Council Members Present: Arnold Fisher; Lawrence Baker; Susan Dietrich; Steven Jones; Michael Oot; Nicole Williams, student representative

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

Minutes

The minutes of the March 30, 2012 meeting was approved. Motion to approve: Mr. Jones; seconded: Mr. Baker.

Officer-in-Charge Report

Dr. Yeigh updated the members of the College Council on the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. denial of accreditation for the nursing BSN program. Dr. Yeigh explained that although the site visitation was favorable, the NLNAC Board of Directors’ vote was unanimous to deny accreditation. The NLNAC did notify the Middle States Commission of the denial. Middle States has requested additional information from Morrisville State College by May 1. Dr. Yeigh indicated that the College is also working with SUNY System regarding a future action plan for this four year program.

The Council asked if this denial had any impact on the two-year Nursing program. Dr. Yeigh assured the Council that this denial is concerning the four-year nursing program only. The two-year associate degree program remains a very strong accredited program.

Provost and Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Rogers reported that he and Dean Cring have met with the Provost at SUNYIT regarding the students in the BSN Program to see if SUNYIT can assist these students in any way.

Vice President for Administrative Services and Information Technology

Ms. Boland updated the College Council on the various campus Capital Projects currently underway. The renovations to Bailey Hall and the basement of Hamilton Hall are progressing nicely. The new Fitness Center should be done this summer and the gym renovations should be completed by the middle of fall. A number of summer projects are planned and Ms. Boland highlighted those.

Ms. Dietrich asked about signage for the Norwich Campus and indicated that there are some students in Norwich that do not know about the Norwich Campus. Ms. Boland indicated that she would follow up on the Norwich Campus signage. Ms. Godfrey noted that in each Council member’s folder there was a copy of a letter to Dr. Yeigh from Gerard O’Sullivan, the Superintendent of the Norwich City School District. The letter thanks Dr. Cornelius, Dr. Rogers and Dr. Yeigh for their efforts to provide college credit courses to students in the Norwich City School District.
**Student Government Report**

Ms. Nicole Williams introduced Galen Morehead to the members of the College Council. Mr. Moorhead is the new President-elect of the Student Government Organization.

Ms. Williams updated the College Council on the student dismay about the graduation ceremony being held inside this year. Officer-in-Charge Yeigh did make a presentation to the student assembly about this issue and has since made the final decision to hold commencement inside.

The Career Services fee increase from $20 to $35 has been approved and will be effective fall 2012. Ms. Williams explained that this is a mandatory annual fee.

Ms. Williams extended an invitation to the members of the College Council to attend the SGO Awards Ceremony being held on May 11 at 4 pm in the Hospitality Suite.

**Faculty Speaker Report**

Mr. Buckingham indicated that Faculty Congress is working on a draft of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic calendars that was provided by the administration. Both of the proposed calendars drop the second spring break and reduce the length of the school year by one week to 14 weeks plus finals vs. 15 weeks plus finals which has been standard at Morrisville.

**Council Items:**

a) **Resolution to approve the Massage Therapy Club Constitution.**
   There was discussion regarding a number of typos and other errors in the document. Ms. Williams responded that other SUNY schools do not involve the College Council in the process of approving club constitutions. She acknowledged that she understood that this authority was included in the 1991 College Council by-laws but suggested that it is now 2012 and Morrisville is now a four-year institution. The delays being caused by the College Council review is not fair to the students, is very discouraging to the students because of the time it takes, and ultimately discourages student participation. A brief discussion followed regarding developing a template that would assist the students when preparing a club constitution. Mr. Baker suggested that at a future meeting the College Council should discuss the process of club constitution approvals and whether or not the College Council should be involved. Mr. Baker suggested that the Massage Therapy Club Constitution be approved pending the review and correction of the document in consultation with Mr. Steve Jones. Motion to approve: Mr. Oot; Seconded: Mr. Baker

b) **Resolution to approve the appointments of Elizabeth Kelly and Colette Wilk to the AAS Nursing Advisory Committee.** Motion to approve: Mr. Baker; Seconded: Ms. Dietrich.

c) **Resolution to approve a Citation for Nicole Williams.** Motion to approve: Mr. Fisher; Seconded: Mr. Baker.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Baker indicated that the Shared Services Committees continue to meet in an effort to achieve the desired outcome of saving money and shifting the savings to instruction and instructional support services. However, the amount of proposed savings is nowhere near the target figure being set by SUNY system.
Mr. Baker distributed the draft of the Report of the Morrisville State College Council Citizen’s Advisory Committee. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee has indicated that they would like to remain active and continue to assist the College Council as they move forward. Motion to approve: Mr. Oot, Seconded: Mr. Jones.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Jones; Seconded: Ms. Dietrich. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council