

**College Council Meeting Minutes
September 29th, 2014**

TO: COLLEGE COUNCIL

SUBJ: COLLEGE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR September 29th, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members Present: Timothea Larr (Chair), Mark Brosnan, Joseph Conway, William Garry, and Kent Gilchrest

Council Members Not Present: Thomas Higgins

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

Three visitors attended the meeting.

Open Session Convened at 4:30 PM

Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2014 and May 6, 2014 College Council meetings. The Chair noted that since there was not a quorum at the 6 May meeting, minutes from the February meeting need approval in addition to the May Council meeting minutes. The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All members present voted for approval (5-0).

The President's Cabinet Members provided updates as listed in the approved agenda:

1. Dean of Admissions, Yamiley Saintvil, provided an update regarding admissions including admissions comparison data for Fall 2014 vs Fall 2013, facts regarding fall 2014 first-time freshman cohort, new graduate student facts, and recruitment efforts for under-enrolled majors. There was a 4% growth in freshmen, 6% growth in transfer students, and a 62% growth in graduate students. (See attached brief for data.)
2. The Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) / Provost, Dr. Timothy Lynch provided preliminary enrollment data for Fall 2014. While overall enrollment increased by 2.5%, the overall demographics of the college did not change significantly with respect to females, students of color, or distribution among degrees. The VPAA discussed faculty governance, infrastructure improvements to enhance the learning environment and his priorities for the year.
3. The Director for Athletics, Heather MacCulloch, provided a synopsis regarding the elimination of Hockey and Rifle as club sports due to an unsustainable budget model. The teams were eliminated just prior to the arrival of President Alfultis. Since his arrival, the

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President has facilitated several meetings with students and coaches to the feasibility of continuing Hockey and Rifle as club sports. A club sport policy has been drafted:

- Club sports will be supervised by the Athletic Department.
- All club sports must have approved charters, adhere to club sport policies, and be fiscally self-sustaining.

Hockey and Rifle will be the test case for other club sports. Both teams will be “pay to play.” Hockey alumni have signed an agreement to work with other alumni to raise \$60,000 this year. Money from players and alumni must be received by December 31, 2014 for this year, and the clubs must have funds in place by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year to continue as club sports for the 2015-2016 season.

4. The Dean of Students, Dr. Irene R. Delgado, provided an update on several programs:

- Orientation: This summer (2014) participation was 91% (414 attended). Increase from 88% in 2013.
- Cadet Shipping Program: This summer we had 67 cadets at 24 companies.
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) – Summer 2014 program included 10 new students. We are at our maximum allowance (with 43 students) as per SUNY guidelines. The May 2014 commencement valedictorian was an EOP student.
- License. This was the second summer we offered the examination on campus after summer cruise instead of requiring cadets to go to the Regional Examination Center. For the August 2014 U.S. Coast Guard license examination, 42 Cadets participated. Of those 78% had a full pass or only 1-2 out of 7 modules to retake. This is an improvement over August 2013 when 19 Cadets participated and 63% had a full pass or only 1-2 out of 7 modules to retake.
- International Student Friendly Initiatives. We have introduced several initiatives for international students. These include:
 - Establishment of a mentor program. 13 of the 19 new international students were paired with a mentor.
 - Creation of a Facebook page just for Maritime College international students - 110 members.
 - Laurie Zinberg, the international student coordinator is now the LEAD 101 (freshman success course) for all international and EOP students.
- Learning Center: New location in Heritage Hall is more centrally located and aesthetically pleasing.

5. The Commandant of Cadets, Captain Richard Smith, gave an overview of the Regiment and indoctrination:

- The Regiment has increased in size from 1231 (2013) to 1267 (2014). License cadets comprise 95% of the Regiment. The Regiment remains popular on the campus.
- 329 MUGs started indoctrination and 321 graduated. All but two stayed at Maritime College (as civilian students). Similar to 2013, less than 1% left Maritime College. Most are deferring indoctrination until January.

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6. The Vice President for Finance and Administration, Scott Dieterich, reviewed the 64 key campus improvement projects that were started this summer. These were funded with \$5.0 million from SUNY capital funding, \$390,000 from minor critical maintenance, and \$730,000 from FSA. These later funds were used to replace broken and aging furniture in academic classrooms, and for the special events room renovation.

7. Vice President for University Relations, Aimee Bernstein, Esq., provided the end-of-year results for University Relations development. Total donations increased from \$1.9 million in 2013 to \$2.45 million in 2014. Other updates included:

- Alan Greene was selected by the search committee to fill the long vacant position of Director for Development. A formal announcement will be made next week.
- With the Director of Development onboard, the initiative to create a foundation can begin in earnest. Potential foundation members are being identified.
- The Council was presented a formal resolution to adopt the Naming Guidelines Policy. This resolution was mailed to all council members and posted on the website, seven days prior to the council meeting. Ms. Bernstein reviewed the guidelines with the council and answered questions from council members. Mr. Mark Bronson made the motion to vote on two separate actions: The Naming Guidelines Policy, and the Resolution to accept the Naming Guidelines policy.
 - The motion to vote on the Naming Policies Guidelines dated September 29, 2014, as written and presented, was second. The Chair noted that the motion passed 5 to 0 with all members present voting in the affirmative to approve.
 - The motion was second to vote on the Resolution to adopt the Naming Guidelines as written and presented. The Chair noted that the motion passed 5 to 0 with all members present voting in the affirmative to approve.

8. The Director for Communications, Mr. Terence Kelly, briefed the council on the website transition. Migration of the website to a new server is now complete. The contractor will provide training for key employees this October. Once this is completed, the new website will go active. Phase II will consist of a re-design and content re-organization.

9. SUNY Maritime College President, RADM Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D., gave an update on his area of emphasis, training ship re-capitalization, and priorities and goals for 2014-2015.

- The four areas of emphasis for the President are: trust; transparency; shared governance, and communications
- The President has had, and is continuing, extensive engagement with congressional staffs and unions regarding the re-capitalization of the training ship Empire State. In addition to the States Maritime Academies' lobbyist, SUNY

has a lobbyist helping in this effort. MARAD's plan is to replace the existing training ships with National Security Multi-mission vessels that support national tasking and State Maritime Academy training requirements.

- The President intends to engage the staff, faculty and students to collaboratively establish near term priorities and goals. A list of these priorities was provided in the attached brief. The President also provided an overview of how these near term priorities and goals align with those in the Strategic Plan and SUNY system level outcomes. The President asked the College Council to provide their input regarding the priorities and ranking.

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 Chair noted that the motion passed 5 to 0 with all members present voting in the affirmative to approve.