

College Council Meeting Minutes December 8th, 2014

TO: COLLEGE COUNCIL

SUBJ: COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8th, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members Present: Timothea Larr (Chair), Mark Brosnan, , and Kent Gilchrest

Council Members Not Present: Thomas Higgins, Joseph Conway, William Garry

Also Present: Michael Alfultis, Timothy Lynch, Aimee Bernstein, Scott Dieterich, Yamiley Saintvil, Irene Delgado, Heather MacCulloch, Terry Kelly, and Mark Woolley

Public Attendance Count: 0

Open Session: Convened at 4:30 PM

Vote for approval of minutes from September 29th College Council meeting was held abeyance due to a quorum of members not being present for the meeting.

New Business:

1. Dean of Admissions, Yamiley Saintvil, provided a detailed brief regarding the profile for the entering cohort of students for fall 2014. A copy of the brief was provided to all members present. Key take-aways included:

- Increased completed applications, accepted students and deposits for each of the past three years. We exceeded our enrollment goal of SUNY goal of 330 with 352 deposits.
- The average SAT score was 1111; this is a six point increase over last year.
- The average High School GPA as 87%.
- This year 11% of those applicants that deposited were female. 53% of them are in Engineering and 23% for Marine Environmental Science.
- Majority of those students who deposited reside in New York or New Jersey
- Engineering and MT remain the two largest majors (45% and 20% respectively). There was significant growth in our under enrolled majors (AAS, ITT, MES and Marine Studies).
- Over 70% of the incoming cohort is in deck or license programs.
- 75% of the incoming cohort is in the Regiment of Cadets.



2. President Alfultis gave an update on the 2014-2015 Goals and Priorities and how these were developed in a collaborative process with input from faculty, staff, students, and the College Council. Based on the input received the agreed upon top five goals (and designated leads) are:

- Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles (President)
- Replace Training Ship (President)
- Improve Retention and Graduation Rates (VP Academic Affairs)
- Development and Developing Alternative Funding Sources (VP University Relations)
- Enrollment Management (VP Finance and Administration)

Each lead will establish cross-functional focus groups and conduct initial meetings by Jan 2015. The groups identify some "low hanging fruit" for "quick victories," and identify questions and data they need to move forward and establish additional goals and metrics. Group leads will be scheduled to update Cabinet and College Council on progress on rotating basis at future College Council Meetings.

Open Session Adjourned: The motion was made to adjourn the open session and for the College Council to convene in closed executive session. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with all members present voting in the affirmative to approve.