

## **College Council Meeting - Hybrid**

May 6, 2025

### **Unapproved Minutes**

**In attendance:** Jack Schoonmaker, Jeanne Elsworth, Tahirah Clark, Ray Pucci, Julia Rios, Seth Blocker, Wayne Oliver.

**Guests:** President Bonderoff, David Brower, Shawn Brislin, Louis Reyes, Chelsea Mathieu, Michael Sullivan, Douglas Holub, John Padovani, Nazely Kurkjian, Andrea Dibble

**Call to Order**  
**4:33pm**

**Approval of minutes.** Motion by Jeanne Elsworth, seconded by Seth Blocker. Approved

### **Chairs Comments**

Welcome to our May council meeting and we have a quorum.

### **Presidents Comments**

Thank you to each of you for your continued support, Jack for participating, Jeanne and Seth as well for being at the inauguration/gala, it was meaningful to have you all there. Most of my family were here and I am grateful for colleagues and family. The students did a phenomenal job with the dinner, but I missed out on the dessert! Thank you to Michael, Nazely, Amanda Holland, Andrea and the rest of the committee for their hard work and commitment.

Commencement buzz in the air and there is a lot for us to be proud of and the accomplishments this year. We are celebrating our students and their accomplishments with events such as the Athletic banquet, the Student Life Awards, Student Senate Banquet, and the Kente and Lavender Graduation Celebrations—each recognizing the excellence, leadership, and perseverance of our students.

I had the honor and was proud to join Julia Rios & Albert Osterman in Albany last week, they are recipients of the Chancellors Award for Student Excellence, the highest honor given to students.

Julia has spent the semester interning with our offices at the senior level, and. Julia noted her experiences while interning in different offices, and appreciated being a voice at the table and heard, and being treated equally.

Enrollment trending beyond what we could imagine. Certainly, comes with challenges, but we are being creative with housing, which is a work in progress.

Faculty very supportive with classes that are full and now have wait lists. Their flexibility is appreciated.

Goal, 1330, 1090 freshmen goal. 200+ in 30-day window who can still deposit, including those at Accepted Student Days this coming week (Friday 171 and Saturday 176 attending). Those outside the 30-day window as of May 1, maybe defer to spring or online classes. Preparing for the next cycle (26-27), and will be more explicit as the technology programs fill up fast. More flexibility for freshmen who want to live off campus. Not accepting new applications for freshman for any program. Still taking apps for transfers and online.

The Regional Innovation Council meet on February 12, 2025 to discuss the Delaware County Housing study results. There was a great turn out for the event and we are bringing together a smaller group to look at possible grants to move some initiatives forward to support housing and tourism in the region. The Southern Tier Regional Council recently hosted a meeting at the Culinary Institute for the Co-Chairs across the NYS Councils. The work of this board continues to be rewarding and creating awareness to funding sources for the campus and community. We continue to meet with DCEC about opportunities in terms of workforce development, what they are doing with the training center and the grants they have received

Attended the ACE Women's Network for NY and served on the leadership panel. Nazely and two students also attended.

We have the initial analysis of the Climate Survey that has been shared with the campus related to the student responses. SUNY has done the first run through of an analysis around the student experience, and the data is helpful. We will continue to work with them and hopefully get the rest of the data analysis done and presentations available, so we can roll it out. Between the Climate Survey and the information from the National Institute for Student Success and the Strategic Plan Tactics, we will have a lot of information to help us decide the key initiatives to best support our students.

The Pedagogy of Real Talk with Dr. Paul Hernandez is moving forward with SUNY Oneonta for June. We have the opportunity to have 10 staff and 10 faculty participate and they will work all year and then next year 10 more from each cohort and we build out over three years and should have 60 people who have the same understanding around pedagogy to support our students.

We hope you can all join us at commencement on May 17, 2025. Delhi graduate James Palmiter will be our honorary degree recipient and keynote speaker for this event.

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

### **David:**

Attended the Healthcare Workforce Nursing Convening meeting at SUNY Administration today. There were about 125 people attending across all campuses, and great conversations specifically about our nursing programs and some interest system wide in creating partnerships. Maja Krzyston, our clinical coordinator in the pre-licensure program attended.

I want to express my appreciation to Nazely and the enrollment services team for all the work they are doing, there is a lot to coordinate and manage, and we are working on creative solutions to expand capacity & creative alternatives such as a direct admit into Criminal Justice.

The Veterinary Science Program has signed a partnership with Onondaga Community College where students in Central NY can take liberal arts components of the Vet Tech Online program at OCC and complete the VETS requirements through Online Delhi. The program will also develop additional clinical partner institutions (including the Rosamond Gifford Zoo) in the central NY region where students can complete their hands on essential skills required for the AAS degree program.

APAC are continuing to review all programs –and identifying programs that doing well or struggling. If struggling, next step is to bring in dean/PD/faculty and evaluate those programs and what does the potential look like.

Justin Simonds our welding instructor and students provided a demonstration on sanitary pipe fitting. This was funded through transformational funds and we are working in collaboration with Clark Farms and Mallinckrodt. We are the only welding program in SUNY to offer this specialization in the curriculum.

We are working on an artificial intelligence symposium, and will host a Tri-campus AI pop up event at SUNY Oneonta on May 29 from 11:00am-1:00pm which will provide the opportunity to think about how we can incorporate artificial intelligence in the curriculum. This is a collaboration between SUNY's Cobleskill, Delhi and Oneonta.

We submitted a grant through ECMC for 2.6 million dollars which would be supportive of student support services, building out and redefining the Resnick Academic Achievement Center to a Learning Commons.

RATS Camp (research camp in the summer) designed for HS students who are transitioning into veterinary science programs, and Farm camp is for individuals who are in veterinary science programs like SUNY Ulster which doesn't have a large animal clinic, so they get an intensive experience here at Delhi.

**John:**

Hosted our second annual mental health summit. This was possible through incremental funds from SUNY and was very successful. We saw an increase in attendance and we collaborated with the University of Buffalo's Institute for Trauma, and Trauma Informed Cre, which was engaging and they offered multiple session. Kudos to Counseling Services for organizing this event.

Ann Lis Glenn from the O'Connor Center, worked diligently and the submitted Carnegie application for our 10-year classification in community engagement. We are just waiting to hear back.

We were designated a Voter friendly campus which recognizes our institution, planning and implementing nonpartisan practices to encourage students to register and vote. Kudos to Elizabeth Hoyt.

Veterans Support Services with the help of Admissions and Student Financial Services, we have identified other people on campus who are eligible for veterans' benefits which can be extended to spouses and dependents.

April 19<sup>th</sup>, we had our Community Service Day with 145 volunteers participating both on and off campus at 15 project sites and 563.5 community service hours were completed. And this evening, we will be recognizing our Community Service and Citizenship Awards on campus.

**Louis:**

The President's Awards for Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion took place in March. This has been the first-time awards were presented since 2017.

The Pedagogy of Real Talk (PRT) is coming to our campus. Through an intentional collaboration between our Provost, Interim Vice President of Student Life, and Interim Chief Diversity Officer; SUNY Delhi will be offering both a Faculty and Professional Staff three-year track. Participants will be provided tools grounded in educational research and theory. Learn inclusive approaches that foster a sense of belonging.

Campus Climate Survey results are in! 14% students completed survey, 38% staff completed the survey.

We continue to work with our international students who are all doing well in classes.

MOSAIC continues to host, co-sponsor, and provide space for a variety of activities and events, supporting a broad range of clubs, organizations, and individuals.

Opeyemi (Yemi) Adesanya, is working to bring an ethic health and beauty vending machine for students & community to campus.

Executive Order 31 – our campus is supportive of hiring employees with disabilities.

**Chelsea:**

Ellen Pickett, Personnel Assistant, joined the Human Resource Department on March 15 to take on a primary role in administrative payroll. Ellen comes to SUNY Delhi from SUNY Oneonta, where she was also a human resource professional, in the space of student employment.

Human Resources Department was awarded \$4,000 from the CADI Coca-Cola grant to be applied to expenses related to onboarding and integrating of new employees including for the annual New Employee Orientation program

In collaboration with SUNY system, two in-person supervisory leadership trainings were scheduled for April 28th to cover Employee Relations 101 and Building Civil Workplaces will be held soon.

Campus Logic Campus Communicator setup is still underway. Virtual Advisor (chatbot) is in the early stages of setup. It will be a phased rollout, starting with financial aid as it comes pre-built with FAFSA Q&As.

Employee Appreciation Day planning has been underway for the annual Employee Appreciation Day scheduled for May 28th.

**Michael:**

Inauguration, we had more than 300+ in attendance for our main event-the formal ceremony which was a great turn out for the campus, student and general community.

The gala event held in the evening brought in \$45,000, and we had 174 of 175 people who RSVP'd attend!

Homecoming registration is now open and is scheduled for 26-28 September.

We have a special event for alumni on June 5 at the National Comedy in Jamestown, and we are hoping for a good turnout.

Campus visits: April 22 we had an Alumni student professional partnership networking event with our EOP and Criminal Justice programs. We brought in 12 alums across both those programs to have panel conversations and students and faculty and then a mixer after for some professional networking. We really appreciate that our graduates come back and give their time. Two graduates will be on campus this this week for guest lectures and engagements.

Commencement is May 17 and we will be giving our first honorary degree since 2018 to [James Palmiter](#), who is a 1981 graduate. James will also deliver the keynote address.

Finally, the golf course open. There will be more open after commencement when our food service partners are available after all recent events on campus.

There are some capital projects under way at the golf course this year; asphalt and paving around the bridges, a student and faculty let improvement program by the driving range which will see artificial turf laid that our construction management and golf course management students and faculty. This is due to the increase in play over the last several years and will help maintain the driving range.

Bluestone opens May 7, 2025 for lunch and dinner with a new chef at the helm, and a new menu!

**Douglas:**

College Senate continues to participate in shared governance with academic and non-academic areas.

There are nine resolutions that University Faculty Senate approved. One is making waves – it is the resolution defining and opposing the term anti-Semitism and in general.

**Julia:** We have had a very busy semester. We attended the SUNY SA conference two weeks ago, 10 students attended and it was a very positive event and experience. We had a couple of constitution bylaws changed to better streamline processes.

Election time for new board members is way. You will have a new student representative on college council next semester.

We are working on our budget and we have our last meeting this week. The treasurer and finance committee worked incredibly hard as the budget has been a mess a few the past couple of years. We passed several new rules and regulations to makes processes smoother.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to be on college council for the last two years, I have enjoyed every meeting and learned so much from you and I'm sorry I have to go!

On behalf of the college council, Jack thanked Julia for her contributions and student perspective, meeting her at different events and her commitment. We wish you the best as you pursue your MBA at the University of Albany, we are very proud of you and excited to see what's next for you.

#### **Part 6 – Old Business**

Delhi email addresses for college council members. These will be sent out and you will be added to our listserve for trainings and important campus information.

#### **Part 7 – New Business**

2025 ACT Excellence and Student Initiative Scholarship Awards and Nancy L. Zimpher Scholarship for Teacher Education.

ACT dues paid for the year.

#### **Student Code of Conduct – Substantive Changes. John**

Annually, we review the Code of Conduct, with a focus mainly on language around due process and our mission statement. There seems to be a lot of confusion about the purpose of campus judicial affairs – we're not a punitive organization, we're educational, so some of this language helps people understand. Our goal is to keep students engaged and to do that through the educational process.

Some more information is about electric field vehicles or scooters. Not only us, but most SUNY campuses have seen an increase which is fine, but we've seen them used inside, and because they have the lithium batteries, they do pose a fire hazard, particularly in our residential settings. So, the code of conduct wording is based on some updates to the fire code and to

some of the safety precautions on campus. We're going to encourage students to use the bike racks outside of the buildings and then work about long-term storage.

Motion by Wayne Oliver to accept the proposed changes to the articles of the Code of Conduct, and seconded by Ray Pucci.

Motion approved.

A motion was made by Wayne Oliver and seconded by Seth Blocker with no action to be taken for executive session at 5:50pm

Shawn Brislin presented Delhi's GLBA report, which regards information related to cyber security compliance.

Motion was made by Ray Pucci and seconded by Wayne Oliver to adjourn executive session with no action taken at return to open session at 6:14pm

Motion approved.

## **Part 8 – Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ray Pucci and seconded by Seth Blocker to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm.

Motion approved.