Meeting of the Morrisville State College Council  
Whipple Administration Building – Board Room  
Saturday, May 14, 2011  

Council Members Present:  Chairman Matthew Morgan; Lawrence Baker; Arnold Fisher; Steven Jones; Judith Noyes; Michael Oot; Hugh Riehlman; Stephen Paravati, student representative  

Morrisville State College Staff Present:  Jean Boland; Richard Carreno; David Rogers; Roberta Sloan  

Chairman Morgan called the Morrisville State College Council meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.  

Minutes:  
The minutes of the April 22, 2011 meeting were approved. Motion to approve Mr. Arnold Fisher; seconded by Ms. Judy Noyes.  

President’s Report:  
The commencement ceremony will take place in the Rec Center this year. Mr. Carreno commented that even though the ceremony had to be moved inside due to inclement weather, the Rec Center has ample seating for everyone and should provide a very nice setting for the 100th commencement ceremony. The Council will robe in the Whipple Administration Building (5th floor) and a van will be available to transport everyone to the Ice Plex for lineup.  

Melissa Reider, Executive Director of Advancement and College Relations is resigning on May 20 to accept a position at Upstate Medical University. Nick Grimmer, who currently serves as the Director of Annual Giving, will serve as the Interim Director of Advancement. Mr. Carreno indicated that College Relations will now report directly to the President. A search will begin immediately.  

Dr. Pannill, Chair of the Middle States Visitation Team, will be visiting Morrisville State College on June 21 for a full day of preparation before the October Middle States visit. Mr. Carreno indicated that he and Dr. Rogers have reviewed the self-study draft and he commented that it is very well-done. There are some items in the self-study that will be implemented now rather than waiting until after the Middle States visit in the fall.  

Cabinet Reports:  

Vice President for Academic Affairs:  

Today marks the 100th commencement ceremony at Morrisville State College. Dr. Rogers highlighted some interesting historic information regarding enrollment. During the period from 1910 to 1917, two courses of study were taught at Morrisville – Agriculture and Home Economics, as compared to more than 50 associate degree programs and over 20 bachelor degree programs being offered today.
Enrollment in the 1910-11 academic year was 50 and by the 1915-16 academic year enrollment had increased to 167 students. World War I did have an effect on the Agriculture curriculum as seen in a drop of enrollment in that course of study from 131 in 1915-16 to 85 in 1916-17. The number of associate degree graduates in 2009-10 was 469 and the number of Bachelor degree graduates for the same period was 149.

Looking at the total undergraduate matriculated student headcount from 2003 to 2010, Dr. Rogers noted that while the number of first time students is remaining constant, the number of continuing students is steadily increasing from 2009 to 2010 (1709 to 1892). He explained that this increase is a direct result of students staying on at Morrisville to complete a Baccalaureate degree upon completion of an associate degree.

**Vice President for Administrative Services and Information Technology**

The Administrative Quad has been completed and looks very nice for commencement. The rusty orange color on the tree grates will change to a nice rich brown patina, but it will take about a year for the color to change.

Three projects (Lyncourt School Remodel and Addition, The Sheila Johnson Design Center, and the Morrisville State College Athletic Field/Stadium/Hospitality Suite) were selected for the 2011 CNY Business Journal’s “A Time to Build” Best Educational Project Less Than $10M category. The Sheila Johnson Design Center was the project that was chosen.

The bid opening for the Bailey Hall Renovations was on April 21, 2011. The project has been awarded to Putrelo Building Enterprises, Inc. The completion date for the renovations to “old” Bailey is August 2012 and for the remainder of the project (infrastructure and Bailey Annex) by December 2012.

**Student Government Report**

Recommendations from the audit have been used to update the SGO constitution. The previously implied SGO President report to the College Council is now explicitly stated.

Stephen Paravati commented that over $14,000 has been reserved from the SGO Assembly for gifts to the College (clock tower, digital kiosks, and a contribution to renewable energy). He indicated that he was working on the renewable energy contribution of $6342 and was looking at the possibility of installing solar panels on the 2nd floor balcony of the Butcher Library as a means of revenue as well as something that might attract prospective students.

Mr. Paravati plans to stay involved with Morrisville State College after graduation though his involvement with the Transportation Committee, Presidential Search Committee and the Alumni Association.

**Faculty Speaker Report**

An Ad Hoc Committee of Faculty Congress that was created to study the current procedures related to academic honesty and provide recommendations on a more detailed procedure and/or policy to guide faculty, staff, administrators, and students in the resolution of issues related to academic honesty, has forwarded a revised policy recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Faculty Congress discussed academic calendars for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 and ultimately forwarded a proposal for the 2011-12 academic calendar to the President which was approved on November 18, 2010 by Dr. Cross. In the spring of 2011, academic calendars for 2012-13 and 2013-14
were recommended to the Interim President. The Interim President approved the calendar recommendation for 2012-13, however the recommendation for 2013-14 was put on hold pending the arrival of the next President.

Faculty Congress has recommended a revised Class Attendance Policy which is currently being reviewed by the Academic Council.

Faculty Congress has endorsed the “Faculty and Staff Perception Survey - College President” as well as the Process to Administer the Survey. The survey and process were developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Review in consultation with Dr. Cross.

**Council Items:**
a) **Resolution to approve the Members of the Baccalaureate Nursing Advisory Committee.**
   Motion to approve: Mr. Arnold Fisher; seconded: Mr. Steven Jones.

b) **Resolution to approve the Citations for James I. Dunne and Arnold R. Fisher.**
   Motion to approve: Mr. Michael Oot; seconded: Mr. Larry Baker.

**Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn: Mr. Steven Jones; seconded by: Mr. Hugh Riehlman. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council