

SUNY Delhi

(Please note: these minutes will be presented to the College Council for approval at their next meeting on May 2022)

The College Council of SUNY Delhi met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Present were:

Council: K. Mario, W. Oliver, R. Pucci, J. Schoonmaker

Administration: M. Laliberte, T. Aguirre, M. Bonderoff, S. Brislin, A. Brown, T. Jordan, J. Padovani, M. Sullivan

Observers: E. Frisbee, L. Tessier, G. Spielman

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I. Chair Schoonmaker called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes: **Chair Schoonmaker** asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021.

Ray Pucci moved to approve the minutes. **Wayne Oliver** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. President's Report – President Laliberte provided the following updates:

President Laliberte welcomed everyone to 2022. He expressed how nice it was to meet in person. The only COVID-19 update is that we only have one infection as of today. Faculty and staff that are unvaccinated are getting tested on a weekly basis. We are currently under a mask mandate from SUNY. We are going to be working with students regarding lifting masks in the dining halls and residence halls. We are proud that 98% of our students are vaccinated. The campus will be holding a booster clinic the end of February 2022 and also March 2022.

We are excited to have five construction projects over summer 2022. Evenden Tower will continue to have the finishing work completed over summer 2022. The Farnsworth Hall project will be underway and getting a complete renovation. The turf field will be put in summer of 2022 and this will benefit athletics especially the women's and men's soccer teams and also the men's lacrosse team that plays most of their games away from SUNY Delhi. The fiber optics project will replace old lines and add some new ones. North Hall will be turned into a welcome center and also house University Police. The welcome center will have the admissions staff located there too. The project will take 12 to 18 months. The capital projects are monies that come from the state not SUNY Delhi. The land swap for the hotel has been approved from the governor's office and in the hands of the board of trustees. The marketing study with the help of Ray Pucci, the town, village, and the local economic development is in process.

I am pleased to announce that our men's basketball coach Zach Thomsen got his 100th career win. The turf students went to San Diego for a national collegiate turf bowl and placed 2nd place. They placed 2nd place behind Purdue University. There were many other universities competing as well.

The enrollment numbers are looking up for the fall 2022 semester. The applications and admittance are up and now we have to concentrate on getting those students deposit paid. is looking up for the fall 2022 semester.

We have a tentative approval for the bachelor's in architecture. Right now, we are working on the name for the accrediting body and it has to have architecture. The students enrolled in the degree will be able to sit for the exam. SUNY Alfred and SUNY Delhi are the only SUNY schools who offer the degree.

We are working on a mediation between Administration and the College Senate.

Wayne Oliver: Congratulations on the Architecture degree!

President Laliberte: Carlos Cabrera the Dean of Applied Technologies will be making the announcement soon once approved.

Wayne Oliver: Do you know who the contractor will be for the turf field?

President Laliberte: I don't know the name but they are located in the Cazenovia area.

Wayne Oliver: I know who they are and they will do an excellent job. The turf field is great news for SUNY Delhi!

Approval of Advisory Council members: **Wayne Oliver** moved to approve. **Kathy Mario** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. College Leadership Team Reports:

John Padovani: John is now working with the enrollment staff. President Laliberte had mentioned that and acceptance is up for the fall 2022 semester. We also have 900 students who are eligible for the EOP program.

The admissions team will be working with Eagle Academy in New York city for architecture and a connection with our campus.

We will be hosting an event for the local Guidance Counselors in Delaware and Otsego counties on March 25th at Bluestone. We want to build these local relationships again.

The Admission Advisors will be on the road again starting in March 2022.

Wayne Oliver: Have we seen any major jumps in enrollment in certain programs?

John Padovani: Yes, welding and non-clinical nursing.

Tomas Aguirre: Some may be asking why is John in enrollment services? We recognized that the enrollment is a critical area this time of year when we are recruiting new students for the fall 2022 semester. Tomas and John proposed a plan with Dr. Thomas Jordan and President Laliberte and we are going with the plan so that there was someone in that area during the departure of Rob Piurowski.

Shawn Brislin: It was a difficult time for the IT department to move forward with projects during COVID-19. We were just notified by SUNY that we would be in cohort 3 for the digital learning bright space program. SUNY wants all campuses on the same online product. The IT staff has been engaged in professional development programs. I have been working with Facilities and Human Resources and it has been going well since Carol Bishop's departure.

Mary Bonderoff: I started here at SUNY Delhi December 7th 2021. I have been meeting with many people regarding the consultation recommendations. I have also been involved in starting the mediation between administration and the college senate. There will also be an ADA supervisor training and incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Elizabeth Frisbee:

On October 18, 2021, the College Senate voted no confidence in President Michael Laliberte (72% voting in favor), which was followed with an official resolution to substantiate the reasons for this vote. The resolution to support the vote of no confidence in President Michael Laliberte was voted in favor of on November 22, 2021, and is attached to the end of this report for the College Council to review if necessary.

In response to vote of no confidence in the fall 2021, SUNY sent in a Special Advisor to the Chancellor, Dr. Mary Bonderoff, to assess the situation on the campus, meet with SUNY weekly offering updates, and ultimately offering recommendations to SUNY. Currently, LizFrisbee (College Senate Presider) is meeting with Mary Bonderoff weekly and having her offer updates of her work on our campus at College Senate meetings.

The Senate Executive Board and Leadership Team are also participating in a mediation, which is intended to lead to a larger retreat or workshop for more members of the campuscommunity to participate in the future.

We have a Campus Effectiveness Taskforce (CET) in place that continues to work on the recommendations that were suggested in the Consultation Report from the 2020-2021 academic year. We have 5 work groups within CET (shared governance, institutional finances, campus culture, search and hiring practices, and communications) that are working hard to prioritize these recommendations and they are putting forward proposalsof actions we can take now to continue improving in these areas on the campus.

Academic Programs Update: In November 2021, there were multiple programs (Associates/Bachelor) programs that were slated for deactivation or discontinuation, whichwould prevent students from enrolling in these programs. We also realized that these programs had been removed from the SUNY website so that prospective students did not know SUNY Delhi offered these programs. These academic programs did not go through ourcurrent curriculum change process and were sent to SUNY by Provost Jordan and President Laliberte to be approved without going through our usual shared governance process outlined in the Academic Policies Handbook. Since then, all but one of the programs have been brought back to the campus and have been reactivated (meaning open for enrollment to students) and there has been a meeting with the Curriculum Committee chair, Senate presider, Deans, Provost, and others to discuss the process that deactivations/discontinuations of programs should go through in the future. We will continue these discussions until we can find a solution that we all agree on.

Wayne Oliver: Is the mediation process part of SUNY? Will it be handled by a SUNY representative?

Mary Bonderoff: SUNY is aware of the mediation but it will be handled by an outside mediation source.

Thomas Jordan: We are awaiting feedback for the master's in criminal justice. We also have other programs that we are awaiting. Bachelor's in applied communications. Associate's in baking and pastry. We also want to add electrical vehicles in the automotive program.

The mayor for the town of Delhi has asked our construction students to build gazebos and benches for the town. The mayor's office building will have electrical students help update the old wiring and replace with new. There will be electric charging stations two in town and two on campus.

We have been working on the new genera education requirements that SUNY has decided to modify. We have a new Dean for Liberal Arts and Sciences and her name is Dr. Joyce Chim who will be starting March 2021. We also have a new Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Lauralea Edwards who will start February 28, 2022. We lost Rob Piurowski as the Director of Enrollment Services so we will fill that role at a later date. We also will be losing JoAnna Brosnan the Director of Institutional Research so we need to fill that role in the future too.

We are starting a new program called road to graduation helping our 170 students who are on academic probation. Andrea Waid is helping us with our Middle States standards and self- study. The self-studies are due and she is working on them and the groups that prepared them.

Kathy Mario: What is the reason for SUNY to modify the general education requirements?

Thomas Jordan: The modification has to do with diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Kathy Mario: What are they doing to help students who have struggled during the pandemic?

President Laliberte: I agree with you and math is an issue. Do students really need algebra and calculus? Can they just do statistics? Students are using technology to help them with math.

Chair Schoonmaker: Are the modifications just coming from SUNY?

Elizabeth Frisbee: UFS has workgroups that have been working on this and providing recommendations to SUNY.

Wayne Oliver: Will the electrical vehicle be a track for a degree?

President Laliberte: It will be a track within the automotive program.

Wayne Oliver: Where will the capital come from?

President Laliberte: There will need to be investments into equipment.

Michael Sullivan: The scholarship applications are open for the fall 2022 semester. We award around 350 scholarships each year. The past few years we have been awarding a minimum of \$1000 to students.

I will be travelling for my first event to Florida in March 2022. We will also have an event on June 25th at Yankee stadium for current students and alumni.

The big plan is to have an in-person homecoming September 30th 2022 and October 1st 2022. The highlight will be the turf field. There are women's and men's soccer games that day. The discussion with alumni council was to have an in-person event instead of virtual.

Kathy Mario: Virtual is just not fun!

Michael Sullivan: Michael had mentioned about the land swap with the hotel. The legislatures have done their piece and now it is up to the board of trustees to do their part. The market study will take some time but the local economic development folks have been so helpful. The proposal should come through mid-February 2022. It will explain what the size of the hotel should be and what our region can support. Dr. David Brower has been helpful on the academic side and how hospitality internships will be great for our students. Ray Pucci and Glenn Nealis have been so supportive.

We had a challenge fund raising event thanks to the Bayright family. The challenge raised \$42,000 and are unrestricted for the Delhi Fund scholarships. We are hoping to do more of these challenge events which raise quite a bit of money.

The student phonathon started up two weeks ago and we are using students which is fantastic. The students can share a connection with the alumni.

Amy Brown: We are just restructuring the Business and Finance department since Carol Bishop and Stephen Cembrinski left SUNY Delhi.

Tomas Aguirre: The health and counseling center continue to work hard at supporting our students. Lacey Williams has been working hard with vaccinations and boosters in the Student Rights and Responsibilities department.

We had a mid-year retreat named getting back to basics that focused on serving students under normal conditions as we were before the pandemic happened.

We are proud of coach Zach Thomsen for his 100th basketball win. The men's basketball team is in the NAC playoffs this weekend here at SUNY Delhi.

The bronco ready days have been well attended. It is nice to see students and families on campus.

We had a poetry program that was headed up by Dr. Leonel Diaz the director of the multi-cultural center and it was well attended by 75 students.

Ralph Perez Rogers and CADI and doing a wonderful job providing excellent dining services for our students.

The counseling center hired a new counselor. EOP is working hard and it is a great model to follow for student support and success.

There was concern with the Greek organizations but their number have spiked this week which is awesome.

The health center is now focusing on sprained ankles, sexually transmitted diseases, and regular flu symptoms.

It is nice to see international students we have one from Turkey and another from Chile.

We are happy to announce that University Police is fully staffed.

The veteran's resource center will be moved from Farnsworth Hall to Farrell Commons where the radio station studio was located.

Chair Schoonmaker: When there are revisions to the student code of conduct it should come to the college council for approval.

John Padovani: Yes, when there are changes or revisions it needs the college council's approval.

Lisa Tessier: We had our virtual plenary January 20th through the 22nd. Deborah Stanley the Interim Chancellor is committed to shared governance.

The resolutions from the Winter SUNY UFS Plenary so that you have them in advance for your notes: [EID/OP: "Resolution for Advancement of Historically Underrepresented Faculty;"](#) [EID: "Resolution for Successful Implementation of the SUNY General Education Diversity Category;"](#) Endorsement of ["FCCC Statement SUNY Chancellor and Executive Leadership Team Searches"](#).

Kathy Mario: Why was their concern and resolutions for the searches? They always have right?

Mary Bonderoff: Jim Malatras was appointed by the governor.

The Leadership Team reports approved: Kathy Mario. Seconded by: Wayne Oliver. The motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Chair's Comments: We are still working on the governor's office to re-appoint Kathy Mario and find out about the two other approvals to the council. Chair Schoonmaker and Kathy Mario will follow up.

Adjournment: **Chair Schoonmaker** asked for a motion to adjourn. **Wayne Oliver** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Kathy Mario** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.