

## **SUNY Delhi College Council Meeting – Hybrid**

**February 20, 2024**

### **Minutes**

**In attendance:** Jack Schoonmaker, Julia Rios, Kathy Mario, Ray Pucci, and Jeanne Ellesworth (virtual)

**Guests:** Mary Bonderoff, Mark Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Lisa Tessier, Nazely Kurkjian, Alice Krause, Chelsea Mathieu, Louis Reyes, Shawn Brislin, John Padovani, Paul Hanks, Alyshia Korba (virtual)

**Not in attendance:** Wayne Oliver

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

The meeting started at 4:35 pm.

#### **Part 2 – Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December meeting, and it was seconded.

#### **Part 3 – Chair's Comments**

Thanked the council and committees. About to go into next meeting for middle states. Wayne has been chairing the presidential search committee. There is a March meeting coming up to discuss the presidential search candidates.

#### **Part 4 – Acting President's Comments**

Great start of the semester. Student Success Day was a wonderful new addition. Planning for additional opportunities for professional development in June.

Bronco Reboot is going well. 95 students participated in the Bronco Reboot program, which gives them a second chance to bring their grades around. Will report on outcomes later this year.

Numerous visitors from SUNY Administration. Many students came to participate in the internship roundtable with the Chancellor. Chancellor King also came to the Regional Innovation Council meeting, which was fantastic. Smaller groups are being put together to address needs in the community. Omar Sanders is visiting next week to discuss further opportunities with the Regional Economic Development Council

Have been working on the Strategic Planning Initiatives. The initiatives were presented to the College Senate and will be discussed at the next meeting. We also plan to present these to Student Senate. Future endorsement of the College Council is forthcoming.

We are hosting a Fireside chat to continue demonstrating transparency regarding the budget. Relatedly, we hope the voluntary separation agreement will be approved soon.

The monitoring report was submitted to Middle States. We are meeting the visit team next Monday and Tuesday. The long-term enrollment and fiscal stability plan were shared with SUNY last November. We've had tremendously positive feedback. We're trending above all goals with applications,

acceptances and deposits. Mark Sullivan has been fostering relationships with international partners to recruit new students.

The strategic enrollment plan and retention efforts have made great progress. There are subgroups meeting to gather and analyze data, implement additional wrap around services, and support. The O'Connor Foundation committed extra money towards scholarships for Delaware County students. We are forming a OneStop shop for students. A manager was recently hired to establish the center to meet students in a high traffic location to maintain their academic progress. We are also gathering information to strategize communications that go to students and other audiences.

The Academic Program Assessment Committee (APAC) is examining market trends for various programs to inform marketing campaigns and prospective partnerships with industry.

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

David Brower shared their office is looking at grants to establish enhancements for the geriatric workforce. The Title III grant that we initially applied for is now back on the table so we will resubmit that application. This would support the Bronco Reboot program through intrusive advisement and continued engagement.

Additional transformational funding was allocated to establish cascading enrollment with SUNY Oneonta, with the intent that they would start at SUNY Delhi and transfer to SUNY Oneonta.

APAC met twice in January. They created a list of programs to review. The goal is to retool them to ensure they are meeting the needs of students and the workforce. Looking at building out a health studies program with multiple tracks. Working to expand apprenticeships. SUNY has conveyed the importance of apprenticeships. Additionally, Americorps will be explored as well.

We were approved for a PRODiG plus fellowship so the campus can hire an individual for two years to bolster diverse faculty. It is a SUNY supported program and they pay up to 80% of the annual salary. Only four tech sector campuses were approved for this opportunity.

John Padovani shared that we hired a new dietician. She has hit the ground running and doing a range of programming. She will also have appointments with students and continue to work closely with students impacted by food insecurity.

A new health vending machine was installed on campus in a 24/7 accessible environment. It is free and very popular among students.

Pickleball was recently introduced to campus and was also popular.

The O'Connor Center celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yearlong celebrations are in progress.

The Winterfest tradition continues, with fun activities ranging from Kinky Bingo to Roller skating.

The Counseling Center hired a new counselor. They are collaborating with Access & Equity Services for a Sonic Connections sound stimulation event.

There are about 124 students living on campus, up from last spring. This fall, Residence Life will be doing a pet friendly wing pilot.

A national student engagement survey was disseminated yesterday. It was shared with over 800 first year students and seniors and will last 5 weeks.

Louis Reyes has been working diligently to build community within and beyond SUNY Delhi. He hosted the SUNY System CDO's visit to campus. The tech sector CDO meetings have been positive and helpful to guide DEI best practices. Lou has been leveraging opportunities at nearby campuses to bring students to DEI programs. SUNY Oneonta has been a great partner. These efforts are low cost yet have tremendous impact on our students. Lou was also invited to be part of a DEI group at Delaware Academy that meets monthly and has a common read.

The search for the Coordinator of the MOSAIC multicultural center is well underway. Two candidates are coming in March for their interviews.

The bias response team has been formalized and training was provided.

FAFSA is being completely revamped. The federal government has delayed its implementation. With the delay, EOP has made innovative efforts to accept students for the coming academic year.

We have new celebrations for graduates, including Kente and Lavender ceremonies. Additionally, BreakFEASTs are being planned to host events with different cultural foods.

Mark Sullivan shared increased forecasts for admissions, breaking numerous forecasted goals for applications, acceptances, and deposits. We are leading in the tech sector, working very hard to yield results in areas that previously were dark.

Through Slate, we recently started texting students. This has proven to be successful and we are collaborating with other offices to engage enrolled students as necessary.

Between community colleges and BOCES, new and renewed articulation agreements are up over 20%.

We have new scholarships for online degree completion, to support adult learners.

International recruitment efforts have increased. We have a new relationship with UniBrijj (based in India) and are in the process of establishing additional relationships to recruit international students.

We're doing continued outreach to families regarding the FAFSA delays. Because of this, we pushed back the deposit due date to June 1. The accepted student waitlist is over capacity for architecture, electrical, welding, construction, and more programs. Vet tech is also capping out early. There could be pressure points for nursing as well. We're focused on yield rates through Accepted Student Days.

Chelsea mentioned that Student Financial Services is working to ensure there is sufficient staffing. A new software program, CampusLogic, is currently being implemented. It will streamline communications between students and their families.

With the stability planning process, we have received an invitation to present our plan to the Chancellor and other members of his senior leadership team in March – date TBD.

Michael Sullivan shared Homecoming dates: September 20-21. Working on scheduling regional events.

This spring, we'll have the first awards from Barnard. This comes from the scholarship pledge they made to us last fall.

We're focused on major gift campaigns, reaching out to businesses to secure transformational gifts and make major gains.

Thanked Ray and members of the Chamber for the RIC program held earlier this month.

Alice Krause reflected on another positive year for shared governance. Working on revising faculty search guidelines and course evaluation questions. Applied for the SUNY shared governance award, based on significant change in culture. Hope to hear back soon.

Lisa Tessier attended the University Faculty Senate meeting and there was favorable praise of SUNY Delhi. They discussed increasing regional collaborations. SUNY will be more critical of academic program proposals.

Julia Rios shared that Student Senate has had two meetings. Next Monday, student senate members are going to Student Empowerment Day in the capital. She and Alexis will be attending meetings to increase She is working with Dr. Bonderoff on a panel for the W.O.K.E club.

#### **Part 6 – Old Business**

None to discuss.

#### **Part 7 – New Business**

Recommendations for new members and membership renewals for the 2024 Advisory Councils. This is a collaborative effort between academic affairs and advancement. A motion to approve the total recommendations was made. Seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Nazely provided an overview of the strategic planning progress to date, with the next steps. Initiatives were presented. Creating tactics are the next step. An opportunity to gather feedback and generate ideas for tactics is underway, in consultation with shared governance.

#### **Part 8 – Adjournment**

Ray called a motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded. All were in favor of adjourning at 5:57.