Present: Chair Ms Patricia Fogarty, Dr. Melvin Chambliss, Mr. James Cretekos, Mr. Joseph Pelych, Mr. John Richardson, Ms. Terri Ross, Mr. Michael Smith, and Dr. Frank Thiel.

Also Present: President Anderson, Dr. Mary Condon, Executive Assistant to the President, Ms. Tammy Conrad, Assistant to the President, Vice Presidents Valerie Nixon, Dr. Steven Tyrell, Dr. Daniel Barwick, Director of Institutional Advancement, Dean Craig Clark, Dean Austin Cheney, Interim Dean John Buckwalter, and Ms. Cynthia Santora, Director of Public Relations.

Excused: Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. James Grillo, Faculty Senate Chair, Mr. John Hasper, Ms. Diane Martin, and Mr. Ronald Nasca.

Guests: Student Senate Executive Board Members: President Adam Nash, Finance Chair Bill Uldrich, Public Relations Chair Josh Baird, Student Activities Jonathan Redman, College Council Representative Michael Smith, Faculty Advisor Michael Colomaio, Administrative Advisor Neil Benedict

President Anderson provided a power point presentation to group before the meeting started. This is the same presentation that he gave to the SUNY Board of Trustees at their recent Comprehensive & Technology College Sub-committee meeting in Albany.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patricia Fogarty at 9:55 a.m.

Welcome to the Student Senate Executive Board. Introductions were provided.

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Minutes of the last meeting, held on December 10, 2008, were presented for approval. Ms. Terri Ross noted that she was not at the meeting as the minutes reflected. The minutes will be corrected. A motion was made by Ms. Terri Ross to accept the minutes, with the above noted correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Richardson. The minutes were approved.
II. President’s Comments/Updates

December 16-17, 2008 Hank Henderson Visit (Class of 1950)
Mr. Henderson’s company deals with GPS locators. He is assisting us in developing on a potential new Academic program, and to install some of the systems in our buses.

Athletic Field Entrance and Building Naming Opportunity
This proposed athletic field entrance and field house would be a wonderful asset to our new athletic field. It is an excellent naming opportunity. The drawing for this entrance and building was donated by Flynn Battaglia Architects, PC.

Met with Congressman Eric Massa on January 2, 2009 (Dr. Condon also)
President Anderson and Dr. Mary Condon, Executive Assistant to the President, met with Congressman Eric Massa at the Alfred Campus on January 2, 2009. We look forward to working with Congressman Massa and his staff.

Mr. James VanVoorst from SUNY System Administration Visits ASC
Mr. James VanVoorst, Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance & Business, from SUNY System Administration visited ASC & toured the Wellsville Campus on January 8, 2009. We continue to advocate for the State to make a commitment one way or another by either purchasing the campus or providing Alfred State College with the lease payment. As promised, Interim Vice Chancellor Van Voorst did follow through with support from SUNY ($200,000) that we received in the fall.

Six Western Presidents Meeting with new Interim Chancellor
The six Western (state-operated) College Presidents met and had dinner with Mr. John O’Connor, Interim Chancellor, and his leadership in Buffalo, NY on January 9, 2009. Topics for discussion included budget, advocacy, transfer issues, etc.

Opening Remarks January 12, 2009
The new semester started on January 12, 2009 with Opening Remarks, attended by faculty and staff.

Presentation to SUNY Board of Trustees January 13, 2009
Provided a presentation on Alfred State College to the SUNY Board Of Trustees at their Comprehensive & Technology College Sub-committee meeting in Albany on January 13, 2009.

Martin Luther King Day Events January 19, 2009
The Martin Luther King Day events were well organized and attended. President Anderson extends our sincere appreciation to Jerri Drummond, Director of Multicultural Affairs and staff. He also thanked College Council Chair, Patricia Fogarty, for her participation.
Honorary Degree Recipient
We have an honorary degree nominee that will be put forward for approval at the SUNY Board of Trustees Meeting on January 27, 2009. This honorary degree will be presented at Commencement on May 17, 2009. Please plan to attend to honor this distinguished Alfred State College alum.

III. Vice President's Reports
In an effort to focus the meeting on advocacy, brief comments were provided with questions about the reports entertained.

Academic Affairs (Provost Rosati)
Provost Rosati informed that we are back in full swing for the spring semester, with classes beginning on Monday, January 19, 2009. There were no questions from the floor.

Administration and Enrollment (Vice President Nixon)
Vice President Nixon informed that we are where we expected to be with enrollment numbers. We have not experienced a fall-out with the tuition increase. Enrollment numbers are provided on a weekly basis. There were no questions from the floor.

Institutional Advancement (Dr. Daniel Barwick)
Dr. Daniel Barwick, Director of Development, thanked everyone who has contributed in the 2008-09 year. Please consider providing support to the College if you have not done so. There were no questions from the floor.

President Anderson informed that he will be traveling to Florida in February to visit several of our donors and alums. He will be driving to be able to stop and see those located on the way to Florida as well. It is important to maintain a good relationship with our donors even in bad economic times.

Student Affairs (Vice President Tyrell)
A moment of silence was held for Joshua Schichler, a student who passed away during finals week in December. We have reached out and will continue to reach out to the family. Chair Fogarty requested that a condolence card be sent to the family by the council.

Vice President Tyrell informed that we are beginning to review the Student Code of Conduct. Recommendations will be submitted to the President’s Cabinet and the College Council in March. There were no questions from the floor.

IV. Advocacy Strategy Efforts to address Budget Issues

- President Anderson provided a budget power point presentation that was presented to the faculty and staff at Opening Remarks on January 12, 2009. Copies of the presentation were also provided in the folders. Also
included in the folders, was an open letter to the New York State Legislature from Carl T. Hayden, Chairman, Board of Trustees and H. Carl McCall, Chairman, Board of Trustees Finance Committee. Included in the handout with this letter is SUNY’s Position 2009-20 Executive Budget.

We have restructured administration and used our stabilization fund (reserve account) to meet last year’s cuts. In the fall, Governor Paterson asked for an additional budget reduction. All reductions will result in $1.2 mil reduction. SUNY Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase to take effect this spring. The legislature has to approve the expenditure of this additional money. If we are allowed to keep the tuition increase, we will not have to make additional cuts. However, the Governor is requesting that we can keep 10% and the State keep 90%. We are lobbying our legislature to negotiate for us to keep the full increase. The cabinet has been working on several scenarios to address the budget shortfall, depending on whether or not we can keep the tuition increase.

How will we meet this challenge?

Overall Goals:
- Maintain our commitment to the Strategic Plan (distributed)
- Avoid overall workforce reduction
- Increase demand (recruitment, revenue, reputation)
- Improve retention
- Increase efficiencies
- Be a college advocate—very important for all of us to do this!

Strategies:
- New initiatives that add costs have to demonstrate immediate revenue- or enrollment-generation
- Review high-cost low-enrolled programs and services.
- New or replacement hires must be essential or revenue/enrollment generating.
- Strategic use of IFR (Income fund reimbursable) balances and stabilization accounts (reserves). Revise our philosophy on the use of reserves and collection of administrative fees.
- Strategic use of DIFR (Dormitory Income Fund Reimbursable) revenue.

- SUNY Day (February 24, 2009 in Albany)
This is a day in which SUNY colleges go to Albany and attempt to influence their individual representatives. This year it is extremely important that students, administrative representatives, and College Council attend. Appointments will be made with our legislators. Talking
points will be provided for the day. We will travel to Albany on Monday evening February 23, 2009 and return late evening on February 24, 2009.

Dr. Condon commented that the legislative body really responds to students. We are looking for a minimum of four students to attend. Chair Fogarty asked Mr. Adam Nash to get a group of students together to attend. College Council members please contact Ms. Tammy Conrad if you plan to attend. College Council member Mr. James Cretekos commented that he will attend and that our presence does provide an impact and is very important.

- Campus Rally
  We cancelled Legislator’s Afternoon for today. There was a fundraising dinner scheduled for this evening that we were not aware of. Senator Young suggested that we hold a student rally. She offered to speak at the rally. This event could be projected to the Wellsville Campus students for those who cannot attend.

The Student Senate Executive board provided a short explanation of the Senate’s initial advocacy efforts and a letter signed by Student Senate President Adam Nash regarding the tuition increase and advocacy efforts. This list and letter, dated January 20, 2009, were distributed to council. The information provided made it clear that “as the College Council and the Student Senate meet to discuss advocacy efforts to address the unprecedented budget challenge facing New York State and SUNY, it is important for the Council to understand the intent of the Student Senate to participate as full partners in the mobilization of any worthy initiative intended to motivate the student body to speak on behalf of the College”.

There was a discussion about recognizing Senator Young for all of her support to Alfred State College. A Motion was made by Dr. Frank Thiel and seconded by Ms. Terri Ross, to honor Senator Young with the President's medal at a dinner and recognition ceremony in late April.

V. Unfinished Business

Vice Chair College Council - President Anderson
There was continued discussion, from our October meeting, on the appointment of a Vice Chair to the College Council. Dr. Frank Thiel was nominated by Mr. John Richardson and seconded by Mr. Terri Ross. The council unanimously approved. Dr. Frank Thiel will serve as Vice Chair to the College Council.

VI. New Business
The College Council Committee Vacancies were discussed and the following appointments were made:

- Academic Affairs
  Ronald Nasca, Chair
  John Richardson (added to committee)
External Relations
Patricia Fogarty (added to committee)

Administration & Enrollment
Terri Ross, Vice Chair

Student Life Committee
Terri Ross, Chair
Patricia Fogarty, Vice Chair
Joseph Pelych (added to committee)
Diane Martin (added to committee)

Other Discussion

President Anderson thanked the students for attending the council meeting.

United States President Obama’s Inauguration Ceremony will be broadcasted during the luncheon immediately following our meeting today.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. James Cretekos and seconded by Dr. Melvin Chambliss. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

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