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SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

258th MEETING

March 26, 2013

Present:	Chairman Ronald O'Neill Thomas Sauter	Chloe Ann O'Neil Roger Sharlow	Joseph Rich Marie Regan
Absent:	Cecily Morris Nafeesa Johnson	Grace Burke	Timothy Currier
Others:	President Carli Schiffner David Gerlach Natalie Higley Michaela Young	Ryan Deuel Brian Harte Molly Mott	Elizabeth Erickson David Hartle Karen Spellacy
Guests:	Dr. Martin & 3 Members of Middle States Team		

Call to Order

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chairman O'Neill introduced two new College Council members – Marie Regan and Joseph Rich. Marie previously taught at SUNY Canton and is currently the supervisor of Potsdam as well as being involved with North County Power. Joe is the founder of the Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO) and a member of the bank board. Mr. O'Neill asked everyone else to introduce themselves.

Middle States

A few members of the Middle States Visitation Team joined the College Council meeting to gather information for their report to Middle States. They asked the Council several questions such as how members get appointed and what the role of the Council is. The Council members answered their questions, and they discussed SUNY Canton's presidential vacancy along with the process of filling that vacancy.

Minutes of February 5, 2013

Mr. Sauter made a motion to approve the February 5, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Sauter made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried at 9:41 a.m.

The group resumed the regular session at 9:58 a.m.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

New Business

College Council Awards

Ms. Regan made a motion to approve John Gray, Jr. for the 2013 College Council Award of Distinguished Citizen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and carried.

Mr. Sharlow made a motion to approve Ray Krisciunas for the 2013 College Council Award of Distinguished Faculty. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried.

Mr. Sauter made a motion to approve Renee Campbell for the 2013 College Council Award of Employee Recognition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rich and carried.

Mr. Sauter made a motion to approve Dennis Tuper and Paul Hitchman for the 2013 College Council Award of Excellence in College Service. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried.

Mr. Sauter asked about the hiring moratorium as he has concerns about doing any hiring prior to a new president being named. It was stated that the hiring moratorium was re-imposed to stop raises and promotions.

Administrative Affairs Update

Ms. Higley updated the Council on recent budget issues. Currently, SUNY is dealing with the teaching hospitals – Downstate and Upstate. Depending on what happens with them, it could affect other campuses in the SUNY system.

Chief of Staff/PR Update

Mr. Deuel offered a clarification on an earlier topic of what the difference between an interim and acting president is. Mr. Deuel gave an update on the wind turbine project. He provided some background information as well – in 2006, NYPA approached SUNY Canton about collaboration on a wind turbine project. The power that would be generated from the turbine would come to the campus first for use and then go out to the grid. A public information session has been tentatively set for April 16. Mr. Deuel also reported that they met with Assemblywoman Russell during SUNY Day; they tried to meet with others, but they were not able to. Mr. Deuel and President Schiffner made a legislative ask to be able to use SUNY Canton's existing capital funds.

Student Affairs Update

Dr. Mott reported to the Council that the Middle States reviewer for Student Affairs is very rigorous.

Advancement Update

Mr. Gerlach reported that the College Foundation budget is being prepared. He indicated that there has been a three- to four-year struggle in fundraising; the instability of campus leadership led to non-commitment of giving large donations. The budget will probably be presented as a deficit, but there are reserves. Mr. Gerlach presented a plan to increase giving; the Advancement staff will be celebrating the success of having a direction for leadership of the College. They will launch a three-year campaign to accomplish this. Mr. Gerlach reported on a one-week, great success in Florida that has been in the works for five years. He also asked the College Council to help by setting the sense of normalcy. Mr. Rich suggested that the Foundation might want to look into matching donations and moving the positive news forward.

Faculty Affairs Update

Ms. Erickson reported that Chairman O’Neill will attend the Faculty Assembly meeting in April to offer information on the updated presidential search guidelines and clarification on the Presidential Search based on interim and acting positions. Ms. Erickson also invited Mr. Kraushaar to attend the April Faculty Assembly meeting for further explanation on the search process.

Academic Affairs Update

Provost Spellacy reported that a Registrar has been hired – Memorie Champine. She also reported that many searches are ongoing, and the Middle States visit will be coming to an end.

Provost Spellacy shared with the Council that she is working to take several temp service lines and move them to lecturer positions. They are also working to establish a process for first-time students to create their own schedule through campus and phone advising and a New York City event.

Provost Spellacy reported that enrollment numbers are down; this is due to several factors – deposits are down, guidelines are being followed, negativity hurts, and quick applications are not used anymore. Ms. Spellacy further reported that enrollment is down SUNY-wide. Admissions is looking at special programs to boost numbers such as fee waivers for STEM program applicants if they meet a certain GPA and holding call nights.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman O’Neill asked if the College Council meetings are advertised. Mr. Deuel and Ms. Young explained where the information was located. Mr. Deuel said he would work on marketing the meetings more.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Adjournment

Ms. O’Neil made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and carried at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Young
Acting Secretary to the College Council