

SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

253rd MEETING

JULY 24, 2012

Present:	Ronald O'Neill, Chairman Timothy Currier Chloe Ann O'Neil	Grace Burke Cecily Morris Thomas Sauter	Richard Callan Nafeesa Johnson Roger Sharlow
Others:	Joseph Kennedy, President David Gerlach Molly Mott Karen Spellacy	Stacey Basford Christine Gray Carli Schiffner	Charles Fenner Natalie Higley Randy Sieminski

Call to Order

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. O'Neill welcomed Nafeesa Johnson to her first College Council Meeting as the student representative on the College Council. Nafeesa is the new Student Government Association President.

Natalie Higley, the new shared Chief Financial Officer for SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam, was also welcomed.

Minutes of May 19, 2012

Mr. Callan made a motion to approve the May 19, 2012 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Chairman's Report

Mr. O'Neill will be sending to the SUNY Board of Trustees and elected officials the report that SUNY Canton wrote for their portion of the Joint Report. Four new trustees have recently been appointed by the Governor. Chairman O'Neill will contact the Chancellor regarding the start of the presidential search at the proper time.

The Middle States Accreditation Reports for Cobleskill, Delhi, and Morrisville were shared by Mr. O'Neill with Council Members. Delhi has been placed on warning by Middle States. They must "provide documentation of an assessment of the effectiveness of administrative structures in relation to recently implemented shared services agreements, including evidence that there is a chief executive officer in place whose primary responsibility is to lead the institution toward the achievement of its goals, and that there are qualified administrative leaders in place appropriate to the goals, type, size, and complexity of the institution (Standard 5)." Cobleskill and Morrisville have been asked to submit monitoring reports that provide "evidence that there is a Chief Executive Officer whose primary responsibility is to lead the institution toward the achievement of its goals and for the administration of the institution (Standard 5), and an assessment of the effectiveness of institutional leadership and governance, in relation to recently implemented shared services agreements (Standard 4)." Follow-up visits to the three institutions by small

Middle States teams may occur after their monitoring reports have been submitted. Chairman O'Neill will be sharing the reports for the three institutions with the SUNY Board of Trustees and elected officials.

Chairman O'Neill reminded College Council Members of the ACT Conference that is scheduled for October 12-14, 2012 in Lake Placid, NY. He encouraged Council members to attend.

Mr. O'Neill announced that Ms. O'Neil was inducted into the college's Hall of Fame.

Joint Shared Services Report

President Kennedy noted that the two most important parts of the report are the future leadership of our college, and the proposed SUNY Institute of Arts, Sciences, and Technology. He encouraged Council Members to follow up with the Trustees and Chancellor Zimpher on the report. President Kennedy's December 15 Shared Services Update Report to the Chancellor was discussed. Mrs. Basford will forward a copy of that report to Council members. Comments and feedback on the Joint Report are requested by July 31 or August 1. Dr. Kennedy noted that the college has been very open with the report and has shared it with everyone. It has been posted on the college's Shared Services webpage. Mr. Sauter asked about the College Council passing a resolution after they've had time to review the entire Joint Report. It was determined that the resolution should be very specific to the SUNY Board of Trustees Resolutions. Miss Johnson noted that the Board's resolutions give the College Council much authority in determining the presidency. The Council decided to hold another meeting on Tuesday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m. to pass a resolution regarding the presidency at SUNY Canton. A draft resolution will be emailed to the Council in advance of the meeting.

Academic Affairs Update

Provost Schiffner reported that the Homeland Security program has been approved by both SUNY and the State Education Department and will begin this Fall.

We have a new slate of faculty hired for the Fall, which we are very excited about. We continue to increase the number of faculty with doctorate/terminal degrees.

The college has been busy preparing for its Middle States accreditation. Middle States stressed concern with student assessment and student learning outcomes during their visits to SUNY Cobleskill and Delhi. The college has been working diligently on this aspect of the review and doesn't expect any problems in this area.

Dr. Schiffner noted that Karen Spellacy will serve as Interim Provost starting August 1.

Administrative Affairs Update

Ms. Gray reported that the Phase One for Cook Hall will be completed by this Fall. Early Childhood and faculty will have a new home. Phase Two will start immediately after Phase One is complete and will be finished by Fall 2013. The Wicks Hall project has run into a delay with the delivery of windows, but it is expected that it can still be occupied at the start of the semester.

The 2011-12 Budget ended positively and will be closed out by September. The 2012-13 Budget is just now being developed. Both budgets will be addressed at the September College Council Meeting. President Kennedy asked when the new funding formula will be released. Vice President Gray responded that SUNY System Administration is still trying to determine what will make up the formula. Approximately five percent of the new formula will initially be performance based. Enrollment will be a big piece of it. Research will be a component. Mission may also be a component. But, the formula is still a work in progress. For 2013-14, Mrs. Gray expects formula information to be out in September. SUNY Canton will

most likely receive a budget increase due to our increased enrollment. A collar will probably be developed, which means colleges can't go up more than a certain percentage or below a certain percentage. Division of Budget is no longer releasing its allocations, so colleges have to use their cash first. Fortunately, SUNY Canton has reserves to do so. Mrs. Gray reported that some colleges are currently on the edge. Mr. O'Neill asked what those colleges will do. She responded that they will have to seek help from SUNY System Administration. Some campuses are very dependent on State support, whereas we are very tuition dependent.

Advancement Update

Vice President Gerlach reported that this will be our strongest academically-prepared incoming class with an 82.6 mean high school GPA. The college has made significant gains in moving the bar upwards over the past year.

We are running significantly ahead of last year with 62 more first-year paid deposits and 133 overall deposits ahead of last year at this point.

Unfortunately, the college's housing is at full capacity, even with the 300 beds in Grasse River Suites that opened last year. There was a much higher-than-expected return rate of returning students that chose to live on campus. The baccalaureate degree expansion is taking hold, and students are attracted to our housing. Residence Life has been busy finding alternate housing for students. The college is trying to avoid losing prospective students due to housing availability. It is projected that another residence hall will be built with completion in Fall 2014. For Fall 2013, modular housing is being researched. SUNY Canton has not seen these housing numbers since 1984.

Vice President Gerlach reported that this past weekend's Alumni Weekend was one of the best since his time as vice president. There were 150 people at the Hall of Fame Inductions, 130-140 Theta Gamma fraternity members celebrating their 100th Anniversary, 120-130 Delta Kappa Sigma brothers celebrating their 35th Anniversary, and about 40-50 general alumni. Overall, there were over 400 alumni on campus.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held for the Subaru Training Center in our Automotive Lab within the next couple of weeks. In addition to the large donation of tools, the Center will also have three brand new vehicles from Subaru donated. These vehicles will come from a dealer in Plattsburgh, Barstow's, and Fuccillo's. There are a few minor liability issues to be resolved first.

Phase One of the wind turbine project with NYPA will cost the college nothing and will be grant supported. This Phase will finalize the numerous studies that have been completed. The decision will then be brought before the College Council as to whether the \$7 million wind turbine will be built on campus. If approved, it will sit outside the athletic fields and supply at least one-third of the college's electrical supply.

Mr. Sieminski reported that the college has been accepted into NCAA provisional status. Four sports were added this year, and Women's Ice Hockey will be added next year. Student-athlete numbers were at 127 two years ago and will most likely be over 300 next year.

Student Affairs and Information Services Update

Vice President Mott reiterated that housing is full, but it is a good problem to have as it helps our retention and graduation rates. Such high enrollment numbers create a very vibrant community as found last year when the disciplinary issues went up 300%. This doesn't mean that students are doing things that they didn't do before, it's because we have so many more students. The college's zero tolerance policy has also increased disciplinary actions.

We have increased student and faculty numbers, but we have not increased support services to those students and faculty. Right now, funding is being funneled into academics. But, as the faculty and student numbers continue to grow so rapidly, more support services are needed and must be provided/funded. Many of the support service areas are already short-staffed.

Information Technology has been one of the most cultivated areas in the shared services initiatives, especially because it supports the business processes. The IT infrastructure is necessary to support the streamlining and economies of scale of the business processes. IT Shared Services discussions started off slowly, but have made significant headway. SUNY System Administration is specifically looking at aligning the processes, software, practices, and possibly a Banner team that supports both campuses. Dr. Mott feels a lot of good things will come out of this. SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam are looked at as a model within SUNY. This will result in a culture change for both institutions, as the way each campus does business will need to change. Mr. Sauter commented how surprised he was that SUNY System Administration didn't do the IT alignment before now.

Miss Johnson stated that the housing problem is becoming a real issue. It is a hot topic among students on Facebook and Twitter. She asked what she is supposed to tell students that are upset about it. The administration will continue to address the problem to help alleviate student concerns. Vice President Gray asked if the affected students have been notified. Vice Presidents Mott and Gerlach responded that the students have been notified. Mr. O'Neill thanked Miss Johnson for bringing this to the College Council's attention.

Other

Chairman O'Neill announced that this would be Vice President Gray's last College Council Meeting as she's retiring. The Council offered their congratulations to her. President Kennedy was given a standing round of applause for all she has done for SUNY Canton the past nineteen years.

Adjournment

Mr. Sauter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Neil and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey L. Basford
Secretary to the College Council