

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting

Via Zoom

February 10th 2021

Minutes

In attendance: Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Susan Rightmyer, Micheal Lee-Edwards

Not in attendance: Barbara DiCocco, Rich Shultes, Tracy Purcell

Guests: Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Bonnie Martin, Wendy Gilman, Anne Hopkins Gross, John Zacharek, Scott Ferguson, Derwin Bennett, Tara Winter, Tim Moore, Gail Wentworth, Sophie Ano, Caleb Grant

The meeting began at 8:31

Marion Terenzio introduced Derwin Bennett as the new Chief Diversity Officer and Gail Wentworth as the new Dean of the School of Business, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Phil King made a motion to approve the minutes from November 11th, 2020, Susan Rightmyer seconded and the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Part I-Information Sharing with On-Campus Contingencies

Student Government Update-Micheal Lee-Edwards

- Google survey going out to students
- Seeking a barber shop/hair dresser on campus
- Leadership classes
- Faculty evaluations/course evaluations
- Black History Month-
 - Micheal made a video—students call to action—went viral
 - On main page of SUNY Cobleskill's website

President Update- Marion Terenzio

- Orange table (with students) start up again
- Inclusive champions—(outside group) moving forward
- Leader to Leader sessions
 - Students have mental health concerns
 - Hoping to be in Phase 2 soon (allowing minimal social interaction)

COVID-

- Bonnie Martin makes a phone call every day to SUNY re: all things COVID
- Testing—Anne Hopkins Gross
 - 560 negative tests, 6 positive—students isolating at home or campus
- Move in went well
- Dashboard from Upstate Medical Center
 - Tracks positivity rates over a seven day, rolling average
 - By zip code
 - By age groups & Mohawk Valley as whole

Budget

- Federal Stimulus—waiting to hear about funding for higher ed
 - \$1.3 million in student grants
 - \$3 million in institutional funding
- State budget- cautiously optimistic
 - Hinging on \$6 billion in federal aid to state
 - Were planning a 20% reduction in State support
 - Budget year 2019-2020 \$1.5 million held back in State support
 - TAP and Excelsior—held harmless
 - EOP held harmless
 - Predictable tuition plan
- Capital Funding—status quo
 - Just received \$3.75 million to renovate Bouck hall
 - Move book store near Twisted Whiskers
 - Move Res life and Student leadership to book store space
- Enrollment as pertains to budget-
 - Enrollment better than anticipated
 - Fall to spring—85% retention—on track for budgeting purposes
- Reserves—dire
 - Spending is down-some temporary some permanent
- Chancellor's budget request—focus on our future
 - Recommends monitor our own programs not work through Dept of Education
 - Build a budget through innovation
 - Elevate the quality of life in New York State
 - Invest in our future

Enrollment Management plans

- Currently in week two, census is in week three
- SUNY wide—13% down in applications
 - 10% down in enrollment
- SUNY Cobleskill—up in bachelor seeking students
 - 10% down in mostly associate programs
- Predicting SUNY wide will be down 14% in the fall
- SUNY Cobleskill currently down 30% in applications, 17% up in deposits (vs this time last year)

Presidential Vision-

- Moving forward on pivot plan
- White paper to be released
 - Own our name
 - Role of Liberal Art and Sciences in Agriculture and Technology
- Industry 4.0—internet of things
 - Interdisciplinary teams—focus on applied learning
 - Institute of Rural Vitality—connect to academic programs
 - Scott Ferguson—new Executive Director

Focus on microcredentials—pathways to stay connected to college

Connect to Institute of Rural Vitalities centers

Professional development

Continuing Education

Applied research

Self sustaining

Martin Luther King, Jr Day—Derwin Bennett

Collaborated with Communications and Marketing and Student Development

MLK leadership team

MLK past, present, future—on website, main page

Keynote speaker—Greg Neri—February 18th

MLK messages to impact our future

Feb 18th 5:00 p.m. –open forum

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee-

Three sub committees

Campus climate survey

DEI home page

Curriculum development

Orientation--New student & New employee

Faculty Governance—Sophie Ano

Faculty meeting on January 26th

Three resolutions passed

SUNY Senate—recognize social justice, racial equity

Policy for submitting curriculum changes

Open access policy

Fiscal Affairs and Strategic Plan (FASP)

Synergy between programs

Two sabbaticals were approved

Academic Policies and faculty hand book—review for gender neutral language

Foundation and Alumni—John Zacharek

Year to date (July 2020-to present) about \$900,000

\$2 million in proposals

Planned giving approach—longer term gifts

New Director of Development and Corporate partnerships

Nicholas DiCaprio

New intern for Alumni engagement efforts—Kyle Cornwell

Newsletter—new format

Nominating committee by law review

Educational programs for our board members

Middle States- Sue Zimmermann

Preparing for next March visit

Steering committee—working on second draft

Ready for campus review later this month

Part II—Council Reports, Discussion and/or Action

Nothing to report

Effie Bennett Powe Child Care center—50 year celebrating this April
Carol Vosatka (Business office) will retire next week

Susan Rightmyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phil King seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned 10:08

Next meeting, April 14, 2021