

## SUNY Delhi College Council Meeting – Hybrid

February 21, 2023

### Minutes

**In attendance:** Jack Schoonmaker, Katherine Mario, Ray Pucci, Wayne Oliver (remote), Jeanne Ellsworth (remote)

**Guests:** Dr. Mary Bonderoff, Michael Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, John Padovani, Chelsea Mathieu, Dr. Thomas Jordan, Shawn Brislin, Dr. Lauralea Edwards, Dr. Alice Krause, Lisa Tessier, Elizabeth DeFalco (The Reporter), Dennis Aikens, Dr. Joyce Shim, Ralph Perez-Rogers, Tahirah Clark, Dr. David Brower, Shawn Cobstill

#### **Part 1 – Call to Order/Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. Shawn Brislin was welcomed back to the College Council meeting.

#### **Part 2 – Approval of Minutes**

The November minutes and January minutes were approved.

#### **Part 3 – Chair's Comments**

Chair is eager to be more responsive with College Council matters following a busy several weeks.

#### **Part 4 – Officer in Charge's Comments**

Dr. Bonderoff shared her continued presence at various meetings throughout the school, with students, and business partners.

We're working hard on fiscal stability. Several committees are in place to reduce spending, and we're meeting once per month with SUNY Administration for input and support.

Nazely has been working on the Strategic Enrollment Management plan, which should bolster recruitment and retention. More information to follow.

Shawn Brislin has joined the President's Cabinet, in his new role overseeing Facilities.

SUNY Construction Fund visited campus. The proposed strategy details renovations for academic spaces, with the intent to increase enrollment for programs that are in high demand and at capacity. This effort has moved forward several steps. This aligns with the capital master planning process, which will be initiated in March.

Dr. Bonderoff and Michael Sullivan are working diligently to engage alumni, donors, and corporations.

Dr. Bonderoff mentioned the Regional Innovation Council, which she is joining as part of their Steering Committee.

With respect to Delaware Electric Co Op discussions, Ray Pucci recommended space available behind 5 ½ Main Street. The office of strategic workforce development may have grants to support this as well.

Wayne inquired about the additional 65 students we're going to be able to add and how that impacts personnel. Dr. Bonderoff shared that we are hiring some faculty to meet these needs.

The Chancellor's office requested that we hold March 10<sup>th</sup> for a visit to SUNY Delhi.

### **Part 5 – Staff Reports Highlights**

Dr. Jordan and other leaders met with Binghamton University to discuss Cambridge International, with the intent to increase international students. The model requires collaboration in admissions and is a heavy lift with respect to evaluating credits to transfer. The goal is to launch Fall 2024.

Dr. Jordan is spearheading the Racial Justice Equity Institute. Campus leaders examine disparities between students of color and their peers.

Academic Affairs is working on 2 projects with SUNY Oneonta, for nursing and mechatronics.

Kathy asked if the Racial Justice Equity Institute and micro-credentials are wrapped together. Dr. Bonderoff clarified they are separate and distinct.

Kathy also wondered if COVID impacted international enrollment. We believe so.

Dr. Krause mentioned the strengthening of shared governance, with increased participation and engagement.

Chelsea Mathieu shared good news about SUNY funding available to replace academic equipment.

Kathy asked about the priorities. Mark Sullivan said 5 key programs in the School of Applied Technology and Architecture.

Michael Sullivan provided an update about a trip to Florida, with more trips planned for meaningful engagement with alumni along the east coast. There will be another Delhi Day at Yankee Stadium.

Wayne asked about applications and where they came from, to assess the addition of two admissions counselors. Most apps are coming from New York City. Western New York is number two in applications. The next push is deposits. It's early in the cycle. Lots of events are planned to increase deposits. If we were to expand in personnel, it would be wise to focus on New Jersey.

John Padovani shared several student life updates. Winter athletics are slowing down. Spring competitions are starting this Saturday. Residence Hall numbers are up from last spring. CADI's meal plan numbers are up as well. They are working on a budget process for next year. Bluestone is up and running, with students making meals.

Lisa Tessier mentioned participation in the UFS plenaries. One convening is currently being rescheduled.

Dr. Edwards shared the request from the Middle States for additional evidence. Following the visit, we should know their recommendations by next Wednesday afternoon.

In Facilities, Shawn Brislin initiated some minor reorganization and filling vacancies in the heating plant. Currently renovating Farnsworth Hall. Additional designs and upgrades are moving forward in several other buildings. CIS is busy with software integration. Security is a big focus. Tabletop drill forthcoming.

### **Part 6 – Old Business**

The vision and mission were unanimously endorsed by the College Council at the special meeting in January.

### **Part 7 – New Business**

The Council began to review the Advisory Council members.

Edits suggested:

- Under Electrical, it's Gasstrom, not Glasstrom.
- Under Liberal Arts, Ray recommended replacing Owner/Broker with Delaware County Chamber.

The Advisory Council members were approved unanimously.

Lisa Tessier shared a send-off for the men's basketball team on Friday morning at 8 am.

Dr. Bonderoff recommended going to Bluestone for the culinary student meals.

### **Part 8 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.