

SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

246TH MEETING

MARCH 29, 2011

Present:	Grace Burke Roger Sharlow	Timothy Currier Jennifer Bernadotte	Cecily Morris	Ronald O’Neill
Absent:	Richard Callan	Chloe Ann O’Neil	Thomas Sauter	
Others Present:	Ryan Deuel Molly Mott	Charles Fenner Karen Spellacy	Christine Gray Linda Pellett	Joseph Kennedy Randy Sieminski

Call to Order

Chairman O’Neill called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman O’Neill briefly stated that the conversation to discuss regulations and the College Council’s role in governing student conduct and behavior will be tabled until the next meeting.

President’s Report

President Kennedy reported that we have a budget, but it has not been voted on or signed by the Governor yet. In this budget, there is no restoration given back to us; however, he believes that the restoration to the hospital universities will help us in the end. Dr. Kennedy stated that our cut would be about 1.5 million, and he believes that we can manage that. However, the outcomes to having to use our reserves will be fewer employees over the next 18 months, and the money that is used will be gone without being replenished. He reported that we will probably not see any revenue from a tuition increase this year, but hopes that in Fall 2012 we will get it. The amount that we will be able to keep in revenue is still unknown; however, the Board of Trustees is working on a plan for us to keep all of the tuition not just the increase.

Roger Sharlow asked Dr. Kennedy if this was the worst that it has been. Dr. Kennedy replied no.

Academic Affairs Update

Linda Pellett reported that Academic Affairs is continuing with special programming for the Fall. A cap of 90 has been applied to the Be Proud program, pre-CJ certificate students. A summer program for EOP has been developed to help with retention, and a second version of the Jump Start program will also begin.

Ms. Pellett also reported on the BOCES DL program which delivers Liberal Arts and has started to take part in some math courses. The DL room supports GERs of Expository Writing, two sections in the Fall, and Approaches to Literature, one section in the Spring, that are needed in college. The Math Department is working on a math course that meets Gen Ed requirements without being algebra based, so more math courses can be brought to the high schools. A more advanced Skpe system is needed to fully take advantage of these opportunities. The DL program is a great PR tool for us, and the high school students think it is a big deal and are very proud.

Ms. Pellett provided an update on the Applied Psychology degree. It is still being held up in the Office of the Professions, and Cobleskill and Morrisville are also being held up as well. She will continue to follow up on it.

Dr. Kennedy added that he has been working on a new project with Heuvelton Central School. He learned that many do not do well in their first college English class, so the plan is to embed our English 101 (Expository Writing) and Approaches to Literature with English 12. There are 46 students to go through the two college courses by the end of their senior year. Details are still being worked out, and revenue sources are being researched. Dr. Kennedy stated that we would credential teachers and utilize our adjuncts, and it would be set up similar to an online class except the homework would be done in class. Dr. Kennedy indicated that Madrid-Waddington approached him to see what we could offer them.

Dr. Kennedy was asked what the direct cost to us would be, and he stated about \$8,000 per year.

Administrative Affairs Update

Chris Gray reported that the Convocation, Athletic, and Recreation Center (CARC) would be available for Commencement. We will be working in the building as a campus on May 16, but Athletics, the Fitness Center, and the pool will not be moved in/open yet. Move in will begin on June 1.

Ms. Gray stated that phone interviews are being conducted today for the new CARC hires – two SUNY campus workers, one janitor. She also reported that the Director of Operations initial search failed, but the second one is still receiving resumes. This position would be responsible for managing and marketing the facility. It is the College's hope that the CARC will produce revenue.

Ms. Gray also reported that we are involved in the Great Colleges to Work For survey. The results will be out in the summer.

Six weeks ago, SUNY sent out a request for any of the campuses that needed to increase broad-based fees. It is expected that the technology, athletic, and health fees will increase 2%. The recreational fee increased to \$34/semester and will help to support the pool expenses.

SUNY wants to implement a plan on July 1 that will help the Division of Budget understand that our reserves are restricted. These reserves may show a cash balance, but most of the time, it is already allocated. This money is a one-time allotment that helps us plan for new projects, restorations, and renovations.

Ms. Gray gave an update on some project areas. Dana Hall will be opened on July 1 and will house various office spaces along with gym capabilities. The substation is back under construction and should be cut over this summer. The next phase of Nevaldine will begin at the end of this semester. There will be three classrooms in Nevaldine with DL capabilities as well as classrooms in the new Residence Hall and the CARC. There have been problems getting the contract for the consultant for the Wicks Hall project. It was rejected; we need to resubmit.

Advancement Update

Randy Sieminski reported for Dave Gerlach. The CARC and the new Residence Hall have been helping our enrollment numbers. The largest Open House, 119 students, was last Friday. The students

attending finished the day with a tour of the CARC, and we took in 85 deposits. Mr. Sieminski also reported that applications, acceptances, and deposits were all up.

The new Residence Hall is filling with returning and new non-traditional and transfer students.

He also indicated that transfers are high; however, he wished they would be transferring to the junior level to fill the bachelor degrees but that is not always true.

Athletics is expanding. We are adding or hope to add at a future time men's golf, women's lacrosse (need a coach for), men's lacrosse, and women's volleyball.

Randy handed out information on different ways to donate to the CARC.

Chief of Staff Update

Ryan Deuel gave an update on the digester project. He indicated that there was little movement on it because NYPA has not responded to us regarding what funding is left. It is at a standstill right now.

The wind project is moving ahead. Bids have been received, and NYPA wants us to visit Maple Ridge Wind Farm in Lowville to see how that farm operates.

Ryan reported on the closing of the Lifelong Learning Office. This decision was made in part because of the continued struggle on what the mission of this office was supposed to be, and because there is no state money for a community service office.

Student Affairs Update

Dr. Mott reported that the new Residence Hall is pretty much on schedule, only one week behind. We have filled 285 beds with room for transfers. Now, we need to fill the current residence halls. Molly reported that Chris Gray, Courtney Bish, Mike McCormick, and she have weekly planning meetings for renovations/upgrades to the current residence halls.

The technology upgrades should be completed this summer providing wireless coverage on campus and adding videoing conference rooms on campus. The Degree Audit System will be in place soon and will help to alleviate some of the Deans' workload. The Banner Document Management System is being implemented now.

Dr. Mott reported that the UP Office will be torn down, and the offices will be moved to Dana Hall. The current location of these offices will be used to build a pressure house with grant money that we have received. The pressure house is similar to a regular home but is used for testing and training purposes.

Lastly, Dr. Mott reported that the finalization of the wellness and smoking initiatives are underway.

Jennifer Bernadotte reported that SUNY Canton won the Go Hard or Go Home competition between them and Potsdam. The competition involved singing, dancing, and/or stepping. Clarkson and SLU were invited to join but were not able to at this point.

She also reported that the Student Assembly conference is coming up on April 8.

Minutes of February 1, 2011

Mr. Currier made a motion to approve the February 1, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bernadotte and carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Executive Session

Ms. Morris made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the nominations for the four College Council Awards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried at 10:52 a.m.

The group resumed the regular session at 11:10 a.m.

There was no action taken in the Executive Session.

New Business

The following have been awarded the 2011 College Council Awards for:

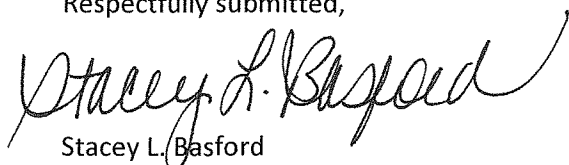
Distinguished Faculty Award – Maureen Maiocco
Distinguished Citizen Award – Michael and Barbara Maresca
Excellence in College Service Award – Melinda Miller
Employee Recognition Award – Tammy Carr

Mr. Sharlow made a motion to approve the 2011 College Council Award winners. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burke and carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Currier made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burke and carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Basford
Secretary to the College Council