

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting-Via zoom

November 11, 2020

Minutes

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

Guests: President Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Bonnie Martin, Wendy Gilman, Anne Hopkins Gross, John Zacharek, Amy Healy, Barbara Brabetz, Sophie Ano

Not in attendance: Richard Schultes

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

Part I – Information Sharing with On Campus Contingencies

Linda Cross made a motion to approve the minutes from October 7th meeting, Tracy Purcell seconded, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

President Update—President Marion Terenzio

COVID Cases-

Total pool tests for semester—8,253 (double Morrisville & Delhi testing)

Three positive tests to date—one recent off-campus student

Three students currently in isolation

52 quarantining students

16 on campus

Weekly testing to continue until students move out

Once students leave—move to every other week testing

Using Alumni Commons for housing insecure students staying on campus

Campus continues to handle situation remarkably well

Have been asked to identify a vaccine team—Upstate Medical one of global sites for receiving vaccine

Move out—Students are signing up to move out

Starting Friday, November 13th through Sunday, November 22nd

Students must test negative before they leave—per SUNY

Unauthorized activity over the weekend—suspensions until Spring

Impact of classes under quarantine—in person classes to continue through next Friday

College making plans to thank Dr. Amy Gildemeister for exemplary work

Spring restart-Sue Zimmermann

Following SUNY guidelines—working on our plan

Increase face to face and hybrid classes

42% currently offered

Spring classes were offered asynchronously moved to synchronously in the fall

Feedback from faculty leads to a mix of both for spring

Chancellor wants transparency with clear expectations

Enrollment-Bonnie Martin

- 9% down this fall
- SUNY Applications down 28%, tech sector down 41%
- Spring applications down 21% SUNY-wide, 15% for tech sector
- 6% decline in enrollment vs 25% projected budget
- Virtual open house held on Saturday
 - 267 active participants
- Still doing in person visits
- Ready to launch scholarship money
- FAFSA applications are down close to 20%
- Class registration this week—concludes on Friday
 - Follow ups scheduled to start

Budget-Wendy Gilman

- Still waiting on answers for State support and tuition increase
 - Tuition increase unlikely
- Careful with our spending—non personnel spending down 20%
 - Staffing and positions down 10%--a lot of adjuncts
 - Keeping other positions vacant
- Chancellor is shifting focus to budget

Our Future-

- Hosted HVCC and Bassett Health Care on Monday
 - HVCC using our campus as a satellite for nursing program
 - Potential health institute—Canine, therapeutic horsemanship, paramedic, histotechnology
 - Rural health connection
- Gap year proposal-
 - Targets students who don't want to go to college (cannot afford to go to school)
 - We pay students to work at farms—gain credit (up to 9 credits)
- Agriculture Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force—Marion serving
 - Plans to go to the Governor by March
- ESG-(Empire State Greenhouse)
 - Start up New York application
 - Breaking ground in spring
- Strategic Plan review with FASP—future of Cobleskill
- Connectivity meeting—Barry Gell to lead
 - Cyber security and precision Agriculture
 - Report to go to Marion

Student Government—Micheal Lee-Edwards

- Resolutions passed by SGA-
 - Proctor tract used by campus
 - Student concerns about privacy
 - Proctor tract was suspended by campus.
 - IT did not discover any security breeches on campus
 - Mental health days for spring semester-

Students requesting breaks in semester for mental health
Anne Hopkins Gross and Sue Zimmermann are working on details
SUNY guidance requires no spring break

Student Activity Fee Vote-

Advertised for students to vote—the voting closed today
Approved the activity fee for the next two years

Orange Table—student forum

Derwin Bennett announced as the next CDO
Great conversations taking place
Want to contact CAS to use products from businesses of color
Micheal to contact Scott Ferguson for follow up

Faculty Governance—Barbara Brabetz and Sophie Ano

Barbara thanked the council for their resolution
Election results—Sophie Ano new presiding officer, Katrina Pearl, new faculty secretary
Proctor tract—

Concern with faculty with upcoming final exams coming
Uptick of academic integrity violations

Class registration has started

Created on line platforms for what were hard copy forms for students

Sabbatical applications are open

Deans search for Business, Liberal Arts and Sciences to commence

University Faculty senate met with board of trustees

Chancellor appointment with out a search
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion offerings in courses

Student mental health—have seen more students who can't cope with stress

Barbara Brabetz asked to sit on Governor's council for Reimagine canals initiative

Serving on Mohawk Valley Commission

Resolutions to be considered at the next faculty meeting

Language in policy (using he/she pronouns)
Open access resources

Institutional review board

The college council thanked Barbara Brabetz for her contribution to the college and community

Foundation and Alumni update—John Zacharek

Thanked college council for their leadership

Current year to date \$650,000

\$20,000 stock gifted recently

Travel restrictions prohibit some outreach

Development team working on a fall appeal

Letter to go out to 8,000

Director of Development and Corporate partnerships search

Donor reception—pairing donors with recipients

Audits of Alumni and Foundation—all good

Scholarship allocation process—revamping to be prepared a year in advance

Annual scholarship reports going out to donors

Thanksgiving/holiday cards to go out to donors

Foundation/Alumni joint holiday meeting—via zoom
Susan Rightmyer reminded council members to make an effort to give

Middle States update—Sue Zimmermann
Co chaired by Kathy Johnson and Katherine Brent
Compiled submissions from steering committee
Draft report sent to “readers”
Readers will provide feedback

Barbara DiCocco made a motion to go into executive session, Susan Rightmyer seconded, the motion carried and executive session started at 9:50

Phil King made a motion to end executive session, Linda Cross seconded and executive session ended and the college council meeting adjourned at 10:12

Next scheduled College Council meeting, Wednesday, February 10th, 2021