

**Maritime College
College Council Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

TO: College Council

SUBJ: College Council Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2022

Convened Open Session: At 2:00 PM the College Council Chair convened the open session meeting of the College Council. Per section 103 (f) of the Public Officers' Law, the meeting was broadcast live utilizing Zoom.

Council Members Present: Tom Higgins (Chair), Jesus Fanilla, Christina Liviakis Gianopulos, William Jefferson, Deborah Kravchuk, Timothea Larr, Matthew Nolt, and Susan Wayne.

Council Members Not Present: N/A

President's Cabinet Present: Michael Alfultis, Jennifer Waters, Roxanne Thompson, Mark Woolley, Douglas Hasbrouck, Morgan McManus, Lu-Ann Plaisance, Odalis Mino Rohan Howell, Will Imbriale, and Catie Hanft.

Public Attendance Count: 37 (Zoom)

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 PM

Old Business: Approval of College Council Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2021

The chair asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2021 College Council meeting. The motion to vote to approve the minutes was made by Timothea Larr and seconded by Christina Liviakis Gianopulos. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.

New Business:

President's Update (Michael Alfultis, President)

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Accreditation: In view of the upcoming MSCHE Accreditation, the President asked the Provost, Dr. Jennifer Waters, to provide the College Council background concerning MSCHE accreditation, standards and requirements, the review cycle, the onsite visit preparations, process, and outcomes. The Council was briefed on their role in accreditation and the visit, which will occur March 20 – 23, 2022.

There was a discussion regarding documents that would be beneficial for Council members to review before the visit, including the PowerPoint

presentation from this meeting and the self-study. Another helpful document is the ACT handbook that provides the duties and structure of the College Council. It was also suggested that talking points be prepared for all members.

- *Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment (SASH) Response*: Due to SASH incidents onboard commercial vessels, MARAD implemented SASH Prevention Mandatory Standards: Every Mariner Builds a Respectful Culture (EMBARC): This policy:

- Is required for Vessel Operator participation in USMMA Sea Year Program
- Applies only to SOLAS Vessels
- Includes Company's Responsibilities prior to accepting Cadets onboard
 - Communications with cadets while embarked
 - Training requirements for officers and crew
 - Cadet-Crew interaction
 - Reporting
 - Assessment

SMA's will follow the spirit and intent of EMBARC and ensure companies are vetted, and Cadets receive SASH training prior to shipping commercially.

- Multiple requests from Congressional Staffers regarding SMA processes policies for Cadet Commercial shipping
- Although Title IX does not apply onboard commercial ships, process and procedure are in place if a SASH incident should occur
- SMA's are developing a non-SOLAS vessel EMBARC-like document:
 - Company Responsibilities
 - SMA Responsibilities (before, during, and after)
 - Policies governing interactions between Company and SMA in response to SASH incident
- Maritime College currently has 15 Cadets shipping commercially; the Cadet Shipping coordinator is closely monitoring

The goal is to have the SMA EMBARC document completed before sending a larger group of Cadets on commercial vessels this summer.

- *Summer Sea Term (SST) 2022*: This summer, we will transition from a 100-day double cruise to a single 76-day cruise. This shift was originally planned for SST 2020 – COVID delayed implementation. There are many benefits to this change:
 - Provides shared experience for all licensed cadets
 - Improves training
 - Provides schedule flexibility
 - Improves quality of life for crew, faculty, and cadets
 - Controls costs for cadets (76-days vs. 100-days)
 - Puts us in a better position if we need to ship share

There are challenges involved in this transition. There are not enough license Cadets to support a 100-day split cruise (two 50-day cruises), and there are too

many cadets (700+) for a single 76-day cruise. Our solution is to have approximately 175 2nd Class Cadets sail on a commercial ship or sail on alternative SMA training ships.

The President reviewed the Summer 2022 schedule to demonstrate the flexibility that the single cruise provides the College.

The single 75-day model will also work for the new training ship (NSMV). As the other SMA NSMVs are built, we will have additional capacity on those ships if our numbers increase again in our license programs.

- **NSMV Update:** The President updated the Council on the construction of the new training vessel. We are observing rapid progress with each visit to Philly Shipyard.
 - By April, every portion of Empire State VII will be in some construction phase (Phase 04 Section Building to Phase 14 Final Outfitting). The hull and superstructure will be erected this summer.
 - Launch scheduled for September. Three ships will then be under construction!
 - Dock trial scheduled for January 2023 (one year!).
 - Contract delivery date: April 2023.
 - Empire State VI is tentatively scheduled to be towed from campus in Fall 2022.
- **Upcoming Events:** The Council provided a list of upcoming events, including:
 - Feb 10: Regimental External Review Town Hall
 - Feb 24: Cultural Club Dinner
 - Mar 20 – 23: MSCHE Visit
 - Apr 4: Ribbon Cutting and Groundbreaking Ceremonies
 - Seamanship Center
 - New Learning Center
 - Mechanical Engineering Laboratory
 - May 6: Spring Commencement
- **General Discussion:**
 - At the previous College Council meeting, it was mentioned that an update would be provided in January concerning the Climate Task Force recommendations. The question was asked if that update had taken place. The President reported that the Cabinet had just finished updating the progress on the recommendations, and he would be sharing it with the Climate Task Force on Friday, February 11, 2022. After that, the results will be shared with the broader campus community.
 - The Chair introduced the newest member of the College Council Captain Matthew Nolt, an Alumnus.

Adjournment of Open Session: The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the open session and move to executive session. The Council unanimously approved the

motion move to executive session. The open session was adjourned at 2:55 PM, and the Council moved to Executive Session.