

**College Council Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2017**

**TO: COLLEGE COUNCIL**  
**SUBJ: COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Council Members Present:** Timothea Larr (Chair), Thomas Higgins, Mark Bronson, Joseph Conway, and Christopher Deddo

**Council Members Not Present:** William Garry

**Also Present:** Michael Alfultis, Joseph Hoffman, Aimee Bernstein, Richard Smith, Mark Woolley, Rohan Howell, Will Imbriale, Lori Shull, Walt Nadolny, Roxanne Thompson, and, William Herrmann

**Public Attendance Count:** 0

**Open Session:** Convened at 4:30 PM. In accordance with section 103 (f) of the Public Officers' Law, the meeting was broadcast live over the internet which was available through the SUNY Maritime College website, College Council webpage.

**Old Business:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 11, and November 29, 2016 meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

1. President's Update:

- National Security Multi-mission Vessel (NSMV).
  - President relayed that the National Defense Authorization Act specifically authorized the building of new training ships and authorized \$36 million for the design of NSMV ships that will replace the state maritime academy vessels.
  - President discussed why this approach was being taken vice converting a foreign own ship. This is MARAD's plan. Not a single SMA plan since MARAD owns the training vessels. We need to have a unified approach in order to gain congressional support and funding.
  - President has trip scheduled to DC next week along with the other SMA Presidents.
  - Unsure of impact of new administration regarding the Jones act.
- FSMAA:
  - We have spent over a year modifying the standard SUNY alumni association memorandum of agreement (MOA) and asking for waivers that would be acceptable to FSMAA and SUNY administration.
  - FSMAA leadership has been reviewing this draft MOA.
  - Once FSMAA committee and leadership is good with the agreement the next step will be to get SUNY and NY State Attorney General approval.
  - Pushing to get this completed before the Chancellor steps down.

2. Academic Update: Dr. Joseph Hoffman gave a presentation about SUNY Applied Learning Program.

- Discussed definition and five criteria for SUNY approved applied learning activities.
- We meet the five criteria for most of our activities and programs, but we need to make some adjustments so all of our programs meet all the requirements.

- Reviewed the SUNY timeline for submitting the applied learning plan for SUNY approval.
- Other parts of the SUNY Applied learning include service and research

### 3. Facilities and Budget Overview:

- Mr. William Herrmann reviewed the conceptual plans for the expansion and renovation of the Science and Engineering building. Construction fund briefed administration in November 2016 on concepts (schemes) for the Science and Engineering Building which included:
  - Renovation of the existing building
  - Expansion of the building to include
  - Technology and Simulation Center
  - Additional lab and classroom space
  - Additional office space
 Total construction and renovation costs are estimated to be \$80-85 million.
- Mr. Herrmann reviewed three proposed conceptual designs (schemes).
- Ms. Roxanne Thompson discussed current status of Maritime College budget. We are executing according to our plan,
- Ms. Thompson also covered some of the major highlights for the FY18 Governor's budget for SUNY and potential impacts:
  - Excelsior Scholarship (free tuition for households under defined income levels).
  - Predictable tuition (up to \$250.00 per year) authorization.
  - Additional Capital Funding – this is basically an increase from \$200M to \$550M per year primarily for critical maintenance distributed through a defined formula to all SUNY campuses.
  - University Programs: There will be a reduction in University Wide Programs. Impact is not yet known.
  - This is the start of the discussions with and among NY lawmakers.

### 4. Strategic Plan Update. Ms. Aimee Bernstein provided an update regarding the ongoing strategic plan.

- Committee approved hiring consultant. RFP was issued and AKA was awarded the contract. AKA has significant experience in higher ed including work for SUNY Admin. They also have maritime experience with Seamen's Church Institute.
- Ms. Bernstein provided the council an overview of the approach, process, and timeline. A copy of these was provide to all members and will be posted on the strategic planning webpage.
- Process is transparent, open, and inclusive
  - Multiple interactions with stakeholders (faculty, staff, alumni, industry).
  - Ms. Bernstein reviewed focus group composition and meeting process.
  - Many avenues to provide and receive input. Meetings, interviews, and surveys.
  - Will request endorsement from faculty, SGA, and College Council
- The Council was provided a detailed timeline with deliverables. These will be available on the strategic planning website. Timeline for endorsement and approval is a few months later than previously briefed, primarily due to a delay awarding the contract. New timeline also ensures that faculty had sufficient time and opportunities to review the plan.
- The overall cost about \$130 million.
- We have many junior faculty on the committee which is a great professional development for these faculty members.

### 4. The Chair asked Chris Deddo, SGA President, to provide an overview on campus climate in the post election period from the students' perspective. Discussion took place

regarding the current climate and what can be done to provide students an opportunity to more freely express themselves.

**Adjournment:** The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the open session and move to executive session. The motion was approved unanimously. Open session adjourned at 5:40 PM.