



*(Please note: these minutes were approved by the College Council on February 16, 2016)*

The College Council of SUNY Delhi met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Present were:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Observers</u>
N. Deming	C. Vancko	B. Kaplan
H. Adams	C. Bishop	J. Redinger
A. Cucci	B. Jones	
M. Fisher	B. Martin	
J. Ghaleb	J. Nader	
K. Mario	J. Smith	
C. O'Beirne		
W. Oliver ( <i>via phone</i> )		
J. Sutaris		

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- I. **Chair Nancy Deming** called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm and invited each Council member to take a holiday poinsettia.
- II. **Approval of Minutes: Jhilmil Ghaleb** moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015. **Anthony Cucci** seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- III. **President's Report – President Vancko** provided the following updates:
  - **President Vancko** held a semi-annual cabinet planning retreat at Raquette Lake in October. Cabinet members identified capital projects underway and how to fund those that need to be done; the in-house crew can do small capital projects. One example is the Vet Tech clinic in Farnsworth; the renovation was funded through reserves and the work was done by our in-house crew. Our operating deficit this year is \$2.7 million due to the drop in enrollment (160 students); we will use reserves to cover the deficit. The college generates about \$2 million a year in new reserves; this year we can afford to use reserves to cover the operating deficit, but that is not sustainable. At the retreat, cabinet brainstormed several new academic program ideas. More than 60% of our enrollment comes from the six newest programs; compels us to continue to generate new program ideas. President Vancko hopes to continue to generate three new programs a year. Cabinet also identified recruitment and enrollment priorities focused on three different markets: on campus students (we are seeing a slight increase for spring); our community college campus partners (Schenectady, Monroe, Onondaga, Tompkins Cortland, Suffolk); and online students. Different resources and strategies are required for these three areas. Succession plans for other cabinet members were also discussed. As a result of discussion at the retreat, President Vancko formed an Enrollment Council which meets monthly to develop recruitment strategies.
  - John Nader and faculty members recently spent a day at SUNY Oneonta exploring partnership options; there are tremendous potential benefits to both campuses. We are also exploring a partnership with Sullivan County Community College to make the BSN available to their students.
  - President Vancko and Joel Smith met with the Metro Alumni Advisory Group in New York City in November. President Vancko offered a presentation and the Group made several donations. President Vancko will continue to work with them as a group and individually.

- With Carol Bishop, President Vancko co-hosted a standing room only Campus Conversation about the budget.
- Nearly 100 faculty and staff members attended a thank you reception for employees who donate to student scholarships hosted by President Vancko at her home on November 12.
- President Vancko hosted the Student Senate E-board for dinner at her home on November 16.
- President Vancko was invited to address the Delhi Rotary and the Andes Round table recently.
- Verizon broke ground today for the Verizon cell tower on campus, which has been four years in the planning. Completion is expected by the end of spring semester.
- Apogee is halfway through Russell Hall and continuing to install WiFi in all the residence halls.
- The Student Senate will be purchasing 100% sustainable Adirondack chairs as a class gift; the chairs will be placed along the area where a new railing has replaced the concrete wall overlooking the hill across from Murphy, MacDonald and O'Connor Halls. President Vancko thanked Anthony Cucci for his leadership in this class gift.

**IV. Chair's Comments:** Chair Deming noted that the Presidential Search Committee met last night and has forwarded names to the College Council. Under SUNY rules, the number and names of candidates forwarded are confidential. Tonight, the Council will meet to decide on three of those candidates to advance to the Chancellor. Chancellor Zimpher and her staff will interview each candidate; the person the Chancellor selects will be interviewed by the SUNY Board of Trustees. The Board meets on January 11 and 12, 2016, at which time, an announcement will be made. Until then all names are confidential. The Board of Trustees meeting will be streamed live. Chair Deming noted that the Presidential Search Committee worked extremely hard and extremely cooperatively.

**President Vancko** said we have been very fortunate to have Nancy Deming as chair of the College Council, chairing the Presidential Search Committee.

**V. Old Business:** none.

**VI. New Business:** CADI's presentation has been rescheduled to the February College Council meeting.

**VII. Adjournment:** **Katherine Mario** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Carol O'Beirne** seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.