



**College Council Meeting  
Monday, August 26, 2019  
5:30 p.m. Council Meeting  
Allegany Dining Room**

**Present:** Chair Patricia Fogarty, Ms. Eva Benedict, Mr. Michael Colomaio, Mr. Charles Craig, Mr. Ronald Nasca, Mr. Joseph Pelych, Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann, Mr. Frederick Sinclair and Mr. George Welch.

**Also Present:** President Dr. Skip Sullivan, Provost Dr. Kristin Poppo, Vice Presidents Dr. Craig Clark, Ms. Betsy Penrose and Dr. Gregory Sammons, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Wendy Dresser-Recktenwald and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Joseph Greenthal, Faculty Senate Chair Mr. Earl Packard and Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Tammy Conrad.

**Excused:** Mr. Wren Keber and Mr. Joseph Pelych.

**1. Call Meeting to Order-Chair Fogarty**

Ms. Patricia Fogarty, College Council Member, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. She asked Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann, Executive Vice President to Student Senate and Representative to the College Council to introduce herself.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting- Chair Fogarty**

Mr. Charles Craig made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on April 15, 2019, seconded by Mr. Fred Sinclair. The minutes were approved.

**3. College Council Chair's Report**

Chair Fogarty noted we have Homecoming Weekend and President's Society Dinner coming up. She encouraged those who are members of the President's Society to attend on October. She also encouraged council members to attend some of the Homecoming/Family Weekend events.

**4. President's Comments/Updates- President Sullivan**

President Sullivan explained the "Summer of Customer Service". Several of our support staff volunteered to work with Admissions and Student Financial Services to assist with handling phone calls and visits.

New Student Convocation and Move-In Day were both wonderful. The Convocation was the most attended to date.

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Our athletic games are off to a busy start with games scheduled all weekend.

Many great facilities updates have taken place over the summer. They include new crosswalks, track at the Pioneer Stadium, parking lots, community garden, bridge leading from campus to town, Alumni House update just to name a few. The Huntington Administration Building is offline while renovations and asbestos Removal are being done.

Northland enrollment this fall looks to be over 160.

The Chancellor was a keynote speaker at the Stem Conference held this summer at Alfred State. She also visited the campus briefly and met with President's Council.

We have 56 new employees this fall. A New Employee Reception is scheduled for August 28 at the College Home.

We have started Phase II of the Police Academy.

The Interim Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees, Dr. Merryl Tisch, is planning a visit to campus this fall.

We recently won the Dairy of Distinction award. Kudos to Chief Financial Officer Greenthal and staff.

#### **Institutional Advancement Report**

We are still in the silent phase of the Major Gifts Campaign. Mr. Jason Sciotti from the Institutional Advancement Office is being temporarily reassigned to work on the campaign. We plan to go public with our campaign next summer. We have \$6 mil. pledged to date.

We have ten alumni chapters across the country.

Homecoming/Family Weekend will be held October 11-12.

#### **5. Action Items**

##### **ARC 2020 Grant Application-Provost Poppo**

The College Council Board Resolution August 2019 was read. Provost Poppo explained what the grant funding would be used for. Mr. Charles Craig made the motion to approve seconded by Mr. Alan Mosher. All approved.

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**6. Senior Staff Updates (Brief reports only!)**  
**Student Affairs (Vice President Sammons)**

We just finished our Week of Welcome. It was very well attended.

We have had a few personnel changes recently in the Athletics Department. We have identified interim coaches for Swimming and Softball. We have two new coaches for Wrestling and Soccer. We also have a grant funded athletic person. We utilize NCAA for our coaching searches making them national searches.

The President's Council had an Incident Command Refresher at our Advance this summer.

We had two PIF grant submissions. We were awarded \$150,000 for an Applied Learning Grant to focus on areas to include internships, software capability, etc.

**Economic Development (Vice President Clark)**

Vice President Clark provided an update on the Crossroads Project. A developer is starting on the fueling station in the fall. A hotel developer meeting will be held soon. The water line contract is finally in the works.

Alle-Catt Wind Project is moving forward as planned for start no later than 2021.

**Enrollment Management (Vice President Penrose)**

Vice President Penrose reported that we are up 85 students over last year; however, there is much activity between now and census date. We are up in continuing and returning as well as part-time. She also reported on the Call Center through the "Summer of Customer Service". The Student Success Center made many calls as well. President Sullivan commended Vice President Penrose and her staff for the excellent job they have done with continuous growth over the past several years. We have hired a new recruiter to assist in recruiting for the School of Applied Technology. He will focus on recruitment at college fairs, BOCES etc.

Mr. Alan Mosher commended Alfred State for being a reactive school to move things forward including enrollment.

**Academic Affairs (Provost Poppo)**

Provost Poppo reported that we were chosen to participate in the SUNY Online Pilot. Healthcare Management program. We did receive a lot of funding for the PIF Grant. We hope this will assist us with continuing and returning enrollment.

The Ag Automation and Robotics program is also receiving some funding by the Ralph W. Wilson grant.

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We had 28 faculty and support assistants at our Orientation. We are experiencing a high level of retirements.

**Business Affairs (Chief Financial Officer Greenthal)**

Chief Financial Officer Greenthal reported on the end of year 2018-19. We brought in \$36.1 mil. which is \$1.1 mil. over our revenue plan. This is very good. We are allowed to spend in to our lapsing period.

We are projecting an enrollment number of 3,750 for 2019-2020. This is conservative.

We have increased our student fees by \$47. This allows us to fund some new initiatives.

We did an energy master plan in 2017. This summer we are in the process of finishing the first phase. We anticipate a savings of \$957,000.

**Human Resources/CCET (Chief Staff)**

Chief of Staff Dresser-Recktenwald reported that we have received support for our Police Academy from every law enforcement agency in Allegany and Livingston county. We are readying ourselves to be regional training facility site. We have 30 potential cadets for next year.

We have 60 part-time adjuncts this semester. We are working with SUNY on a UUP negotiated salary and compression study. This is a requirement of all SUNY campuses.

The Center for Community Education and Training is looking at proving Substance Abuse training.

A large animal rescue drill was held at the farm.

**7. Consistency Reports**

**Alumni (Mr. Wren Keber-Excused)**

No report provided.

**Faculty Representative (Assistant Professor Mr. Michael Colomaio)**

Assistant Professor Colomaio reported that we will once again take part in the History Awareness program held in Wellsville in September.

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**Student Representative (Ms. Elisabeth Rebmann)**

Ms. Rebmann reported that student concerns include issues with the Wi-Fi and student parking spaces being decreased in various lots. We hope to have these issues resolved soon. Chief Financial Officer Greenthal noted that we will have the Administration Building back online in January.

**ACT Update (Mr. Ronald Nasca)**

Mr. Ronald Nasca noted he will be attending the ACT Conference in Cooperstown on October 18.

**8. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

**9. New Business**

**SUNY College Council Resignation Process Update-President Sullivan**

The letter to SUNY Presidents dated July 9 was shared for brief discussion.

Mr. Frederick Sinclair made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Charles Craig. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Recorded by:

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