

SUNY Delhi[®]

(Please note: these minutes will be presented to the College Council for approval at their next meeting on December 2021)

The College Council of SUNY Delhi met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Present were:

Council: J. Ellsworth, K. Mario, J. Schoonmaker, O. Siddiqi, C. Vandyke

Administration: M. Laliberte, T. Aguirre, C. Bishop, K. Bucci, J. Padovani, R. Piurowski, D. Sohns, 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 May 4, 2021.

Jeanne Ellsworth moved to approve the minutes. **Omar Siddiqi** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

It is so nice to be back on campus. We are in fourth week of classes. We have certain restrictions on campus because of the pandemic. We had many volunteers helping to move students back on campus. The students living in residence halls needed to be vaccinated or have a medical or religious waiver. We are currently 100% compliant. SUNY Delhi should be proud because our percentage is the best in the SUNY system. The tech sector campuses are not all at 100%. It is great that we are able to offer on campus classes. Commuter students are to be vaccinated by September 27, 2021 or they must have an approved exemption. If they don't have either they will be disenrolled. We know on campus we have the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccine, the Walgreens can provide students with the Pfizer vaccine. Students with a medical or religious exemption is tested every week. We have some infections but nothing extreme.

We are down 14% in enrollment and it will impact the budget, we spent so much money due to COVID-19. It is going to take time to recover. Dr. Jordan has been working on the academic master plan and there are low enrollment programs that will be shelved. SUNY Delhi was just approved for the associate degree and bachelor degree in baking and pastry. Bachelor and Associate baking and pastry. We know that high schools are in dire straights that is why we have to offer stronger and robust programs.

We still have a great story to tell here at SUNY Delhi and many of students are successful even during a pandemic. We are so proud of our faculty and staff that volunteered to help during the pandemic. The student health center can only do so much with the staff that they have. The health center is not for the entire area but for students only.

It is nice that we are seeing people on campus including our students. It is nice that we can dress up and wear shoes. SUNY Delhi is coming together and we are moving forward.

Farnsworth Hall is going to be under construction and the faculty are being moved around campus until the renovation is complete, there will be offices down at the farm, we will be housing our animals in a safe environment. The Turf Field is moving forward funded by the state and a \$300,000 donation from the College Foundation. It should be done by summer 2022 and ready for fall 2022. It will be nice for the players who can even play night

The presidents report approved: Jeanne Ellsworth Seconded: Clyde Vandyke

IV. College Leadership Team Reports:

Tomas Aguirre:

Athletics is now part of division 3 NCAA and we are so excited for our student athletes. Being part of NCAA will be a great recruiting tool for SUNY Delhi. We have new coaches so it is a learning year but the soccer and volleyball teams are being competitive. Rob Munro is our new Associate Athletic Director working along with Robert Backus. The athletic department is being cautious because different areas have various COVID-19 protocols. The athletes always perform well in the classroom. We have changed our policy to have fraternities and sororities not in the first semester so they can perform better academically. The student health services and counseling are busy serving students. We hope that 95% of the students next month will be vaccinated. We will have \$180,000 from the Cares Act designated for mental health and wellness.

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Katie Bucci:

We are keeping with our missions that every area on campus will focus on assessment. We will be focusing in the next three years. The strategic plan is in a new cycle to meet our strategic goals, we have a new kick off regarding learning outcomes for each of our programs. We are concentrating on responsibility, applied knowledge, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Callas Center and the Center for Innovation and Excellence has been working diligently on online courses and professional development.

The Resnick Library is dealing with a population of students who have never stepped foot on a campus.

Institutional research has been reporting on COVID-19 to the state and federal level. JoAnna Brosnan has also been providing faculty and staff with data.

Thursday, September 23, 2021 will be the first Middle States steering committee meeting for the fall 2021 semester. The workgroups are charting and will begin to do the narrative.

Michael Sullivan:

This week is homecoming weekend. We decided to move it virtually because we had alumni that was hesitant to come on campus. We still have a full schedule going on Saturday. The Alumni awards dinner will be held Friday, September 24, 2021

We will also have our first major scholarship reception in late October 2021. The event will be important because we have so many students with financial needs.

The advancement office has down a major overhaul on endowment reports. The goal was to increase transparency of information.

The student phonathon will start in fall 2021 reaching out to parents and alumni. The goal is a 6% increase.

SUNY Delhi is also going forward with a Turf Field fundraising event.

Chair Schoonmaker: The scholarship reception will be held on October 27, 2021 at Bluestone from 5 pm until 7 pm.

Clyde Vandyke:

We have put out our preliminary numbers for the budget and we will have our budget meeting Wednesday, October 1, 2021.

We will have our fall 2021 activities fair tomorrow in the Agora. The fair will encourage new students to join clubs and organizations.

We will start off the year with dinner by the President tomorrow night at Bluestone.

We need to have an E-Board election because we have vacancy in positions.

Jeanne Ellsworth: What do you mean by E-Board?

Clyde Vandyke: The E-board is the executive board made up of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

John Padovani:

The annual suicide prevention walk with Kappa Sig will be held Sunday, September 26, 2021 which will be a nice part

O'Connor Center has a theme for the year picture your purpose because it is not about the many community service hours but the quality of service.

Community service citizenship awards will be held on November 16, 2021.

In student's rights and responsibilities, the 2020 clery report was sent out early and it was good year for conduct.

The student code of conduct was updated regarding cannabis laws federally. It explains and the state and federal laws and it is illegal on campus.

Clyde Vandyke: We have been doing programming. The first program held was coming back to campus and how students can heal. It went very well.

John Padovani:

The alcohol and drug task force has begun its programming for the semester.

MacDonald Hall is back open to students.

We have worked with Dr. Jordan on the culinary classes to start running Bluestone. The first dinner served will be this Thursday, September 23, 2021 and the theme is Italian.

Hannah Hauser has been working on catering events at Bluestone where we can make more revenue.

Carol Bishop:

The press has been speaking about delinquent students accounts and collections. We follow the SUNY and state policies. During the pandemic, collections was suspended. The suspension has been lifted. We will be reaching out to students and giving them a 30 -day grace period.

The stimulus direct aid to students is based off of Pell eligible students and we get the money but we give it right back to students.

The third round of stimulus will be given to students shortly and we will disburse 6.6 million dollars.

State employees are encouraged to be vaccinated but it is not mandated. Employees who are unvaccinated are to test weekly. Vaccinated employees will test monthly.

Human Resource Director Mary Morton will retire at the end of 2021. Shawn Brislin will be the Chair of the Search Committee.

SUNY Delhi will have its annual work plan meeting with the State University Construction fund working on projects, design, and the 5-year plan.

We have had a retirement and vacancies in the Accounts Payable department so we are partnering with SUNY Binghamton for transaction process and we are working on electronic requisitioning.

It is budget season and we are working through the process.

Thomas Jordan:

I attended an honors class to tell my story. The students were engaged and what they liked about SUNY Delhi was class size, professors, and the support they receive. The only major complaint was parking. They were also glad that there were early hours again for food.

We have a new Dean in Applied Technologies and his name is Carlos Cabrera. We are also in the process for the search of a new Dean in Liberal Arts & Sciences.

The Hospitality Department is so excited about the associates and bachelor's degree in baking and pastry.

We now have a bachelors degree in applied communications, AAS in automotive electrical vehicles, and a post master certificate in nursing education

Rob Piurowski has been working with the Deans on low enrolled programs and what direction to go in the future.

I have been working on a retention initiative and incorporating strategic plans for students. The strategic plan is where they start and how they will finish here at SUNY Delhi.

I am also creating a five- side chat with the Provost. The five- side chat will be for students and faculty.

The applied technologies students have been building sheds. The utilities alumni held a barbecue and spoke with our current students. The alumni already had jobs before graduating SUNY Delhi. They have paid off student debt and even own homes.

Bluestone is a classroom and will be serving meals every two weeks on a Thursday. The first two times is Italian and the net will be Caribbean.

Dr. David Brower took hospitality students to the Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame for an event and it was well received in the community.

The school of nursing worked on a publication, nursing education during a pandemic.

Access and equity had a summer program to transition their students to begin classes on campus.

It is SUNY Delhi's 60th anniversary for the veterinary science program.60th

We had 150 veterinary science internships over summer.

We had 66 students attend the farm and rats camp over summer. It was a successful program.

Rob Piurowski:

We have been doing additional planning with the leadership team and the deans in collaboration with the undergraduate admissions team to help bring enrollment numbers up for next year.

The admissions team is going to use more technology to attract potential students.

We are encouraging to create open houses within a program.

The fall open houses so far, we have 80 students registered which is a great sign.

The office of Continuing Education & Professional Studies has been working hard with creating revenue with 5 hour driving courses and paint and sips at Bluestone. Mistelle Fields was also on the WIOX radio station with Ray Pucci.

Dawn Sohns:

My office efforts were about communication regarding COVID-19 and health standards.

We are working on engaging our students on Tic Toc.

Carnegie Dartlet is helping us with some digital marketing and the leads go to Joshua Gregory in admissions.

Riikka Olson and Abigail Mott have been helping with videos.

Lisa Tessier:

There is a new President for SUNY UFS, Keith Landa.

SUNY sent a new General Education Framework document and Implementation Guidance document; seeking feedback on Implementation document now; we will need to work on revising GE on our campus accordingly.

Faculty Senate continues to work on passing local adaptations of SUNY Resolutions.

The fall SUNY UFS Plenary will be held virtually from October 7th through the 9th, 2021.

Elizabeth Frisbee:

Faculty Senate is continuing its work with curriculum, bylaw changes, and Senate committee outreach and delegation.

We are getting ready to engage in discussion regarding a better structure and flow of proposals that should run through the Senate before approvals and/or implementation occurs.

Since the College Council meeting last spring we wanted to provide an update that a vote of no confidence did not come forward to the floor of the Senate. This fall, we are noticing that there is still talk of a vote of no confidence among campus members, but nothing that has been brought forward officially to the Senate at this time.

The Faculty Senate also put out a statement on Workplace Violence in the Delhi Today email back on May 17, 2021 in response to campus member concerns associated with the consultation report, which brought forward officially to the Senate at this time.

We mentioned at the last College Council meeting that the leadership team and the Senate created a Campus Effectiveness Taskforce (called CET), which consists of 5 different work groups matching each of the sections outlined in the consultation report.

The CET met last week for the first time and each work group was tasked with meeting and coming up with proposals on how to address the recommendations in the consultation report to improve our campus in these areas.

The CET is made up of the Leadership team and campus members and we are hoping it helps us to improve some of the issues outlined in the consultation report.

The Leadership Team reports approved: Jeanne Ellsworth

Seconded: Omar Siddiqi

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Chair's Comments: It is so great to be meeting in person. We still have two names on the Governor's desk for College Council. Have we heard anything?

George Spielman: Not at this time.

Adjournment: Chair Schoonmaker asked for a motion to adjourn. **Jeanne Ellsworth** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Clyde Vandyke** seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.