

SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

246<sup>th</sup> MEETING

MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

<b>Present:</b>	Jennifer Bernadotte Ronald O'Neill Roger Sharlow	Timothy Currier Grace Burke Chloe Ann O'Neil	Cecily Morris Richard Callan
<b>Absent:</b>	Thomas Sauter		
<b>Others:</b>	Ryan Deuel Christine Gray Linda Pellet	Charles Fenner Joseph Kennedy Karen Spellacy	Randy Sieminski Molly Mott Daynelle Richards

**Call to Order**

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Minutes of March 29, 2011**

Mr. Callan made a motion to approve the March 29, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

**New Business**

Student Handbook revisions were presented by Vice President Mott. A motion was made by Mr. Currier to accept the revisions as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

Advisory Committee appointments/reappointments were presented by Provost Pellett. A motion was made by Ms. O'Neil to accept the advisory committee appointments and reappointments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morris and carried.

The 2009-2010 President's Annual Report was presented by President Kennedy. A motion was made by Mr. Callan to accept the report as the College Council's 2009-10 Annual Report to the SUNY Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman O'Neill did not have anything to report. He presented a gift to Jennifer Bernadotte in appreciation of her work as the student representative of the College Council.

**President's Report**

President Kennedy reported that the year has gone very well and asked the Vice President's Group to provide their updates.

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

Provost Pellett reported that the College has been awarded the Smart Scholars Grant, which will allow students from Ogdensburg Free Academy and Massena Central to take college credits. The finishing touches on the Heuvelton Central School project are being done and will commence on September 6. These students will be taking six credits of English embedded in their English 12 class. Additionally, the Provost reported that the line charges for BOCES have decreased by \$15,000.

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

Vice President Gray distributed a campus map that detailed the current construction projects on campus. She also reported that the Roos House has temporary certification of occupancy and is 95 % completed. Additionally, Mrs. Gray reported that we will not have budget numbers until sometime in June. The SUNY tuition bill is still being discussed, and the Legislature will be introducing a plan to increase tuition. The budget is to be discussed at the June 1 Presidents' Meeting.

### ***Advancement Update***

Mr. Sieminski reported that the Admissions Office is pacing toward a record number of applications received (6,000). Paid deposits are up 200 students from last year. Continuing students are also up (two-year graduates returning for four-year degrees); subsequently, the number of students in our baccalaureate programs has increased. Mr. Callan asked what our GPA cutoff was for admission into the College. Mr. Sieminski responded that 81% of students admitted to SUNY Canton have a GPA of 75 or above.

Mr. Sieminski also gave an update on athletics. We are looking to move to NCAA and have filed an application for an NCAA Exploratory Year. We will have a decision by mid-June. Once our exploratory year is completed, the College will move into a three-year Provisional Stage, which has more rigorous requirements and a higher financial commitment.

Mr. Sieminski brought up naming rights for discussion. There was discussion on what level the College Council should be involved in approving naming rights. Mr. Sieminski made the suggestion that College Council approval begin at the \$50,000 level. Chairman O'Neill asked members of the College Council for comments. Mr. Sharlow and Miss Bernadotte responded that \$50,000 was appropriate. President Kennedy mentioned that perhaps \$25,000 should be approved by the College Council. Ms. O'Neil agreed with President Kennedy and the rest of the College Council agreed. Mr. Callan made a motion that naming rights of \$25,000 and over require College Council approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried.

Mr. Sieminski also brought up for discussion inductions into the newly-created SUNY Canton Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to honor people who have had a significant positive impact on the campus community. It also allows the College to reach out to alumni. The plan is to induct members in groups of 25. Mr. Sieminski asked whether the College Council should approve each inductee into the Hall of Fame. President Kennedy suggested that perhaps an alternative would be to have a College Council representative on the naming committee. Miss Bernadotte made a motion that a College Council representative be appointed to the naming committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

### **Chief of Staff Update**

Chief of Staff Deuel reported that the College is working with NYPA on a wind turbine project and has received five or six bids to install the wind turbines. NYPA has reviewed the bids; the campus will finance the project via NYPA and pay back the costs through energy savings. Additionally, the College has just finished a grant proposal with NYPA for a NYSERDA grant to help with funding. Mr. Deuel noted that the wind turbines will be kept within the “fall zone” of State land, and the proposed turbines are comparable to ones in Lowville, NY. Construction could start this time next year, if all goes through.

Mr. Deuel reported that there are 40 students coming for our summer international program. They are from Moscow, Kazan, and China. Additionally, we have a Study Abroad program approved by SUNY Central with a school in Bosnia. There will be a \$300 overhead charge that we would collect; moreover, it will not be limited to just SUNY Canton students, but will include all out-of- state students.

### **Student Affairs Update**

Vice President Mott reported that we had a successful Spring Fest. The President’s Challenge, a 3.1 mile campus run to kick off President Kennedy’s Wellness Initiatives, was also successful with 120 participants. Dr. Mott reported on the Tobacco Free Initiative. A survey was administered to the campus community to assess awareness, knowledge, and opinions related to our current smoking policies and our transition. The Tobacco Free Committee will use feedback from the survey to develop strategies and policies, and the College will begin the transition to a tobacco-free campus this Fall.

Dr. Mott also reported that the Library and Residence Life staff will be presenting at the 2011 SUNYLA Conference on their Library RA collaboration effort. This is the first such collaboration in SUNY.

University Police graduated two officers from the Police Academy. The Department will be initiating a “Student Leader Ride Along Program” in Fall 2011 to build relationships among students and officers. They will also be investigating starting a Student Safety Program to enhance the academic experience of CI/CJ students.

The Greek Task Force Update is currently reviewing Greek standards and has broken into sub-groups to tackle specific issues (faculty concerns, discipline, academics).

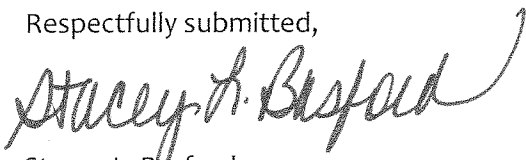
Summer session looks to be successful with 150 courses and five sessions with expected enrollments of 1300.

Miss Bernadotte introduced the incoming SGA President and Student Member of the Council, Daynelle Richards.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Bernadotte made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burke and carried at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey L. Basford  
Secretary to the College Council