

**Maritime College  
College Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

**TO:** College Council

**SUBJ:** College Council Meeting Minutes for March 29, 2023

**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), William Jefferson, Deborah Kravchuk, Liam Reddan, Benjamin Voce-Gardner, James McDonough, and Susan Wayne.

**Council Members Not Present:** Patrick Guidice, Matthew Nolty, and Christina Liviakis Gianopoulos

**President's Cabinet and Invited Guests Present:** Michael Alfultis, Jennifer Waters, Douglas Hasbrouck, Michael Mastromarino, Erica Espinal, Todd Lidh, and Mark Woolley

**Public Attendance Count:** 4 (Zoom)

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all members.

**Old Business:** Approval of College Council Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2022

The Chair asked that a motion be made to approve the November 10, 2022 College Council meeting minutes. The motion to vote to approve the minutes was made by Deborah Kravchuk and seconded by Susan Wayne. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**New Business:**

1. Cybersecurity Update: Maritime College Network Breach Incident. Mr. Michael Mastromarino, Maritime College Chief Information Officer, provided the College Council an overview regarding the ransomware cyber security breach that resulted in access denial of the Maritime College networks from January 14 through 20.

Mr. Mastromarino answered the Council members' questions regarding the incident, recovery, and preventive measures that are now being put in place.

2. Presidents Update. President Alfultis provided his update to the Council (see attached brief)

A. The current schedule for delivery of the Empire State VII and the impact on the SST:

- The ship is currently scheduled for delivery (in Philadelphia) on June 1, 2023.
- Philadelphia Shipyard will host a Commissioning ceremony on June 2, 2023
- 5 June: SST Staff Report
- 10 June: 1/c Report
- 12 June: 2/c & 3/c Report
- 17 June: Empire State Departs
- 16 August: Empire State Returns
- 18 August: Post-Cruise Ends
- 21-25 August: License Examination
- 23 August Indoctrination
- The fall semester will commence the Tuesday after Labor Day (a week later than usual) due to ship delivery delays.

B. Active Shooter Preparation. There has been much concern by faculty members following the Michigan shooting regarding Maritime College's active shooter preparation.

- Current efforts include:
  - UPD Email at the Start of the Fall Semester
  - UPD Active Shooter Training for Staff and Students
  - UPD-Student Affairs Student of Concern Committee
  - Annual Review of Emergency Response Plan
  - The 2022 review incorporated lessons learned from Spring 2022 online threat
- The College is reviewing its preparedness and response regarding an active shooter. This includes
  - Review of Emergency Response Plan (Summer)
  - Facilities Walkthrough of Buildings (Summer)
  - Review of Communications (Rave, Fire Alarm Annunciation, Campus Alert)
  - Tabletop Exercise (Fall Semester)
  - Drill (Fall or Spring Semester)
  - UPD Training in Each Academic Building during Faculty Obligation
  - Student Training During Freshmen Orientation
  - Student Cohort Training (Athletes, NROTC, Regiment)

C. Planning Budget Assessment Committee.

- The President reviewed the results of the proposals submitted for funding consideration to the Planning Budget and Assessment Committee (PBAC)
  - 12 proposals received for FY 2024; 2 proposals for FY 2023 emergent funding

- Proposals reviewed and ranked based on their potential to impact enrollment through increased recruitment and/or retention
- Three additional proposals from the PBAC ESG (contingent on SUNY FY 2024 funding)
- Proposals Totaled: \$3.7 M

D. Maritime College Sesquicentennial Planning and Preparations:

- The theme for the Sesquicentennial Celebration is “Celebrating Our Past, Investing in Our Future.”
- We will kick off the celebration on April 24, 2023, and conclude it in January 2025. This aligns with the following:
  - Legislative Authorization – April 24, 1873
  - St. Mary’s arrival – December 1874
  - First students board and depart – January 1875
- Existing events to include:
  - New Ship Arrives
  - 2 Homecomings (Classes ending in 3,4,8,9)
  - 2 Admiral’s Dinners
  - 2 MCAA Honors Dinners
  - Admiral Alfultis marks 10 Years (July 2024)
- The President reviewed the Sesquicentennial goals and engagement opportunities. He also reviewed the Campaign Goals and timelines

**Adjournment of Open Session:** The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session. The Open Session was adjourned at 2:48 pm, and the Council moved to Executive Session.