Present: Chair Ms. Patricia Fogarty, Vice Chair Dr. Frank Thiel, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. James Cretekos, Ms. Diane Martin, Mr. Joseph Pelych, Mr. John Richardson, Ms. Terri Ross, and Mr. Michael J. Smith.

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

Excused: Interim Dean John Buckwalter, Dr. Melvin Chambliss, Mr. James Grillo, Senate Chair, Mr. John Hasper, Mr. Ronald Nasca, and Vice President Dr. Steven Tyrell.

Guests: Mr. Dick Miller and Mrs. Patricia Thiel  
Mr. Andy Smilinich and Tom Windus (ASC employees for introduction)

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Minutes of the last meeting, held on January 20, 2009, were presented for approval. Vice Chair Dr. Frank Thiel noted that the Budget and Facilities Committee has been changed to the Administration and Enrollment Committee. The minutes and list of committees 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. Michael J. Smith. The minutes were approved with the above noted correction.

II. President’s Comments/Updates
A. Introduction Mr. Tom Windus, Director of Facilities Operations and Mr. Andy Smilinich, Director of Capital Projects. President Anderson informed that we have reorganized the Facilities Services Department per a recommendation from an outside consultant. Andy is an Alfred State College graduate who previously worked for Babcock Enterprises. He started at Alfred State in September. Tom is also an Alfred State College graduate. He also earned his bachelor degree from the University of Buffalo in Civil Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in New York State and Pennsylvania. He previously worked for the Department of Public Works in Olean. He started at Alfred State in March.
President Anderson also introduced Mr. Dick Miller, a consultant for Institutional Advancement operations. Mr. Miller held previous positions at SUNY System Administration and as President of Hartwick College. Mr. Miller will provide a brief discussion on the role of College Council members in relationship to Institutional Advancement.

Chair Patricia Fogarty introduced Mrs. Patricia Thiel, wife of Vice Chair Dr. Frank Thiel, who is a guest at the meeting.

B. Budget Update: Local Impact
A “Summary of Alfred State College Budget Cuts” was distributed for review. This summary details the $1.8 mil budget cut that we face. The Governor has approved funding for the State negotiated raises. During 2008-2009 we reorganized administration, cut other than personal service budgets for a total of approximately $300,000. In 2009-2010 further reduction in staff will be made through attrition (resignations, not filling positions, etc.). To make up the difference $644,000, we will utilize the DIFR, State reserves, and Maintenance and Operations accounts. There was a discussion on how we plan to handle the budget cuts. That amount is not included in this information as it is funded by SUNY.

The “Division of Academic Affairs Budget Presentation” was provided to the council in the folders. The budget presentation will provide council a sample of how each division dealt with their piece of the budget shortfall. Each division has to provide a presentation to our campus wide Budget & Planning Committee similar to the one provided. These budgets are an extensive process that take into consideration our strategic plan, etc. Provost Rosati explained this information in detail.

Chair Patricia Fogarty requested that Provost Rosati discuss the need for hiring a PhD faculty member in the Nursing Department. Provost Rosati explained that we are adding a baccalaureate degree in Nursing. The State Education Department requires that we have a Masters or PhD faculty member on staff for this program.

Chair Patricia Fogarty requested that President Anderson speak to the deactivation of the Landscape program. President Anderson explained that due to the demands of the industry, we have to keep up with the needs of the area. We will not enroll new students in the Landscape program for fall 2009, but we will graduate those who are currently in the program.

Dr. Anderson informed that President’s Cabinet staff that earn over $100,000, unanimously agreed to contribute their 3% salary increase to the adjunct budget.
C. Chancellor’s visit August 18, 2009

Dr. Nancy Zimpher was appointed Chancellor effective June 1, 2009. She made a pledge to visit every SUNY campus over the summer. August 18, 2009 has been confirmed for the Chancellor’s Visit to Alfred State College. The visit will be a full day, including Ceramics at Alfred University, the Alfred and Wellsville campuses. It is recommended that the following constituencies be included in the visit if possible:

- Alumni
- Community Leaders
- Council Members
- Elected Officials
- Faculty
- Foundation Leaders
- Media
- Staff
- Students

The College Council will be included in the meeting schedule for Chancellor Zimpher’s visit.

D. Senator Young Recognition Event April 24, 2009

Senator Young will be presented with the President’s medallion at a recognition dinner on Friday, April 24, 2009, with social hour from 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm, and the program at 8 pm. College Council members are invited to attend. Chair Fogarty encouraged everyone to attend the event to recognize this marvelous advocate for Alfred State College.

III. Vice President’s Reports (Questions on reports only!)

Academic Affairs (Provost Rosati)

Provost Rosati reported that the new Bachelors degree in Business Administration will begin this fall. It is the most requested bachelor’s degree in SUNY.

The Department of Correctional Services is eliminating their farm program. We have acquired over 600 cows from various facilities. We are also acquiring approximately $450,000 worth of equipment (tractors, balers, etc.) and 300,000 tillable acres of farm land in Sonyea, located near the Groveland and Livingston Correctional Facilities. We are going to rent out the land for the short term. In exchange for the use of the land, we will receive approximately $50,000 worth of materials (corn, hay). The party who is renting the land has also agreed to provide a few labs with their equipment, for our students. Chair Patricia Fogarty expressed a sincere thank you to our legislators for their assistance in this acquisition (Assemblyman Burling, Assemblyman Giglio, Senator Young, etc.).
**Administration and Enrollment (Vice President Nixon)**

A. Facilities Update

A map showing the projects that will take place this summer was distributed to council. A complete list of the ongoing projects (Alfred Campus) was also provided. There are some artist renderings of our projects located in the meeting room today for your review.

President Anderson advised that Alfred State College sent a team to Albany on March 12, 2009 to attend the consultant interviews (top six architecture firms) for the Student Union/Student Activities Center. This award should be finalized soon. We have a committee set up to work with the architects. All architects were very excited about the vision for this building.

Enrollment - we are currently up 12.7% in applications, 10.1% in accepts, and 13.5% in paid deposits. We have a number of programs on waiting lists. The Open House recently held on March 28, 2009 was well attended, with over 200 families attending. International student enrollment is also increased.

Chair Patricia Fogarty requested that the Vice Presidents provide an executive summary for their reports to the council.

**Institutional Advancement (Dr. Daniel Barwick)**

Dr. Daniel Barwick, Director of Development briefly reported the following:

- Our fundraising is significantly ahead of last year. We will wind down the centennial campaign in June and finish well ahead of our target. A ceremony will be held, most likely during Homecoming in September, to end the campaign.
- You will receive electronically, a three question survey to find ways to express what the case for support is for Alfred State College. Please return this survey as soon as possible.
- The College Council was encouraged to show their support of the College by giving. The College Council is the leader of all of the boards. As leaders, we have the opportunity to show support and set an example for the rest of the boards. Please consider supporting the college in the level that you are most comfortable with.

Mr. Dick Miller spoke briefly. He expressed sincere concern for a bleak budget. Mr. Miller will work with Dr. Barwick in his role as Director of Development to build a program at Alfred State that over time will generate an over flow of annual funds and help with cuts in State support. The College Council is the closest thing to a Board of Trustees that the college has. Advocacy is a definite part of all of our board composes.
Chair Patricia Fogarty asked that Mr. Miller and Dr. Barwick provide a short 40 minute training session at our June College Council meeting to show the Council how they can help. The expectation is that there will be a resolution at the end of the meeting for 100% contribution of the Council members.

Mr. Miller responded that initially, the ability for Dr. Barwick and President Anderson to be able to say that we have 100% contribution of College Council, would be fantastic.

There will be a luncheon meeting at the end of July or beginning of August with former College Council members.

**Student Affairs (Vice President Tyrell)**
Vice President Tyrell excused.

### IV. Committee Reports

**Administration & Enrollment**
A written report was provided to the Council. The Administration & Enrollment Committee met on Friday, March 20, 2009. The next committee meeting will be held on May 20, 2009. Dr. Frank Thiel commented that it is the consensus of the committee that the College manages very capably under the current budget circumstances.

**Student Life**
Michael Smith, student representative to College Council, thanked Chair Fogarty for her participation in SUNY Day and in the Student Rally. Student Senate elections will take place at the end of the month. This is a referendum year for senate. SUNY policy states that the students vote every two years on whether they will fund the program fee, which is currently $94 per semester. The Spring Student Assembly (Statewide) will be held in Rochester next week.

### V. Unfinished Business

**Institute for Sustainability-President Anderson**
President Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Institute for Sustainability. Two primary components for the institute is the “Center for Organic and Sustainable Agripreneurship (COSA) and the Center for Renewable Energy. A Green Team has been established as their advisory group (internally focused). Mr. Charles Craig recommended that external members also be included in the Green Team. We are presently searching for a Director for the Institute.

An “Alfred State College Institute for Sustainability” booklet and a copy of the “Alfred State College Strategic Plan 2008-2013” was provided in the folders for review by the council. Please consider other venues that President Anderson
could be invited to present this information. Mr. Charles Craig recommended engaging Wegman’s Grocery Store.

There was a brief discussion on partners in programming at the Alfred State College Institute for Sustainability. They include:

Alfred University
Animal Welfare Approved
Appalachian Regional Commission
BP
Bully Hill Vineyards
Cornell University Cooperative Extension
Johnson Controls
New York Farm Viability Institute, Inc.
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority)
Organic Farming Research Foundation
Siemens
Wyoming County Dairy Institute

We recently received a $2 mil. grant from NYSERDA. Congratulations to Dean Clark for his continued fundraising ability.

VI. **New Business**
**Resolution Student Rally and SUNY Day (Students participation)**
Chair Fogarty stated that the Student Rally was an excellent event that was completely organized and set up by the students. A sample resolution from College Council thanking the students for their participation in the Student Rally, held on February 6, 2009 and SUNY Day on February 24, 2009, was distributed for review. A motion was made by Vice Chair Thiel to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Richardson. All approved. This resolution will be presented to the students at Honor’s Convocation on April 19, 2009.

Chair Fogarty also suggested a resolution to thank those M/C employees making over $100,000 that waived their salary increases this year. The motion was made by Mr. Joseph Pelych and seconded by Mr. Charles Craig. All approved.

**Summer Meeting with Former College Council Members**
A summer luncheon meeting in late July or early August will be held with former College Council members invited to attend. This will be an excellent way to reconnect them with the College and to utilize their endless source of knowledge and experience.
Executive Session
There was a motion made by Mr. Joseph Pelych to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Terri Ross. After discussion of the topic at hand, there was a motion made to leave Executive Session by Ms. Terri Ross and seconded by Mr. John Richardson.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Terri Ross. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Pelych. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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