

College Assembly  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 13, 2017

Members Present: Jeremiah Godfroy, Julie Lakin, Mark Ryan, Giovanni Scaringi, Alison Sheridan- Brennan, Michael Kinney, Denise Abrams, Carine Surdey, Scott Kavulich, Jamie Heron, Howard Streby, Joe DeAngelo, Laura Hodel, Fermin Romero, Tracy Curtis, Dr. Drumm, Francis Battisti, Debbie Morello, Michael Sullivan, Penny DelFavero

Members Excused: Angie Bergholtz

Members Absent: Mary Gilbert, Dave Michalak, Rosanne West, Sesime Adanu

Guests: Amanda Soto, Rachael Hagerman

- Call to order: 3:03 PM. Giovanni opened the meeting and welcomed the group. There were no alternates. Quorum was established, the agenda was approved and the minutes were approved as submitted.

- CA Report:

- Giovanni thanked the group for the work that's been done and for their commitment to shared governance. The names of the volunteers who came forward have been added to the committees. The elections committee will meet Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. The master plan committee will have several April meetings to be announced; this a large committee due to participation of multiple constituencies.

- Student Assembly Report:

- Amanda reported that the homelessness awareness committee has met and has been brainstorming promotions for the awareness campout and related events on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Committee members will be reaching out for donations.
- The food pantry is partnering with the convocation committee and there is a food drive from March 13<sup>th</sup> until March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- They are also working on the student giving campaign.

- COI Report:

- Carine reported that the new SG website was launched and an announcement went out to the campus. People are using it. It was also noted that the new website looks awesome; that it is simple and substantive.
- SG Elections are coming up.
- The distance learning committee is looking at online proctoring.

- CAI Report:

- Denise reported that performance indicators and analysis were discussed at the last meeting.
- There was discussion on Ed to Go.
- The COACHE survey was also discussed.

- President's Report:

- 8 SUNY presidents met with Congresswoman Tenney and it was a good introductory meeting. He found her down to earth and open-minded.
- Pell funding is critical to students and may be at risk under the current administration.
- Gainful employment regulations are leading to competition between proprietary institutions. The institutions don't have the same rules.
- We're nearing the end of the search for the VP of Student Development and CDO; we've scheduled meetings with the two finalists.

- No news on the state budget. The number the governor has in the budget is a cut (based on enrollment) and is roughly flat funding for us. The governor's office is supporting base aid for CCs; reach out to your state reps to support increase in base aid.

- There have been incidents in the national news around speakers on campuses. We ought to be able to civilly disagree, and we have had no major incidents relating to culture wars.

- Sixty four institutions met with Provost Cartwright on the performance improvement plan. This was a good meeting on the differentiation tactics SUNY is using. Our tagline may be 'The Science of Success'. Taglines can be difficult as they are often too broad or too narrow. If there are any thoughts on taglines generated by the strategic planning sessions, please send them to Kevin, Francis or Jesse.

There was some discussion on free tuition and how we can have transparent discussions. It's a brand new model and it's good for families and good for public policy. It won't change TAP. Our concern is that Broome will get left to pay the bill.

All traditional financial aid will remain as it is. Albany thinks that enrollment will increase, therefore funding will increase. This may not be true for the community colleges. No one knows. It's all speculation at this point. Over time the CC enrollment would grow. The state ops who are already full can't grow their enrollment. On April 1<sup>st</sup> everything could change. Students won't see any loss of funding. Schools are having trouble with financial aid packages because they may have to do everything over again.

Dr Drumm offered that a Town Hall be done for Student Assembly on this topic.

• Vice President of Academic Affairs Report:

- Dr. Battisti reported that they have been looking at the performance improvement plans. A request for funding will go out in the next two weeks. Curriculum development: they are working on new curricula in systems energy and some HS areas. Applied learning needs to commit to sustainability.

- The coaches for Achieving Success visited campus. SUNY is spending about ½ million dollars for all the colleges to belong. Why not have regional coaches rather than having our own, and maybe a CRM (customer relationship management)? You'll be hearing more about that.

- COACHE (Harvard Collaborative On Academic Careers in Higher Education) survey went out for faculty. A question came up as to whether the survey is really confidential. He asked Dr. Benson at Harvard. They sent the survey de-identified, so there's no way we can identify who the answers were from. A faculty committee will look at the data and make suggestions.

- There is continued discussion on placement assessment and we are working with BOCES. Dr. Kinney is heading that up.

- We're developing a process for space utilization – we have limited space and a lot of requests for space. We are looking at what other colleges do.

- Broome has been identified as a mentoring school for Starfish. Herkimer CC was here and we gave a presentation. We have about \$8,000 we can use for our own training.

- The coaches for achieving success were here; we are now drilling down and we will find out how to help raise the bar on retention. Several classroom faculty members went to a seminar along with Heather and Larry.

- We are looking at sustainability of the budget and working on the fall schedule, and people have been very helpful in looking at the need for sections. There was a 9% increase in the number of sections over three years, obviously not sustainable. We are looking at accelerated courses. Are we incentivizing dropping a course? Are there students who are dropping a course and then picking it up again later? Are we paying for different sections for the same person?

- The art gallery in the library featured 'Innocent Souls' photos of Vietnam.

- Lawrence Elder was nominated for a music award.

- The Big Read is underway.

- We are looking at funding for a major renovation on the music suite in Campus Services.

- Dr. Battisti distributed the meeting minutes from The Gathering to show examples of all the great things going on at SUNY Broome and how hard people are working for student success.
- CEA – we had a meeting about the greenhouses on campus and a press conference with Cornell that was very impactful. We have the 2-year articulation with them. Cornell prefers to admit people in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year rather than their first. They are impressed with our faculty.

• Vice President of Student and Economic Development Report:

- Debbie reported that we have a StartUp NY with Southern Tier Technology – they make surge protectors and were spun off Emerson by SUNY Broome grads.
- The incubator will be ready for occupancy April 3<sup>rd</sup>; we're working on everything for operations. The ribbon cutting will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll be showcasing our floor at the beginning of the semester. Darlene Kanuk will be resident there from our entrepreneurial program. Debbie met with Health Sciences and has talked with every division on campus on entrepreneurship. Send anyone who is interested to Debbie.
- Housing: Jarvis left and Brittany Washington is running solo with a lot of support from Public Safety.
- CEA – we're looking at grant and individual funding. Looking at a collaborative model on development.
- Graduation: get your orders in.
- CE and workforce development: we do about 160 corporate contracts per year. Jan meets with every large and many small companies. Jan is an unsung hero. If you have course ideas; either courses that you'd like to take or to deliver, talk to Jan. Can be either professional development or personal enrichment.
- Child care – we're interviewing for a director. There were a lot of applications.
- Broke out an additional collaboration with Empire State College.
- Kevin and I went to Urban League Dinner; it's great to be acknowledged by our primary partners.
- Students will be fed if there is a snow emergency, and we will get the notice out as early as possible.

• Vice President of Administrative and Financial Affairs Report:

- Michael reported that the preparation for the 2017-2018 budget has begun and they hope to have strong drafts by the end of March, and to send to the board, the County and SUNY in June.
- Carnegie: we're still waiting on the National Park Service decision; we expect to hear this week. We passed the first hurdle on the new market tax credits. Over the next 3-4 weeks it goes to an advisory committee. This is about a 14-15 million on the project. Bids on the project are due one week from tomorrow. If everything comes through the project should begin in April.
- Mechanical Building project will be bid in April and both Carnegie and Mechanical are targeted for completion in April 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny DeFavero  
College Assembly Secretary