Meeting of the Morrisville State College Council
Whipple Administration Building – Board Room
Friday, March 30, 2012

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

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

In the absence of the Vice Chair, Mr. Jones made a motion that Mr. Baker Chair the March 30, 2012 meeting of the College Council. Seconded: Ms. Noyes

Mr. Baker called the Morrisville State College Council meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He updated the Council on Mr. Fisher’s condition. Mr. Fisher was injured in a fall recently. He is home now, but will be undergoing surgery soon.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2012 and the February 17, 2012 College Council meetings were approved. Motion to approve: Mr. Oot; seconded: Mr. Riehlman.

Officer-in-Charge Report

The Morrisville and the SUNY IT Shared Services Committees met this week to discuss options and opportunities in shared services between the two campuses. Dr. Yeigh outlined the topics that had been discussed. The members of the College Council asked about the report that Dr. Yeigh will be making to the Chancellor in July. He responded that he has not yet reached a conclusion, but when the report is submitted, whatever the recommendation is, it will be supported by available data.

Dr. Yeigh noted that Accepted Student Days and Open House are coming up and he has conveyed to the campus that there needs to be “all hands on deck.” He emphasized that enrollment is down and everyone needs to do whatever they can to assist us in meeting our enrollment target.

Provost and Chief Operating Officer

Two students will be receiving the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence at a ceremony at System Administration. The students are: Thomas Longland, a B.S. in Human Performance and Health Promotion major and Adam Houck, a B.T. in Application Software Development major.

The month of April is Academic Excellence Month where the campus celebrates student achievements. Discussions are underway about having a celebration for the graduates just before commencement. It is hoped that new events like these will become part of the “tradition” here at Morrisville.

An Entrepreneurs Jam event was held on campus on March 22. Alumni from the Entrepreneurship program in 2007-09 were here sharing their stories of success. Dr. Rogers indicated that one of our current students has created a song entitled: Welcome to the ville. The College has been given permission to use this song during the Accepted Student Days coming up and some other functions.
A Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been developed which is the first step in beginning the work on the College’s next Strategic Plan.

Dr. Rogers provided an update on enrollment which reflects that numbers are down. He indicated that he would keep the Council updated.

Mr. Baker asked about the status of the Admissions Director Search. Dr. Rogers responded that the search was not successful. There are two other staff positions in the Admissions Office that we are currently searching for. The members of the College Council all agreed, and wanted it to be a matter of record, that the Council does not support shared Admissions positions.

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

Vice President Boland was unable to attend this meeting. A written report was provided to each member of the Council.

**Student Government Report**

The SGO elections have concluded with a tie for President. Even though it has been suggested that the two individuals share this position, Ms. Williams explained to do that would require a change in the constitution. The runoff election will be held on April 17.

There is a Student Assembly conference coming up in April. Ms. Williams indicated that there will be a lot of issues discussed at that conference.

There is a petition being circulated opposing graduation being held in the Rec Center. Ms. Williams will be providing a copy to Jo Ann Godfrey so that it can be discussed by the Cabinet.

**Faculty Speaker Report**

Dr. Buckingham indicated that the members of Faculty Congress have been asked to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats which is part of the beginning discussions of the strategic planning process. The Nomination Committee is getting ready for next year’s new College Senate. Dr. Buckingham indicated that he would like to have the committee leaders in place by the end of this semester so that the College Senate leaders, the Provost, and the Officer-in-Charge can meet sometime this summer to set priorities, discuss plans, and coordinate activities over the next academic year.

**Council Items:**

Mr. Baker commented, and members of the Council voiced agreement, that the College Council would like the opportunity to review Dr. Yeigh’s July Report prior to its being submitted. Mr. Baker noted that this can be discussed further at the April meeting.

Mr. Baker shared a copy of the Charge to the Citizens’ Advisory Committee. He indicated that he had been in contact with Mr. Brian Hutzley and explained the purpose of the advisory committee and that Dr. Yeigh has directed that this committee work directly with Mr. Hutzley and his staff. Mr. Baker indicated that Mr. Angerosa had met with members of Mr. Hutzley’s staff and has indicated that this is going well.

Ms. Noyes reported on the joint Shared Services Committee meeting that she attended on January 18.

Ms. Dietrich commented on the lack of SUNY involvement in the shared services efforts. Members of the Council agreed that it might be beneficial to have someone from SUNY involved to at least listen to the discussions to be better informed about the difficulties involved in shared services.

Mr. Baker indicated he had recommended to the Morrisville College Foundation at their last meeting when a recommendation was made to prepare a citation from the Morrisville College
Foundation for Mr. Matthew Morgan, that the Foundation consider a joint citation from both the Foundation and the College Council. The members of the Morrisville College Foundation were supportive of this suggestion. The members of the College Council also voiced their support. Mr. Baker agreed to follow up with the Morrisville College Foundation Chairman, Mr. John Mitchell.

**Other Business:**

a) Resolution to approve advisory committee appointments to the Teacher Education Transfer Program (Lois Fisch, Jennifer Britton, Debra Dushko, Helen Leonard, Robin Price). Motion to approve: Mr. Jones; Seconded: Ms. Dietrich

b) Resolution to approve advisory committee appointments to the Nursing Advisory Committee (Jodie Purdy, Tracey Morris, Sandra Mahoney). Motion to approve: Mr. Jones; Seconded: Mr. Riehlman

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Riehlman; Seconded: Mr. Jones. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council