

**Maritime College  
College Council Meeting  
Monday, January 6, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

**TO:** College Council

**SUBJ:** College Council Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2020

**Convened Open Session:** At 4:30 PM the College Council Chair convened the open session meeting of the College Council in the President's Conference Room. Per 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 on the College Council webpage. The Chair opened the meeting

**Council Members Present:** Timothea Larr, Mark Bronson (video conference), Austin Ford, William Garry (video conference), Thomas Higgins.

**Council Members Not Present:** Joseph Conway

**Also Present:** Michael Alfultis, Joseph Hoffman, Michael Berkum, Catie Hanft, Doug Hasbrouck, Rohan Howell, Will Imbriale, Mark Meirowitz, Morgan McManus, Scott Dieterich, Mark Woolley, and Jordon Emery, (SGA Rep)

**Public Attendance Count:** 0

**Approval of Minutes** (April 22, October 1 and December 2, 2019): The motion was made and seconded to vote to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. MT Department Presentation. Mate Peter Vecchio, Chair of the Maritime Transportation Department, provided an overview of the department.
  - Two Degree programs: Marine Transportation (Deck License) and Marine Operations (Deck or Engine License)
  - MT provides all courses and training for any student electing to pursue a Deck License with their degree
  - 62 Credits taught by MT. Courses include Navigation, Vessel Operations, Cargo Management; Integrated Bridge Systems, Safety, and Seamanship
  - MT supports summer sea term (SST) training. An overview was provided of the applied learning sequence that takes place on the training ship and what the students learn on SST. Mate Vecchio also reviewed non-academic

experiences such as the regimental system, port visits, and off duty hours activities.

- MT department functions are linked to the strategic plan's overarching goals.
- Tow small boat initiatives:
  - The 25' port security boat purchased by the Foundation is being used for class this semester. The Foundation funded the electronics installation. The course is being tested this semester and will be modified and expanded once the lessons learned incorporated. Presently, the class is limited to 12 students since only six students can go on the vessel at any one time. Looking at obtaining COI that can increase the number of students on the boat.
  - The school also acquired a 41-foot boat. We are assessing what needs to be repaired and the cost for obtaining a COI.

A discussion took place regarding the cost of maintaining and operating these vessels. There is a plan in place already for the 25' boat, and a plan is being developed for the 41' boat.

- Simulators are key to the MT department courses. The full mission simulator is where everything our students learn come together (ECDIS ARPA, Bridge Resource Management, navigation, and shiphandling).
- There are several MT faculty initiatives in Virtual Reality. The College has purchased a VR welding simulation. Professor Tamera Gilmartin is leading the initiative for the MT department and has been awarded several grants. The goal is to be the leader among the maritime academies.
- Our MT faculty have been at the forefront of presenting at numerous conferences.
- MT students are presenting at various conferences in the Bahamas, Barcelona, and Bulgaria.
- MT is looking forward to the arrival of the new training ship. Thinking outside the box regarding how the ship can be utilized.

2. SGA Overview. Cadet Second Class Jordon Emery, representing SGA President Cadet First Class Austin Ford, provided an overview of SGA for the Fall 2019 semester:

- Overview of SGA Accomplishments
- Student Activity Fee Budget Allocation
- Spending Report
- Student Resolutions
- Student Government Events
- Student Government agency reports
- Spring 2020 Direction

3. Presidents Update:

- The President reviewed the status of key personnel searches that are ongoing:
  - Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
  - Commandant of Cadets/Dean of Leadership Development

- Director of Student Health Services
- Title IX Coordinator
- Major Gift Officer
- Admissions Counselors (x3)
- Training Ship (x3)
- Recent key personnel hires include:
  - Director of Annual Giving: Lexy Rivera
  - Cadet Shipping Coordinator: Ray Waters
  - Internship Coordinator: Christina Melendez
  - International Programs Coordinator: Lloyd Bistany
  - Designation as an American Maritime Center of Excellence: The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2020 authorized the Secretary of Transportation to designate each State Maritime Academy as an "American Maritime Center of Excellence." This is a complimentary provision to "Domestic Maritime Centers of Excellence" for two-year colleges and technical schools.
- 2018-2019 Annual Report: The President provided highlights of some of the many accomplishments that have advanced the six goals in our strategic plan, "Charting a New Course." For each goal an example was provided by a story and a call-out box identified how funding from the Foundation, SUNY, grants, or donations was used to advance the goal. The Annual Report included Foundation Financial and Maritime College financial reports and a list of Individual, corporation, and Foundation gifts and endowment funds.
- 2019-2020 Strategic Actions Update: There are 22 new strategic actions the College is undertaking for 2019-2020. There are 37 actions that were carried forward. This was done for multiple reasons:
  - The action not completed in 2018-2019, or
  - The action was completed but want to monitor for "continuous improvement" and/or
  - We needed additional time to assess the impact of the action.

The President reviewed the status of 10 major strategic actions including:

1. Academic Portfolio Review
  2. MSCHE Self-Study
  3. IACBE Accreditation
  4. MS Operations Management
  5. Increase and Strengthen Internship Programs
  6. Centers of Excellence
  7. Speakers Series\*
  8. Diversity Initiatives
  9. Campaign Consultant
  10. Capital Improvements/Acquisitions
- The President reviewed with the Council the upcoming events:
    - Admiral's Council Dinner and Admiral's Dinner Committee Meeting: Tue, Jan 14

- Winter Commencement Ceremony: Fri, Jan 31, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Community Read & Library Lecture Series William Geroux's "The Ghost Ships of Archangel" Tue, Feb 11, 3:00-4:00 PM
- LNG Conference: Thu, Feb 20
- College Council Meeting #4 (proposed): March 2 or 9 (Note: Erica will coordinate date with Chair and Council Members)
- Admiral's Dinner: Tue, Apr 28
- Spring Commencement Ceremony: Fri, May 1
- T/S Empire State VI departs for Summer Sea Term Cruise: Mon, 4 May

**Adjournment of Open Session:** 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 5:47 PM.