

**College Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014**

TO: COLLEGE COUNCIL

SUBJ: COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Council Members Present: Timothea Larr (Chair), Mark Brosnan, Joseph Conway, Thomas Higgins (via video-telcon), and Kent Gilchrest

Council Members Not Present: William Garry

Also Present: Michael Alfultis, Aimee Bernstein, Rick Smith, Scott Dieterich, Irene Delgado, Heather MacCulloch, Walter Nadolny, and Mark Woolley

Public Attendance Count: 0

Open Session: Convened at 4:30 PM

New Business:

1. President Alfultis gave an overview and update regarding the latest proposals for the Federal, State, and SUNY budgets. Key points included:

- The proposed President's budget for FY 2016 has an increase of \$16.1 million over FY 2015 and includes \$5.0 million for the design of a class of National Security Multi-mission Vessels to replace the state maritime academies' training ships. There was an increase of nearly \$11.0M for training ship maintenance.
- The NSMV design money was largely a result of pro-active interaction with Members of Congress and Staffers, Committee Staffs, Federal Agencies, and Industry. Since his arrival this past July, President Alfultis has met with seven U.S. Senators/Senator staffs, 13 U.S. Representatives or their staffs, four committee / subcommittee staffs, Department of Transportation Financial Officer, MARAD Administrator (on several occasions), Office of Management and Budget, and a host of industry representatives to garner support for funding for the design of the NSMV.
- Governor has proposed \$18M in direct state tax support to SUNY campuses. 10% will be withheld however until completion of required performance plans by each campus. The proposed State budget also eliminates \$7.6M in direct state tax support for salary increases/costs provided in the 2014-2015 budget. There was also a significant reduction in funding for critical maintenance.
- SUNY is asking campuses to advocate for:
 - Maintaining base level support for SUNY
 - Rationale Tuition
 - Critical Maintenance

- Capital Planning
- SUNY Investment Fund
- In support of this request President Alfultis has met and corresponded with our NY State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and New York State Senator Jeff Klein. He asked the College Council to do the same and will encourage our faculty/staff and students to do so as well.
- The SUNY System will increase investment and emphasis on the formula: Access + Completion = Success. Using the “SUNY Excels” metrics of access completion, success, Inquiry, and Engagement, “SUNY will set system level 5-year targets and will re-examine these goals as the system improves and data becomes more readily available.” “SUNY Excels” is not a measurement of one institution against another, but an institution against itself over time. Not every institution should be striving to do everything, but rather each institution should be doing what it excels at and what its mission aims to achieve.
- Dr Alfultis also provided an update on the Maritime 2014-2015 budget and advised the Council that through careful management of the budget, reduction in personnel costs, and other cost cutting measures the deficit of over \$4.0M dollars that we started the year has been significantly reduced. It is anticipated that we should be able to end the fiscal year on or near a balanced budget.

2. The Dean of Students, Dr. Irene R. Delgado reviewed with Counsel the proposed changes to the Maritime College Student Code of Conduct that SUNY was directing all campuses to incorporate to be in compliance with SUNY Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Policies.

- The revised Student Code of Conduct and the proposed resolution for the Council to approve to adopt these changes were previously provided to all Council members on February 17th for review and consideration and were posted on the Maritime College Council Webpage.
- The revised Maritime Student Code of Conduct included the following SUNY Sexual Prevention and Response Policies:
 - Definition of Affirmative Consent
 - Policy for Alcohol and/or Drug Use Amnesty in Sexual Violence Cases
 - Sexual Violence Victim/Survivor bill of rights
 - Sexual Violence Response Policy
 - Options for Confidentiality Disclosing Sexual Violence
- The Dean responded to several questions regarding the policy
- A motion was made and seconded to vote on the resolution to adopt the proposed changes to Maritime College Code of Conduct, with all members present voting in the affirmative to approve.

3. The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 29th, 2014 and December 8th, 2014 College Council meetings. All members present voted in the affirmative to approve.

4. The Chief of Staff Mark Woolley presented a brief on the Governors Start-Up New York program. This included a background on the program, purpose, benefits for

businesses and participating campuses, eligible space, and the requirement for an approved campus plan in order for a campus to participate. Each campus plan must:

- Identify available University space: for Maritime College two spaces in the Fort have been identified (1700 sqft total);
- Identifies types of businesses that they are seeking to have on campus. They must relate to the campus academic missions: for Maritime College we are looking for maritime technology companies;
- Potential employment opportunities; and,
- Identify the Campus Advisory Committee and selection criteria for a business proposal.

The plan must be submitted to SUNY by the President and key stakeholders given the opportunity to comment on the plan. Key stakeholders include local elected officials, campus unions, faculty senate, student government, and the NY City Economic Development Council. This has been done and Maritime's plan was approved by SUNY. It now must be approved by the Empire State Development and once approved will be posted in the Start-Up website for business to review. A business that meets the requirements and wants to participate must submit an application and the College must submit a sponsorship application. The application must be reviewed and approved by the Campus Advisory Committee.

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.