooner. Mr. O'Neill had a concern that the Department of Criminal Justice was the one to approve this and not SUNY, which means that Potsdam could change what they are doing at any point.

Another concern was also mentioned about campuses being able to contact good people from other campuses to hire them. There is no policy against this, and it is driving up costs when there is no extra money. It is felt that this is unethical. Dr. Szafran has raised this with SUNY. Dr. Burke asked if our former Director of the Police Academy is now theirs. Yes, he is now – not sure how that happened.

Mr. Rich agrees that we need to get the word out and do a big push. Mr. Sharlow asked if we could do a big ad focusing on our Police Academy. Dr. Szafran stated that we are pushing more strongly to promote, and their efforts have not hurt us yet, as we have the largest class ever with 31 students. Mr. Smith added that a big piece was done on the Academy. Dr. Szafran agrees with the direction that the Council wants us to go, but he reminded everyone that we are the second lowest funded campus in the SUNY system. If we were funded the same as Potsdam, we would have \$3 – 5m more to use for these things, and this also has been brought to SUNY.

Chairman O'Neill asked Barat about the number of full-time vs. part-time faculty, specifically if the number of full-time faculty has increased. Barat responded that she knows there is a search going on for a full-time faculty member in Applied Psychology right now. She indicated that maybe the Provost could speak to this better. Dr. Szafran stated that the Union asked us about this and we shared this

information was them through the dashboard. In terms of credits or courses taught, roughly 75% are taught by full-time faculty, which is a vast improvement. It was asked how this compares to other technology colleges. The response was that we are quite high. It was noted that this is good overall, but we do need to look at our entry courses, which usually attract more adjuncts. It was noted that it is easier to attract adjuncts for online courses also.

#### **Executive Session**

Chairman O'Neill stated that the Council plans to go into executive session to discuss the awards and then return to the regular session. Everyone is welcome to wait for the regular session to resume, but they do not have to.

Ms. O'Neil made a motion to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich and approved at 10:55 a.m.

#### **Regular Session Resumed**

Ms. Zeitzmann made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and approved at 11:20 a.m.

The Council would like to review the award policies. Michaela was asked to research policies that other SUNY campuses use. A committee was set up to review this – Tom, chair, Nikki, Roger, Chloe Anne, and Michaela.

The Council approved all of the Awards Committee's recommendations for the 2017 College Council Awards.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Sauter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich and approved at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Young Secretary to the College Council

## Strategic Plan Metrics

Promote Academic Excellence	Desired Trend	2 Years Prior	<u>1 Year Prior</u>	<u>Actual</u>	2016 Target	2020 Target
Fall to Fall FTFT Retention Rate		67%	63%	66%	68%	73%
FTFT Graduation Rate		29%	30%	36%	31%	37%
FTFT Six-Year Completion Rate		34%	36%	41%	39%	50%
Degrees Conferred		968	1071	869	902	1372
Improve Operational Effectiveness						
Total Grant Funding		\$2.9 mil	\$1.7 mil	\$1.84 mil	\$1.75 mil	\$1.9 mil
Out-of-state Enrollment		148	151	181	204	304
Student Loan Default Rate	$\overline{\nabla}$	17.4%	12.3%	11.9%	15.9%	13.0%
Optimize Enrollment						
Fall Enrollment		3282	3195	3241	3398	3800
Online Enrollment		638	716	762	no target set	
% Seats Enrolled		-	76%	77%	77%	80%
Drive Decisions with Relevant Information						
Focus on Sustainability						
Reduce Energy Usage by 20% by 2020	$\nabla$	-	-14.5%	-11.4%	-15.6%	-20%
Create an Active and Enriching Campus Life						
% International	1	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%	3.0%
% Student Minority		27%	29%	30%	no target set	
% Faculty Minority		15%	14%	17%	h no target set	
Build Greater Awareness of SUNY Canton						
Applications	1	3119	2836	3018	3269	5000
Alumni Donating		1040	872	820	932	1169

# The Raymond G. Modell '62 Veterans Lounge

#### **Brief Biography of Honoree & Justification:**

Raymond G. Modell attended SUNY Canton from 1960-1962 after receiving an honorary discharge for serving in the United States Air Force during the late 1950s. Having been raised in a farming family in the Syracuse area, Mr. Modell was the first of his family to attend and graduate from college. He went on to have a successful career with General Electric and Niagara Mohawk.

Since graduating, Mr. Modell has remained a strong supporter of SUNY Canton, both financially and as an advocate through his service on the Alumni Association Board. Mr. Modell has made gifts to the Canton College Foundation every year since 1982, and in 2000, he established the Modell Family Endowed Scholarship that is awarded annually to a student in the Electrical Engineering Program. Mr. Modell is a member of the Payson-Martin Society and has made plans for a significant gift to SUNY Canton through his estate.

Mr. Modell served on the Alumni Association Board from 2001-2007, during which time he was extremely active and served as a leader and role model to others on the board. Finally, Mr. Modell was inducted into the SUNY Canton Hall of Fame in 2012 in recognition of personal achievement and dedication to the College.

Naming the Veterans Lounge after Mr. Modell is an appropriate honor for his sustained dedication to SUNY Canton throughout his life. As someone who was a student veteran himself, he understands the needs our current veterans have to transition back into civilian life while completing their education. The Veterans Lounge is a significant resource for our student veterans and is highly regarded for the support that is offered through this space. It is fitting that someone whose philanthropic mission is to help others would be honored by naming a space that strives to do just the same.

# **Resolution**

# The Raymond G. Modell '62 Veterans Lounge

**WHEREAS**, Raymond G. Modell has a passion for ensuring both access to higher education and success for students through support services, and wishes to support veterans in all ways possible; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Lounge provides a safe-space for veterans to manage the transition from active service to civilian life while they focus on their education; and

*WHEREAS*, Raymond G. Modell has pledged \$50,000 to name the Veterans Lounge; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the College Council of the State University of New York, College of Technology at Canton, designates the Veterans Lounge in Cook Hall, this the twenty-eighth day of February, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Ronald M. O'Neill Chairman, College Council Zvi Szafran President

#### Page 58 and Page 63 of Student Handbook:

### **Current Policy:**

#### **Children in Residence Halls**

Children under 16 years of age are not permitted in the residence halls unless accompanied by a legal guardian, College employee, or a sibling who resides in the residence hall who is at least 18 years old. Under no circumstances is an individual under 16 years of age to be allowed in the residence halls after 9 p.m. or before 9 a.m., unless they are participating in a College organized program. An individual must be at least 16 years old and a full-time student to reside in the residence halls.

#### **Suggested Policy Revision:**

#### **Children in Residence Halls**

Children under 17 years of age are not permitted in the residence halls unless accompanied by a legal guardian, College employee, or a sibling who resides in the residence hall who is at least 18 years old. Under no circumstances is an individual under 17 years of age to be allowed in the residence halls after 9 p.m. or before 9 a.m., unless they are participating in a College organized program. An individual must be at least 16 years old and A full-time matriculated student who is 16 years of age may reside in the residence halls with guardian permission.