

## SUNY CANTON COLLEGE COUNCIL

### 254<sup>th</sup> MEETING

JULY 31, 2012

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

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman O'Neill called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Mr. O'Neill thanked the College Council members present for making time in their busy schedules to attend today's meeting, as well as for all of their work and input this past year. Mr. Currier had requested that it be noted in the record that he regretted his absence. It was unavoidable, but he fully supports the resolution even though he is unable to vote.

#### **Minutes of July 24, 2012**

Mr. O'Neill stated the minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting will be acted upon at the September meeting.

#### **Shared Services Reports**

Chairman O'Neill reported that today he emailed the SUNY Canton report, as well as the link to the Joint Report to the SUNY Board of Trustees members, including the new student representative. SUNY System Administration will be sending them a summary of the Joint Report.

#### **Resolution Recommending SUNY Canton Retain Its Own President**

There are two amendments to the drafted resolution. The first amendment is as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Middle States Commission on Higher Education has recently taken action to express concerns that Standards 4 and 5 may not be met with shared presidencies, and is requiring that three of the four colleges in the Administrative Alliances that are currently sharing president provide monitoring report to "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, and an assessment of the effectiveness of institutional leadership and governance, in relation to recently implemented shared services agreements"; and

Ms. O'Neil made a motion to accept the amendment as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and carried.

The second amendment is as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That the College Council of the State University of New York, College of Technology at Canton (SUNY Canton), concludes that the college has met all of the benchmarks set forth by the SUNY Board of Trustees in their resolutions dated September 20, 2011 and November 22, 2011 and, therefore, expects the college to be led by its own president, solely focused on the continued success of this institution, and with the presidential search beginning immediately.

Ms. O'Neil made a motion to accept the amendment as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Callan and carried.

The final resolution is as follows:

## RESOLUTION

### RECOMMENDING SUNY CANTON RETAIN ITS OWN PRESIDENT

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton is committed to improving administrative efficiency while simultaneously working to preserve quality, accessibility, affordability, completion, and unique student experiences at its institution; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton has begun a collaborative process of identifying opportunities for cost savings and administrative efficiencies and the realignment of resources toward academic and student support services and other strategic priorities; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton has demonstrated achievement of at least 52% spending on instructional budget in total and reported to be at 64% for 2010-11 in data provided by SUNY's Vice Chancellor for Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton has hired eleven new, full-time faculty for the 2012-13 academic year, bringing an additional \$500,000 to Academic Affairs and exceeding the five percent increase expected by SUNY System Administration by June 30, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, through its presidential leadership, SUNY Canton has shown the ability to transform itself from a two-year college with fewer than 2000 students to a four-year college that will serve more than 4000 students during the Fall 2012 semester and more than 6000 different students during the 2012-13 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to record-setting applications and enrollments, the focused and sustained leadership of the college has resulted in a transformed faculty that reflects the level of preparation expected of a four-year college, new facilities, and the growth of the Canton College Foundation from \$1 million to about \$40 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of the college in the local community, local economy, and the North Country has grown dramatically under its presidential leadership, as evidenced by the response of the community with various awards, accolades, nominations, recognitions over the past 19 years and support from elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, resolutions supporting an individual president for each college and the need for focused, anchored leadership were passed by SUNY Canton's College Council, Faculty Assembly, Alumni Board, and College Foundation Board, as well as by elected officials, local municipalities, community members, and the SUNY Student Assembly; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam have worked together promptly, diligently, and cooperatively to explore and implement shared services where appropriate and to devote the savings from such efforts to academics and student support services, particularly working toward a goal of increasing the percentage of operating funds devoted to instruction and academic services; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam have established a unified Executive Team which provides oversight for the shared business services, shared information technology services, and the identification of opportunities to develop additional areas of cooperation and sharing; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam have hired a shared Chief Financial Officer and a shared Military and Veteran Services Coordinator, are recruiting an Inter-Library Loan Specialist, and have made progress on sharing resources and economies of scale among Library Services, University Police, Campus Life, Human Resources, Payroll, Purchasing, Auxiliary Corporations, Residence Life, Auxiliary Corporations, and Institutional Research/Effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam have made significant steps toward aligning both Information Technology (IT) Departments to deliver joint services, to establish cross-campus project teams for common areas of future interest, and addressing SUNY's IT Transformation Plan; and

**WHEREAS** the Middle States Commission on Higher Education has recently taken action to express concerns that Standards 4 and 5 may not be met with shared presidencies, and is requiring that three of the four colleges in the Administrative Alliances that are currently sharing a president provide a monitoring report to "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, and an assessment of the effectiveness of institutional leadership and governance, in relation to recently implemented shared services agreements"; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY System Administration received overwhelming support for the concept of shared services in general, but many constituents were not in support of one president serving two campuses simultaneously and that such long-term arrangement may not be necessary in order to achieve the primary goal of achieving administrative efficiencies and increasing the proportion of funding spent on academic and student support services; and

**WHEREAS**, significant progress on shared services was made in the past year with both SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam having their own presidents, which did not impede or preclude any discussions or implementations of any shared services initiatives or jeopardize the mission or integrity of either institution; and therefore be it

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On this the Thirty-First day of July, Two Thousand and Twelve

Mr. Sauter made a motion to pass the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharlow and carried.

***Presidential Mugging***

President Kennedy surprised Chairman O'Neill with a presidential mugging for all of his hard work and support over the past year on behalf of SUNY Canton.

***Adjournment***

Ms. O'Neil made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sauter and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey L. Basford  
Secretary to the College Council