

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2017**

Council Members Present: Dr. Patricia Hill Williams, Chair; Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Paul Caroleo; Mr. David Curry; Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner; Mr. James E. Durant; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Mr. Robert Sweeney; Mr. Cal Jimenez;

Excused: Mr. Ernesto Mattace

College Administration: Dr. John Nader; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Mr. George LaRosa; Dr. Henry Sikorski

Guests: Mr. Tom Bogue; Mr. John Dzinanka; Mr. Joe Zappulla; Ms. Kathy Coley; Ms. Claire Lisi; Mr. Marvin Fischer; Mr. Jack Petrich; Mr. David Phyfe; Ms. Erika Wachter

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Chair Patricia Williams welcomed James E. Durant to the Council. Mr. Durant is a graduate of our Aviation Program and a retired administrator at JFK Airport. Chair Williams said Mr. Durant was one of our most admired students and has been a very active member of the FSC Alumni Association Board.

A motion was made and seconded to modify the normal agenda for the meeting today.

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Williams turned the meeting over to President Nader for the first portion of the meeting. Dr. Nader introduced Tom Bogue, a member of the FSC Foundation's Legislative Committee. Tom was asked to attend so they could talk more broadly about advocacy for the Building for Applied Social Sciences (BASS) as it is the single most important capital project for the College. President Nader explained that the College is in growth mode, our enrollment is up 400 students from last spring and in order to serve our students we are going to need more space. While we are encouraged by the Executive Budget and the allocation for critical maintenance, we need more office and classroom space and this new building is necessary. Senator LaValle has been most supportive of this endeavor.

John Dzinanka mentioned that we had the money to complete the design portion of the project but lack the funding for construction, estimated to be \$38 million dollars. Mr. Dzinanka introduced Mr. Joe Zappulla of Urbahn Architects who then gave a detailed presentation of the plans for the new building. The building is comprised of five departments: economics, geography, sociology, psychology and sts which is science, technology and society. The building includes classrooms, both general use and collaborative smart classrooms; labs specific to departments along with office space for faculty.

Mr. Zappulla mentioned that at this point in the design they are finished with the schematic package and over the next 6 to 9 months they will work on the construction documents and by early fall the drawings should be ready for bid documents.

Dr. Nader said we have been trying to keep the project moving forward even though we don't have 38 million dollars in hand. That's one of the reasons we are talking about this. We are prepared, providing the funding is received, to move to the bid stage. This is budget season and we are meeting with our

legislators. Earlier in the fall we held a Legislative Breakfast and have reached out to Senators LaValle, Flanagan, Brooks and Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre. We need advocacy for this project. President Nader said it is a lot of money and we may need to look into other funding sources, but he urged the Council members to speak with their legislators and talk about this project as our highest priority. We understand there is money available for critical maintenance, but in order to continue our growth, the new building is our priority. John Dzinanka explained that while there could be a substantial amount of money available for gut rehabs of buildings such as Thompson, Roosevelt and Knapp, our surge space no longer exists due to our growth.

Chair Williams commended the architects for keeping the consistency with the design of the project which fits in with the Campus Center and the School of Business. She thanked Dr. Nader and Dr. Sikorski for inviting the Foundation Legislative Committee member to this meeting so that we are all on the same page as we move forward with our advocacy strategy. Mr. Calabria provided talking points to the Council, etc. for them to use in contacting their legislators. Jim Durant suggested we get this information out to our alums as well. Bob Sweeney suggested that we write or call the legislators asking for their support of this rather than sending another proposal. He also suggested we contact the Governor for his support.

In answer to David Curry's question about additional support other than state, Dr. Nader said we are reaching out to the Long Island Association and will also contact Senator Schumer's office for possible federal support. Given the demographics of the College Dr. Nader agreed that the project sells itself, but we need to get out there and ask.

INAUGURATION UPDATE: Dr. Nader introduced Kathy Coley, Co-Chair of the Inauguration Committee who gave a brief report on the plans for Dr. Nader's Inauguration. About 650 people have received printed invitations. Business leaders, distinguished professors, retirees, foundation members, college council members, trustees, all Chancellor award winners, all College presidents, legislators. Campus staff received electronic invitations. In addition to the Inauguration ceremony, followed by a reception, the college will be showcased as well. Dr. Nader announced that American author John Zogby will be giving a talk on campus the day before Inauguration and a representative of Henry Schein will come to campus to speak to students. Former Delhi president, Candace Vancko will attend Inauguration to give remarks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: In Acting Provost Laura Joseph's absence Dr. Nader announced two new degree programs we are launching in the fall: a bachelor's degree in Interactive Design and a master's degree in Technology Management. The college did receive approvals for substantive change proposals in nursing and dental hygiene which will allow us to offer portions of those degrees on line.

Thanks to Dr. Veronica Henry and the Committee we received approval of our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan. We've been working on this for a while. The letter we received mentioned that we were identified as one of the system's exemplars in this area.

We have two honorary degree recipients for spring. Both nominees have submitted letters of acceptance. This information is still confidential but will be announced soon.

University wide conversations are ongoing about the Governor's proposal for free tuition for SUNY and CUNY schools. There are concerns with some parts of this plan, for example if a full time student drops below full time the free tuition plan would no longer apply as it is for full time students only.

Also much conversation about Students who are immigrants and, more specifically for our campus, students who qualify as DACA students – minors who came here as children with family members and applied for DACA status. We are not aware of any students who are from any of the 7 countries affected by the Presidential Executive Order. We do think that we may have many DACA students among the LIEOC and our campus students. We can't be positive as those students need not identify with the school. We are monitoring the situation. A copy of an update relative to this matter from SUNY Counsel will be circulated to the Cabinet later today.

With the pending retirements of George LaRosa, Sr. Vice President and CFO and Henry Sikorski, Chief Development Officer, work is underway to launch a search for replacements for these two key positions.

President Nader announced a change in Deans in the School of Engineering Technology. Prof. Serdar Elgun is a longtime faculty member and is currently serving as Dean. Dr. Nader suspects Dean Elgun may serve beyond this semester and will keep all informed when we move forward to search this position.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Williams proudly announced that Governor Cuomo has appointed our Police Chief, Marvin Fischer to the position of Chair of the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

Chair Williams said she attended the Winter Commencement in the newly renovated Nold Athletic Complex. In addition she and Jim Durant attended the ribbon cutting for the new facility which everyone should get to see at Inauguration and Spring Commencement. Kathleen Ferrell asked if the Council members would continue to be given more advance notice of some of these events to better plan their schedules.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2016 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Revised Service and Emotional Support Animal Policy – The policy was revised to exclude some of the language which deals with procedure and to clarify liability on the part of the owner. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the new policy as revised.

MOTION CARRIED

Council members Randi Dresner and Kathleen Ferrell were scheduled to present their draft of the plans about the involvement of the College Council and their expanded roles on Campus. Due to the crowded agenda for this meeting they will present their draft at the next meeting of the Council on April 19. Ms. Ferrell offered that if anyone had any suggestions for inclusion in the draft to please contact her.

Chair Williams mentioned how important it is for College Council members to be seated on the platform at academic events. It is their only time to be seated looking out at the students and faculty. Chair Williams said she uses this opportunity to introduce each member present to the audience. Jim Durant voiced his disappointment at not being seated on the platform at Winter Commencement last month. He feels as representatives appointed by the Governor they should be seated on the platform. In addition he suggested that representatives of the Alumni Association and the Foundation also be on the platform. Dr. Nader explained that the Commencement Committee requested that the platforms be reduced to allow additional space for the students and their families. He said he will take it up with the Commencement Committee and recommend that accommodations be made to include the Council

members on the platform. Chair Williams also suggested that in the future the Valedictorian be seated on the platform.

Kathleen Ferrell asked about George LaRosa's update on the Bioscience Park. After some discussion it was agreed that we will have a presentation by George LaRosa concerning an update on the Bioscience Park at the meeting on April 19.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Lisi

Approved 4/19/2017