Meeting of the Morrisville State College Council  
Whipple Administration Building – Board Room  
Friday, February 17, 2012

Council Members Present: Lawrence Baker; Steven Jones; Matthew Morgan; Michael Oot; Hugh Riehlman; Nicole Williams, student representative

Morrisville State College Staff Present: Jean Boland; Paul Buckingham; Jo Ann Godfrey; Heather Haight; David Rogers; B. Wolf Yeigh

Chairman Morgan called the Morrisville State College Council meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2011 College Council meeting were approved. Motion to approve: Mr. Riehlman; seconded: Mr. Baker.

Officer-in-Charge Report:

A regional SUNY Showcase was held at SUNY IT on February 16. Dr. Yeigh indicated that members of System Administration that were in attendance commented that this Showcase was the best one thus far.

Work is continuing on shared services. There was a joint meeting of the Morrisville and the SUNY IT committees in January. The committees are looking at commodity items that can be purchased together that would create a savings for both campuses. Sharing of services in the EOP program at each campus was also looked at. Even though initially this looked like something that could easily be done, Dr. Yeigh indicated that when the final numbers were run, SUNY IT would only save $15,000 at most. SUNY IT will help with EOP, but the two EOP programs will not be merged as was originally discussed. One of the areas that both campuses could benefit from is in enrollment management. Dr. Yeigh explained that he is not looking at merging the two admissions offices, but rather finding someone with a more analytical approach to enrollment management that would be hired jointly between the two campuses. The savings from the currently vacant Admissions Director position at Morrisville and the Director of Financial Aid position at SUNY IT would be used to help fund this position. He commented that enrollment is critical for both campuses. Better students need to be recruited and retained. Dr. Yeigh indicated that his report to the Chancellor regarding shared services is due by July 15. Mr. Baker asked if there would be an analysis component included in the shared services plans and whether or not the report would indicate that there was such a component. Dr. Yeigh responded yes to both questions.

Dr. Yeigh will be meeting with the Mayor of Norwich and other city leaders later in the month of February. The meeting is an effort to develop better communication with Chenango County officials. Mr. Baker asked how strong the recruitment is in Chenango County schools. Ms. Haight responded that the Admissions staff visits Chenango County High Schools every semester.

Cayuga Community College is attempting to offer courses in Canastota. Dr. Yeigh emphasized that Morrisville was not approached by Cayuga Community College about their intent and this is not something that we will support.
Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation to Dr. Yeigh for his remarks at the SUNY Showcase at SUNY IT recently. Mr. Jones explained that when the Chancellor spoke, she mentioned the colleges represented at the Showcase and she neglected to mention Morrisville. Dr. Yeigh did include Morrisville in his comments and Mr. Jones thanked Dr. Yeigh for representing Morrisville at that event. It was noted that it was unfortunate that Morrisville didn’t have as much displayed at this event as some other colleges did. Ms. Boland explained that Amy Cornue had planned for more displays, but the space allotted was reduced and we used space for the car to be showcased.

Dr. Yeigh updated the College Council on the NCAA sanction which is a result of International Scholarships that Morrisville had awarded. There were more hockey players receiving the scholarship than non-athletes which is against the rules of the NCAA. Morrisville is not the only SUNY campus that has received this sanction.

**Provost and Chief Operating Officer**

Dr. Rogers asked Ms. Haight to provide an enrollment update. Overall the numbers are down. Ms. Haight indicated that she would like to get faculty and staff more involved in recruitment efforts. An academic advisement component has been included in the upcoming accepted student days. Dr. Rogers noted that 2976 has been Morrisville’s targeted AAFTE since 2006-07.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education will be meeting on March 1 to vote on the recommendations for Morrisville State College. Dr. Rogers indicated that the final report should be sent in early March and he will share that information with the Council at an upcoming meeting.

Work on the next Strategic Plan will be starting soon. Dr. Rogers indicated that he would keep the Council informed on this process.

Dr. Rogers informed the Council of his recent appointment to the Madison County Agricultural Economic Development Board as the Madison County IDA Board’s representative.

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

Ms. Boland overviewed the status of some of the campus construction projects (Bailey Annex, Bailey Hall new classroom, STUAC Fitness Center).

**Student Government Report**

SGO President, Nicole Williams reported on:

- The Assembly approved the Conservation Tri-Society and the Renewable Energy Club so both clubs have voting privileges.
- A committee has been formed to examine the use of the Student Activity Fee.
- The smoking policy on campus is being reviewed and a flyer has been created emphasizing the 20’ rule.
- The SGO Executive Board has attended Assembly meetings at SUNY IT and Cazenovia College. The Executive Board plans to attend Assembly meetings at three more colleges in the near future.
- Elections for next year’s Executive Board positions will begin in late March.
Faculty Speaker Report

Mr. Buckingham reported on:
- Newly formed Advisory Committee on Shared Services has been operating since December 2011.
- Faculty Congress approved a citation for Professor Carolyn Thompson recognizing her for her service to the College and to faculty/staff governance.
- Faculty Congress passed a resolution on shared services on 2/7/12.

Council Items:

a) Resolution to approve Citation for Carolyn A. Thompson.
   Motion to approve: Mr. Baker; seconded: Mr. Jones.

b) Resolution to approve CHIMES request to SGO.
   Motion to approve: Ms. Williams; seconded: Mr. Jones

Other Business:

Chairman Morgan announced his resignation as a member of the College Council.

Dr. Yeigh presented a Citation to Chairman Morgan on behalf of the entire Morrisville State College community.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the following individuals to serve on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee: John Angerosa, Chair; Joe Nassimos; Richard Carreno. Seconded: Mr. Jones

Dr. Yeigh commented that he had spoken with Mr. Hutzley at System Administration about the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and Mr. Hutzley indicated that his office will be the interface that will provide this committee with any necessary information.

Mr. Baker recommended that the next College Council meeting be scheduled on March 30.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Baker; seconded: Mr. Jones. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council