

College Council Meeting

December 9, 2025

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Ray Pucci, Brady Morris, Wayne Oliver, Jeanne Elsworth, Christopher Dragotakes, Jack Schoonmaker, Seth Blocker.

Guests: President Bonderoff, Dr. Brower, Chelsea Mathieu, Shai Butler, Michael Sullivan, John Padovani, Louis Reyes, Dr. Holub, Ruth Ehrets, Andrea Dibble.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm

Welcome to Christopher Dragotakes, our newest College Council member. Introductions for members in the room.

Approval of September 2025 Minutes.

Comment – questions asked to be referenced in the minutes.

Motion by Wayne Oliver, seconded by Jeanne Elsworth. Approved.

Chair's Comments:

Love coming up in the snow to Delhi for the December meeting. Welcome Chris to the College Council.

President's Comments, Dr. Mary Bonderoff

Hard to believe its finals week and been an extremely busy semester.

On December 4, 2025, we announced the new Applied Technology Building for Mechatronics. We are incredibly grateful for the support of Governor Hochul, Chancellor King, SUNY Construction fund, and Empire State Development.

Meeting with design team this week, and hope to remain on track for an expected 2030 date of completion. This will be a great addition the campus and will to where North Hall currently stands, and UPD will relocate to Thurston Hall.

We have had some really great visits with alum. Attended Advocacy Day in Washington DC with colleagues with a focus on why higher education and why SUNY Delhi, it was very productive. Also had an alum event in DC that saw a great turnout and we cohosted with SUNY Oneonta. A lot of fun to have both schools together and so many of our grades come to Delhi and then go to Oneonta, so there was lots of connection.

We also had great visits in Pittsburgh and Nashville and events in New York City, we are really trying to increase our meeting and connecting with alumni as we prepare for the comprehensive campaign that will roll out in the spring. Really enjoying working with Constellation, and they are doing a great job getting us focused and on tasks on what needs to happen.

We are in the midst of planning our Academic Momentum and putting together a plan for that effort to

increase completion and retention rates. When we did the initial strategic enrollment plan, retention was a big part of that, and we have been talking about it for quite some time. Retention has stayed at the same level even though we have more students, but we want to do better by them by retaining and getting them to completion in a timely manner.

This plan tied with NISS and that data from that lays out a great playbook for us to adopt. Our taskforce is set, and SUNY asked that the plans be submitted in February, but we made a decision internally to have a draft of the plan to leadership by December 15, 2025. We'll share out to the campus for feedback by December 19, and roll out the taskforce and what we are focused on, on January 12, 2026. If we waited until February there is typically a month before you get feedback & approval on our plan, then we would be into March, and figuring out details on what has to happen for a fall start for that 2026 class didn't seem like enough time. We appreciate the work that everyone is doing for fast tracking this, but with the NISS information, the tactics developed last year for the strategic plan, we are in good shape to really focus on the student success components of the strategic plan, and meet our aspirational goals that SUNY has set for us.

Fiscal sustainability plan - we continue to meet with SUNY on a less regular basis and we are continuing to make progress towards our goal of being fiscally stable. We still need to make hard decisions to be on track to continue the momentum we have.

Jack mentioned an event in Kingston that Mary also attended. The *Seneca Chief*, a 73-foot, 19th-century style canal boat replica was at the Hudson River Maritime Museum in October as part of a 33-day Bicentennial Voyage. It commemorates the 1825 Erie Canal opening, and it was incredible to find out we had an alum who worked on it! A great event that was well attended, and some local people who Jack knew were there and Delhi graduates.

Staff Reports Highlights

College Leadership Team

Dr. David Brower

Lots of details in the written narrative but some highlights are that we are continuing with our student success & retention by way of Academic Momentum (AcMo) efforts. This is an opportunity for us to scale a lot of the great programs we have and introduce a number of other programs using evidence-based practices that have been proven in other parts of the country, and throughout the world. Five of us attended a regional planning summit at SUNY Albany yesterday. It was extremely helpful & important to discuss ideas with others.

As Mary mentioned, the implementation plan has been drafted and will be submitted to campus leadership by December 15th and then sent to SUNY for their review and feedback.

We are really fortunate that we have a robust group of seven people for the planning team: Dr. Monica Liddle, who is faculty member & has been very instrumental in pulling a lot of the details together, Dr. Shai Butler, Chelsea Mathieu, Nazely Kurkjian are involved in the plan. In addition, Nikki Hoffman, Anna Cordaro, Lynn Decker and myself are involved at the planning team level. Thanks to Nazely and Dr. Liddle for the work they have done in mapping out the teams, the different working groups and the leads for each one of those teams to execute the plan.

We will meet with those leads/chairs before the holiday break so we have a clear picture of the direction we are moving, and we can hit the ground running as soon as we get the feedback from SUNY and the plan is approved, with the anticipation that these important initiatives will launch with the fall 2026 cohort.

At the Mechatronics reception, we were extremely excited to announce that we also has some signings of either intent to create partnerships or creation of partnerships with Dutchess Community College & SUNY Oneonta with opportunities for inbound transfer and outbound transfer for students who are completing associate degrees at Dutchess in Electrical Technology and for our associate degree mechatronics students if they are interested in going to Oneonta for their Supply Chain concentration in Business.

One of terms embedded throughout the report and we have used before is Academic portfolio optimization which is taking a good hard look at our overall academic portfolio. Last year we looked at every program we offer and gave them a score using a rubric, and based on those scores we have been meeting with faculty and leadership in those areas this semester and in some cases make some hard decisions, in other areas look at opportunities for growing and enhancing the enrollment.

Jeanne asked what are the criteria on the rubric, what are you trying to figure out?

One of the elements took a hard look at the numbers like enrollment trends over the last five years, what are the projections for the types of jobs in the marketplace, so marketplace demand. We also looked at, and this is a little bit subjective, but we looked at mission fit – is the program on brand with what we want to offer at Delhi? We looked at external funding opportunities, looked at cost and a number of factors we evaluated. It was a high-level review initially with the anticipation we would come up with a list of programs that were more noticeably in danger, and we started with those programs with the intent to see what we could do, either help them with sunsetting the program or redefining it in some way, or bolstering enrollment if we can.

We had a number of open, good conversations, and there are two programs we are putting forward for deactivation, our Park & Outdoor Recreation program and Adventure Recreation. They have had sustained low enrollment for more than five years, and ultimately the goal here would be to encourage Students who have a similar interest to go into one of the programs that is relatively similar.

Wayne asked if those programs exist and they do and we will work with the students to transition to a teach out program or opportunities to go into different degree programs should they wish to.

With both of those degrees, we had a retirement of a key faculty member in that area. That and given the low enrollment it gave is the opportunity to review the program. There are a couple of courses that are offered in each of those programs that are unique to them, and it may be an opportunity to offer them based on demand and whether we can fill the courses as elective credits for adjacent degrees.

Wayne asked is the root cause just demographic change, or inability to market it and if you went back far enough, would you find a reason? Its really a change in demographic, a change in interests and David noted that in his time here, that the enrollment & demand in different programs ebbs and flows. When David was the department chair for hospitality, they were bursting at the seams with enrollment and the Applied Technologies were really struggling, and now things have changed, so it really depends on what is happening in the marketplace.

President Bonderoff noted that with that degree its more about consolidation, that there are so many options that are similar, that you're just going to stretch the pool of students.

Wayne appreciated the time taken, being thorough and the analysis and how it all ties together, the mission and how it impacts.

We have also changed some program names which has been successful, the title of the program actually says what the program is.

We have three Teacher Education Transfer programs, and the discussion there was to consolidate into one with intentional partnerships with SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Cortland, so there is a direct link for outbound transfers since we don't offer a baccalaureate completion option.

Two programs we discussed today that will need follow up conversations were the associate degree in Environmental Studies and our Bachelor of Science in Sustainability. Because of enrollment in that space, we are looking at ways we might be able to generate some interest. We met with Dr. Tessier who is the lead faculty member in those spaces, and we had a good conversation that gave us some critical insights into what we should or shouldn't be doing and expand interest in those areas.

Something we had done, which predates this process and underscores what President Bonderoff said about students knowing what the program is, our bachelor's degree in accounting used to be called Information Systems Auditing (ISA) and nobody knew what that meant! It was one of those scenarios where we changed it to Accounting: Information Systems Auditing, which was a little better and then we dropped the ISA. It didn't change the curriculum, just made it more relevant and something students could understand. It is a useful degree as it sets students up well to move into a master's program so they can sit for a CPA if they wanted to and enrollment in this area has also started to increase again (double digits).

Academic Program Assessment Committee (APAC) looking at maximizing enrollment in our online programs, many of which are completion degrees, which means only the third and fourth years are offered online.

In an effort to reach non-trade students, we have moved in the direction to offer those programs as direct entry, which means a first semester student can start in those programs online, and those will launch in the fall and those programs are Human Resource Management, Healthcare Management, Business Management and still working on Hospitality Management (little more complicated because of the labs.)

Jack asked if students would be able to do these completely online? Yes, direct entry would allow them to complete the entire program online.

The intent is not necessarily to attract an 18-year-old straight out of high school, but rather students who may have gone into the military first or gone straight into the workforce for a few years after finishing high school.

It won't preclude students who have completed associate degrees at community colleges from finishing out their program online.

Wayne commented that this has good potential and Mary noted that we had students reach out for direct entry which we had to deny due to lack of credits, and it didn't make sense why we didn't have this as an option. We did see online Criminal Justice grow this past year.

Wayne mentioned the paragraph on PDF's (PDG Triage, under Callas Center) and the years spent working with them and it's not surprising it's a concern. David noted that this brings that challenge to

the next level because in April 2026, the federal government is requiring that we must be compliant in the area related to Title II, so we have put together a working group who are busy doing a number of trainings and providing resources for faculty and staff to be able to understand how to make documents accessible and ensure everything we offer in public facing format is accessible. You can still add links to PDF's but they have to be compliant as well.

All other information is outlined in the report.

Dr. Shai Butler. 26:30

It has been a busy semester and here are a few highlights:

Great success in our athletic department and we had a few teams that made their entrance into the NCAA, including our golf team who will be joining in May. The men's soccer team made it into the NCAA tournament, but fortunately we lost in the first round, but they won their conference championship. Cross Country had a good showing and Amanda Intriери was the first female Bronco to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

CADI/Sodexo. CADI welcomed Diane Williams as the Interim Executive Administrator, who hit the ground running, has been a great partner, and is very responsive to concerns raised by students on campus.

Sodexo has been a great partner with student senate and willing to come in and answer questions, respond to concerns raised. That partnership is continuing and they are working with us as it relates to student relationship with food insecurity, with donations through our food pantry, providing meals over break for students who remain behind, and also a new coupon dining program of free meals for students who may be food insecure or run out of meals. We have been advertising it and students just need to see an administrator for a coupon, no questions asked.

Counseling continues to look at services and taking steps to ensure we are serving student effectively and efficiently. There has been an increase in mental health transports this year, and it's similar to most institutions across the system and private education. We're pulling together some numbers and will report back in the spring.

We will use our next campus Mental health summit, that's in partnership with Trauma Informed Care at the University at Buffalo who will come in and present to our campus community on ways we can support students with their mental health/crisis's.

Greek Life are continuing to develop fraternity and sorority members as leaders, and we are offering New Member Education for them. They continue to do good community service, and we are currently recruiting for a new position in that area, A new coordinator who will focus on not only fraternity and sorority life but on leadership as well. The roll has been expanded to serve more students on campus who may be interested in leadership development.

Health services had a very successful vaccine clinic on campus and 49 individuals were vaccinated in partnership with CVS.

Our Peer education programs continues to be successful and they have been out connecting with students.

Housing & Residence Life are continuing the implementation of Housing Cloud, our new software that we will roll out that will help how we coordinate room selections, and other features within the system which will be beneficial to how we house our students this fall.

O'Connor Center for Community Engagement has a search underway for an Assistant Director, and we are excited to continue the great work we do with veteran students as this position is integral to our town/gown relations.

In September we had a very successful & well attended community BBQ on the village square.

We had several students attend the SUNY Oneonta Volunteer Conference, and we hosted a successful blood drive.

We made some staffing changes in the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement. Student Activities is now being led by Kali Barnhart who was promoted to Director, and she has done a fabulous job leading our orientation program, and we are positioning her to expand that program to develop a comprehensive first year experience as part of the work we are doing with Academic Momentum.

Larry Mannolini has now assumed new duties, but kept some of his old responsibilities and he is still our campus & operations person, and he now going to be doing campus events. This is a great opportunity to grow our third-party events, partner with community members who want to have conferences and other social events on campus.

We have had some very successful programs throughout the division, including our Delhi Vote initiative that was selected as the recipient of the 2025 SUNY Outstanding Student Affairs Program at the annual CSPA annual conference.

We continue to do well in our area of compliance in our Student Rights and Responsibilities division.

Our veteran students and their advisor Kari Haugeto hosted a fabulous 250th anniversary celebration in honor of our United States military. We had many participants, the event was very well attend with Chelsea Mathieu representing the Air Force, and Dr. Odo Butler representing the Navy. Great program and thank you to those who were able to attend.

Wayne asked for an update on CADI as it seems more people/positions are moving to Sodexo. Is CADI's role going to go away?

CADI isn't going away. They oversee the contract with Sodexo, and Sodexo will oversee all food services including employees and this should be completed in the upcoming semester.

Benefits will continue for employees making the move, and Sodexo try to match as best they can.

CADI are partnering with us on the new Amazon lockbox initiative to help expand package delivery for our students. There are still things that CADI oversees, and this is how all campuses are set up.

Seth enquired about the student feedback about Sodexo. Its been a challenging semester, but they have been receptive, changed things up quickly. Unfortunately there were some decisions made early without consultation, that we may not have agreed with, but it is being dealt with now. We will be cutting back on retail (will take time to remove), with just swiping for meals in Farrell and all you can eat in both locations (fall 2026) which is better for our campus.

Wayne asked about the training related to sexual harassment & Title IX. It looks like 1,150 returning and 890 new students went through the process.

We have total enrollment of 3,100 + students. Is there a way to capture the rest, or is that not necessary?

This is an ongoing work in progress and we are still doing outreach to ensure our students complete it.

Is this a requirement or is it mandated that everyone takes it? Training on Title VI & Title IX is for students and employees, which is critical.

Jeanne noted the Delhi Bronco Votes initiative has a history of being recognized.

Louis Reyes

Campus engagement, presentations and collaborations continue in the academic and co-curricular spaces.

Björn Davis, Christina Wood, and Kate Medina presented in Dr. Efren Gonzalez's Veterinary Science DEI course during the semester.

Our office provided sessions on Belonging and Inclusion to the Men's Basketball team. Other teams have also shown interest in the session .

Partnered with Finance and Administration and Residence Life to learn about potential offerings of Compassionate Communications and Conflict Resolution workshops.

Bjorn and Louis hosted a restorative justice circle this semester that went well, and led to positive programming by the individuals involved.

The Racial Justice Equity Institute (REJI) programming webinars "Everyday Equity Playbook", "Building Community, Capacity and Collective Impact through Shared Equity Leadership" offered on campus.

Professional leadership & conferences, along with two other SUNY colleagues, we have submitted a proposal to present at the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education annual conference in Philadelphia, PA. Presentation was to focus on lessons learned through the inaugural SUNY Chief Diversity Officer Leadership Institute and how the model can be replicated nationally. This is a very competitive process and we learned today that our proposal was not accepted.

Attending the 2025 New York State DEIA Workforce Symposium in Albany, keynote speaker was Dr. Sunita Sah and we attended several workshops and concluded with the leadership awards.

Served on the search committee for the Director of Institutional Research

Hello Beauty vending machine garnered some good data and we are averaging twenty-nine transactions weekly with hair products being the best sellers. Student feedback has been very positive, noting convenience and the importance of having these items available on campus.

We are also out performing two other campuses who are averaging four-to-five and nine to 10 transactions weekly.

Community traditions celebrated the EOP & C-PASS Friendsgiving which hosted 150 participants.

Our office contributed this year to the Veterans Day celebration, thanks to Kari Haugeto for her leadership.

International global programming saw one of our students host two great workshops, “Beats without Borders (Spotify playlist that can be download and add their music to it), and “Passport to the Seven Wonders” (allowing student to experience global cultures without leaving campus.)

The MOSAIC programs is in transition as Christina Hunt-Wood, recently left SUNY Delhi, and the DEI office also sees Bjorn Davis leaving. We are sorry to see them go, but wish them the best in their new endeavors.

Kate Medina is working on formal structure for student consultations, along with event management as well as faculty workshops on how to embed Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into course materials and curriculum.

The MOSAIC has supported many programs, including Hispanic/Latinx Heritage month (hot chocolate and Conchas), student programming assistance events, Men of Distinction; Rest in Resistance, LGBTQIA2S+.

Kate Medina & Sanum Shafi, are serving as the new Co-Chairs for the Equity Council.

November saw a successful food and clothing drive for Regalia on campus and the local Delhi food pantry.

Our Soup, Bread and belonging will continue in the spring, where local community members bring in a dish to share with the campus.

Wayne asked about “Conches.” It is a sweet bread/pastry in the shape of a shell.

Chelsea Mathieu

Year to date, the financials shows a stable financial trajectory, beginning at \$18.5M and ending at \$18.3M today. We have seen some improvement since the report was written. This is tracking closely with last year, reflecting similar patterns in both revenue generation and spending levels. Current trends indicate that the College is on track to achieve a surplus across all funds by year-end, which is consistent with our fiscal stability plan.

Student support operations are strong with One Stop, Financial Aid and International Services improving student outreach, streamlining processes and strengthening compliance. The team spent considerable time this semester outreaching to students who had balances over \$1,000, to help them tackle those balances based on their individual needs allowing them to enroll for the spring semester.

CIS continues major security, efficiency and technology upgrades, including compliance with SUNY’s new security policy, the successful launch of our Accounts claiming tool, and “Blaze Bot” (chatbot) which is live for Student Financial Services right now, but will expand across campus to include Admissions, Registrar’s Office and other areas.

Human Resources reports excellent completion rates for mandatory training, progress on new hirings, expanded cross training & new internal audit improvements.

Operationally, we have had some major projects including the self-service system upgrades which were completed ahead of the deadline. Purchasing is working toward automating some of their processes. Capital projects including the Evenden Tower science labs, South Hall improvements, fiber infrastructure and the Lower Valley campus are moving along on schedule.

President Bonderoff noted that if attendees had time, the new science labs on the 6th floor of Evenden Tower are almost finished and you are welcome to take a look. Start of the 5th floor and then the 6th, just to see the difference!

Wayne asked for clarification on the cash balance and surplus. Are they one and the same?

The cash balance is actual cash we have in the bank as of a certain point in time (as of today, it was 18.3 million dollars.) Slight deficit, we started the year at 18.5 million dollars, we've lost about two hundred thousand dollars which is strictly due to timing (tech support, payroll). We're in a good position and projecting a surplus across all funds by year end, which will raise the cash balance over the 18.3 million.

Wayne also noted that it was concerning that we still have over 380 students who still owed over \$1,000, but it is a lot lower than it has been in past years. Last week, we were down to under 300 students which is huge success, thanks to the phenomenal work of One Stop.

Is some of this related to the federal issues, shut down issues? We have seen through Academic Momentum that compared to our SUNY sector peers, our FAFSA completion rates are the highest in the system, so this speaks to the work our One Stop & Financial Aid teams are going, and there is probably a wide variety of reasons as to why the student has a bill at this point in the semester. Difficult to say if it's any one thing. There is typically a gap between the loans and what the balance, so some students struggle more.

Scholarships are part of the commitment in us doing this comprehensive campaign is really about how do we increase our support to help students and lessen the gap they have, reduce the stress and help with retention.

Wayne noted the reference to a new dormitory for 100 students? We are having meetings with the DASNY and the Construction Fund. We were hoping to be able to do something for this fall but that wasn't possible.

Moving in the direction of working with a consultant as part of DASNY, who will survey & come up with what we need. We would like it to be mixed use, but DASNY hasn't had any recent builds that match what we want, based on feedback from the campus.

We would like to consider possible long term apartment options for veterans, non-traditional students, families, even an option for temporary employee housing (based on enrollment.) The need is there and we could easily fill beds if we had them

Michael Sullivan – North Hall/Mechatronics building announcement was very well attended with faculty, students, business leaders, elected officials. Thanks to John Padovani for his help with this event. Chancellor King stayed for StAR exhibition, gave a welcome and met with students who spoke about their displays. This program has grown considerably and is a great way for our students to showcase their academic works.

The Chancellors' office also made a large contribution to our food pantry, which we are extremely grateful for. Food insecurity issues remain a high priority for the campus and the SUNY System.

We also had an educational program about the Seneca Chief canal boat & the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal opening, its impact on commerce and culture in NYS. The program was presented by representatives of the Hudson River Maritime Museum and Walt Manalio, class of 1962 was a key volunteer and contributor to the project.

As of December 8th, our website is 94% compliant for Title II/ADA requirements for accessibility compliance. We continue to work towards 100% compliant.

SUNY Advocacy Day in DC. President Bonderoff & other college/university presidents met with all members of the NY delegation. Key note speech from the Director of the National Institute of Health in the morning and remarks from Minority Leader Thune, Representative Jefferies and Senators Gillibrand and Schumer in the afternoon.

President Bonderoff and John have increased the outreach to our elected officials this semester, but the activities in DC really made an impact and you can see the impact the SUNY System is having.

Homecoming/Alumni Weekend (September 26–28), and registration totaled 362 participants (312 families and 50 alumni). Additional unregistered participants engaged in the Automotive Department Car Show, the Women's Softball Alumni Game, and the Harvest Festival. The next Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for September 25–27, 2026.

Regional alumni events were held in Albany, Alexandria VA, Kingston, Nashville, New York City & Pittsburgh, and thanks to President Bonderoff for making the time to meet with alum when travelling on college business.

Major gift activity includes a new \$50,000 gift from CADI/Sodexo, spendable non endowed to be used for retention & completion efforts and will be used for student with a balance of \$500- \$1k or less to help complete their degree or receive a grant to re-register for classes in the spring. We will continue to be an access institution support students and families that want to be here.

This gift went live this fall, and we issued just under 30 awards to students who had a balance between \$1,000-\$2,000. We spent about \$11,000 and their average GPA was just shy of 3.0. This had a huge impact on the students.

Wayne noted that this was one gift we would want to continue growing with flexibility.

We received \$120,000 in kind gift from Midea to support our HVAC program. They have provided in kind gifts over the years to support our students. This year, they completely refitted the lab with all new equipment. Thanks to the faculty in those areas who make these things possible. We like to make more naming gifts in the future.

Other major gifts outreach efforts are listed in the leadership report.

Our faculty, staff & retiree campaign raised just under \$80,000 this fall, with an increase over last year.

Our Fall appeal is out, and we are planning our first Comprehensive Day of Giving campaign for the spring semester. Date to be confirmed.

John is enrolled in some professional development; major gift and philanthropic strategy development.

Legislative open forum was planned for November, but was postponed to the federal government shut down. A fall legislative newsletter highlighting campus achievements was distributed to local officials. We will continue to do this twice a year.

Moving forward with the launch of a comprehensive campaign, and we have a position posted on the website for a Campaign Director. The salary is being funded through college foundation, and they will assist and elevate charitable giving.

Wayne asked if Midea were providing that level of donation/equipment because they are hiring our graduates? The agreement does not have that guarantee of that, but they see great value in the quality of our graduates. They have hired our students in the past and will continue to do so, and they want their name in front of our students and on the lab so it's seen. This is also real budget savings, its \$120,000 in brand new equipment that we don't have to purchase.

Jack enquired if there was an ongoing program that maintains the equipment or does Midea do that? This equipment is exclusively for educational use (wear and tear will be different from a corporate setting. This is a five-year term agreement with them, and we will review in year five and look to renew the agreement.

Wayne asked about the Mike Stein effort. This is campaign planning that Mary mentioned with Constellation Advancement. They are testing our case for support for the campaign with alumni donors and some industry partners. They will provide feedback to us in December and in the new year, we'll announce the public launch.

Marketing & Communications are pushing for more press releases, more activity, more examples of impact of faculty and students on the web/social media. Our social media channels/website press release presences is increasing. Some top stories this period included Professor Jack Tessier named SUNY Sustainability Fellow; Community Impact of NY SWIMS grant & partnering with NAVAC Global for Equipment, Training for HVAC Program outside naming.

Partnering with Admission for marketing and to drive applications up.

Supportive of our alumni engagement and outreach activities. The department completed our annual report for SUNY, titled "Learning by Doing" with a focus/highlight of the applied aspects of our education programs.

Beginning 2026, total redesign of news release/media area on the web, it will be more blog style, inventory of stories, press releases, very photo friendly and shareable links.

Other reports

John Padovani

Michael covered everything for my area.

Brady Morris

Senate going really well, and we are getting a lot of engagement back from students. Three or four clubs this semester have resurfaced or new clubs that have come up, and we are also waiting on another two that are in the works, but will have to wait until the spring semester.

Seven students went to SUNY SA in November and we passed five or seven resolutions on our level for the assembly; discussed shared governance & food insecurities. That trip sparked interest among the students that were there to be e-board members of senate or take the next step for more of a leadership role on campus.

CADI/Sodexo, that partnership on our end is going well, students starting to be more engaged in asking for more changes by talking rather than yelling. They are starting to have those conversations rather than be angry.

The past open house went well for CSLE. I was at that table and a number of incoming students wanted new clubs and want to come here to start or join clubs. The future for clubs on campus is looking very bright.

Nazely Kurkjian

Positively trending on applications, deposits and schedules. Today compared to last year, we are up over 70 apps for the upcoming spring, up 37 deposits for spring, up 380 apps for next fall, up 117 deposits for fall compared to other colleges in the technology sector.

As of December 5th, we are trending positively with all applications, freshmen applications, and transfer applications for this spring are up. And we are working diligently on increasing fall 2026 transfers.

Douglas Holub

College Senate passed some resolutions including student dining. Peter Brusoe is working diligently with CADI/Sodexo and student senate to communicate concerns.

We are having difficulty recruiting senators. We had an election in November and there are multiple open seats which we couldn't fill.

Attended the University Faculty Senate Plenary in October, Chancellor King praised SUNY Delhi on their financial leadership.

Old Business

Tahirah and Jack attended the ACT conference in Albany in September.

Jack was unable to attend Friday's roundtable, but Tahirah attended, and the entire discussion was of all the issues councils are having with getting new members on their councils and how they are not able to truly function, similar to the way we were for a while. This has become a highlighted issue within ACT & SUNY System to address it.

Jeanne noted it was the same concern when she attended two years ago.

President Bonderoff stated we did send forward a number of potential additions and she spoke to Will Schwartz (in DC), and they will connect to see where the rest of the people are. Christopher was approved, which we are happy about as he was further along in the process, but it's still a lengthy process. Mary reminded Will that Jack has been interim chair for six years!

Wayne asked where the bottleneck was and Christopher noted that it's not just new appointments, but many appointments across state government.

Michael noted that with Will and team in the Government Relations office at SUNY, we have a line of communication, they are responsive when we have questions and when we submitted potential additions, they respond they have them. They have a whole new team there, and when Mary went to the DC Advocacy Days two years ago, this year event was a whole lot better, and because of the snowstorm, we ended up with a group of four of us representing tech, comprehensive and university centers, so it was great messaging and we could showcase the good work we were doing in the tech sector.

Another item that was on the roundtable that everyone of the council members were discussing was orientation for new members. ACT is going to make that a priority and put together an orientation program for new council members. This should be consistent across the system, and could even be part of the conference.

The panels Saturday were very educational, a lot of great information, and they are talking next year possible being in Albany again and maybe at SUNY central, and have the panels right there.

New Business

2026 Advisory Councils: New 19 members & renewals 65.

On page 8, starting with Connor Gioffe, there are three names that are under Natural Resources and Recreation and Sports Advisement Council – there was a heading missing on page 8. They were still under Hotel & Restaurant Management, but the advisors going in were Sportsfield Specialty, Athletic Director.

Motion made by Seth Blocker and seconded by Wayne Oliver. Motion approved.

Charitable naming of building: Midea HVAC Technology Classroom. This has been reviewed and approved by the College Foundation.

Motion made by Wayne Oliver:

In recognition of the generosity of Midea America Corp, to SUNY Delhi and the College Foundation at Delhi Inc., and in accordance with the State University of New York Naming Opportunities Policy and Procedure, the College Council hereby moves to endorse the naming of SUNY Delhi's HVAC lab as, " Midea HVAC Technology Classroom.

Seconded by Seth Blocker. Motion approved.

Next college council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeanne Ellsworth and seconded by Wayne Oliver to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.