

SUNY Cobleskill College Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th 2022

Minutes

College Council members in attendance: Eric Stein, Phil King, Linda Cross, Susan Rightmyer

Absent: Tracy Purcell

College Council guests: Marion Terenzio, Sue Zimmermann, Anne Hopkins Gross, Wendy Gilman, Amy Healy, Gus McGiver, Derwin Bennett, Sinikka Grant

Eric Stein called the meeting to order at 8:53 after a tour of the renovations in Bouck Hall.

Part I Information Sharing with on Campus Contingencies

Student Government Update-

- Currently seeking a new SGA president
- Move in went smoothly, programming started
- Students using Coby Engage platform for communication

President Update—Marion Terenzio

Sinikka Grant introduced as the acting presiding officer of the faculty

Enrollment by major—hand out

- Deactivated majors effective the fall

- 1800 currently enrolled

- Animal science—highest enrolled programs

- Lower NYC population numbers

Chancellor visited campus yesterday

- Chart—handout

- SUNY Cobleskill has more enrolled Agriculture students than Cornell

- Showed the expense of our programs

- 10% of enrollment is Out of State students

- Assertive with workforce—DOT training, entrepreneurship program launching

Academic Council—department chairs/leaders—looking at structure as one school

Landscape—

- Focus on workforce development, prior learning assessment—2nd career students

- Traditional student enrollment is down

- Other institutions encroaching on our territory

- Ag Eng faculty--\$1.9 million dept of Labor grant

- 300 DOT tech to upgrade skills

- Employers will subscribe to programs for employees

- Not traditional semester model

- Considering Tech sector colleges to partner that allows students to attend their school and get a Cobleskill certificate

- Entrepreneurship program coming

- 40 micro credentials

President Terenzio was tapped by the Dept of Labor to be part of the Rural EMS board

Strategic Enrollment Management Plan—hand out

President Terenzio and Gus McGiver to lead
Caleb Grant left the college—reconfiguring offices
Technology audit by the Administrative Conference
Cabinet ownership of the Strategic Plan
Chief Strategic Enrollment Officer will be named
Staying connected to our mission, focus on balance without being narrow, niche vs trendy

Lt Governor will be on campus September 14th as part of MVREDC meeting

Faculty Governance Update—Sinikka Grant

Created an ad hoc committee for bylaw changes
Offer recommendations to the faculty senate
Added two faculty meetings to September and November
Already have two items for a vote in September
Academic Policy Committee—working on student complaint policy and prior learning assessment
Curriculum Committee—subcommittee led by Gen Ed coordinator-approving courses in Gen Ed categories
Facilities and Space—strategic initiative funding
Balanced representation of faculty on committees

Foundation and Alumni update—John Zacharek

\$2.625 million last year—first time without a bequest
Alumni—builds friends, Foundation builds funds
Golf Tournament raised \$75,000
Nick Dicaprio making corporate connections
Foundation currently being audited, Alumni is next
Homecoming/Coby Family Weekend—full schedule, many events
No parade, three years of golden grads
Scholarship luncheon on November 17th
Alumnus Michael Ty passed away
County building on schedule with farmer's market, groups encouraged to hold events
Linda Cross to send Anne Hopkins Gross information

Budget-Wendy Gilman

State Ops and Community College combined pots of money
\$250 million in direct and indirect funds
Excelsior scholarship-reset tuition allowance
Tap Gap has been eliminated
No tuition increases or broadband fees
CSEA contract ratified—will cost more
\$53 million for new faculty lines—SUNY Coby is getting one
Reportedly will be funded every year
\$60 million for one time funding—enrollment, student services
We will get \$135,000

Middle States-Sue Zimmermann

Three initial requirements needed

Response from Middle States removed the requirements and we are accredited

Follow up required—due March 1st

Standard five—academic assessment

Plan for an on campus visit in the Spring

Kudos to Tara Winter, Deb Richards, Kathy Johnson, Katherine Brent, Ed Asselin

Next accreditation visit will be in eight years

Part II Council reports, Discussion and/or Actions

Chairs report—ACT conference agenda sent to council

October 14-16th at Turning Stone

Eric will attend, President Terenzio will be speaking on Sunday with University Senators

A motion was made to go to executive session.

The reporting part of the meeting concluded at 10:03 and went into executive session. Executive sessions ended and Linda Cross made a motion to end the meeting, Phil King seconded and the meeting ended at 10:35