

**FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE  
COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING  
December 11, 2012**

**Council Members Present:** Dr. Pearl Kamer, Chair; Mr. Paul Caroleo; David Curry, Esq.; Ms. Kathleen Ferrell; Dr. Patricia Hill Williams

Excused: Dr. Kenneth Card; Mr. Robert Stricoff

**College Administration, Staff and Guests:** Dr. Hubert Keen; Mr. George LaRosa; Mr. Patrick Calabria; Dr. Tom Corti; Dr. Veronica Henry; Dr. Henry Sikorski; Chief Marvin Fischer; Ms. Kathy Coley

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Kamer thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Ms. Randi Shubin Dresner, the newest member of the College Council, and Ms. Amanda Lundeberg, the President of Student Government, to the meeting. Dr. Kamer asked for approval of the minutes of Sept. 19, 2012, and on a motion by Mr. David Curry, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ferrell, the minutes were approved. **MOTION PASSED**

- **Update of Council Membership** – Dr. Kamer asked everyone to review and the new members to provide their contact information.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Resolution on Parking Regulations** - The state requires the College Council to approve changes to the parking regulations. The Council passed the draft resolution in April 2012; it was then required to be posted in the State Register for 45 days, and now the final approval and adoption is needed. Copies of the resolution and the regulations were distributed. Paul Caroleo motioned for adoption, seconded by Kathleen Ferrell. **MOTION PASSED**
- **SUNY Budget Allocation Model** – The Board of Trustees meeting, held earlier this week, lacked a quorum and therefore could not adopt the new proposed budget allocation model. A special meeting will be held for this purpose, and this should be done soon. It is intended for the 2013-14 cycle and all future budgets. As reported at the last College Council meeting, we are very pleased that Farmingdale does very well with the highest budget increment to be phased in over the next two years.

Dr. Keen said he would be attending the Chancellor's Retreat for Presidents, and one of the things the Chancellor will be looking at is the SUNY Report Card she has been developing over the past couple of years. The Chancellor is trying to bring the System to have more "systemness." The budget for 2013-2014 may be a topic for the meeting. The two main parts of the budget come from state funding and tuition. Various other budgets such as Farmingdale Foundation, Alumni, Athletics and Student Government make up the rest. There will be a three-hundred dollar increment in tuition coming up next year.

George La Rosa said that state support makes up 25 percent and tuition 75 percent of the state purpose budget. He stated that increased enrollment and the success of the campus have allowed us to move up to a different level. Most campuses are receiving a reduction.

Dr. Kamer said that she started on the Council only 4 years ago and is amazed at its progress. Enrollment increased while admissions standards rose, and a huge building program is underway. It is a testimony to Dr. Keen and his administration. Dr. Kamer also complimented Dr. Sikorski; the Foundation raised \$120,000 at the Gala.

- **Revising Course Offerings** – The reduced amount of instruction on Fridays results in only about 85 percent of our classroom and lab facilities being used. We have already scaled up Friday classes, but we are revising the schedule to more fully use Fridays. An open campus hearing was held, and we are anticipating more offerings on Fridays.

- **Proposals** - Ms. Ferrell asked about the proposal with Nassau, Old Westbury and Suffolk that was due in October. We actually put together three proposals – the first followed the same model [EnGNE] that Stony Brook and Hofstra did last year, and this was submitted with NYIT to the Regional Economic Development Council. The second was a proposal with Nassau and Westbury (Suffolk CCC withdrew) which was submitted to the SUNY 2020 program and expected to be announced in January, The third proposal was submitted to the REDC for funding to expand the BHBP. The REDC funded project should be announced in December.

The 110 Corridor Smart GRID is a complex and difficult project. We had hoped to complete it by the end of December but will not meet that schedule. Some parts are on schedule, and there are 4 major parts. The point person for Smart GRID is Dr. Kamal Shahrabi. Meters are being installed along the 110 corridor. Stony Brook is involved with the cyber security for the electrical grid. LIPA is the lead agency.

Dr. Patricia Hill Williams said she was very pleased to read last week that Farmingdale is one of the few campuses involved in offering training programs. Dr. Kamer indicated that Farmingdale is so different from other colleges in that they provide training for the jobs that are actually out there.

- **Dr. Pearl Kamer** announced that her term on the College Council ended on June 30, 2012. She has submitted her resignation as of December 31, 2012. Dr. Patricia Hill Williams has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Chair until the Governor appoints a Chair. Dr. Kamer said that, with three new members on the Council, she is looking forward to hearing good things. She wished everyone a happy holiday season and year ahead.

President Keen said Dr. Kamer has been an absolutely wonderful Chair for this Council and a great representative of the college - a great partner, and we very much appreciate her service. Dr. Kamer said she will still be very much involved; she has served on the Board of the Bioscience Park and will continue to do so.

Dr. Patricia Hill Williams has been with the college for a long time as an employee and member of the Council; she is active in the Long Island community and has a commitment to moving us forward.

Dr. Kamer called to adjourn the meeting to allow the College Council members to attend the holiday party. A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Ferrell and seconded by Paul Caroleo. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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[Approved 2/6/13]

**Next Meeting: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**