Meeting of the Morrisville State College Council
President’s Board Room
Thursday, March 21, 2013

Council Members Present: Kristi Andersen; Lawrence Baker; Steven Jones; Galen Morehead, student representative; Judy Noyes; Hugh Riehlman

Morrisville State College Staff Present: Paul Buckingham; Mary Ellen Burdick; Amy Cornue; Leslie Crosley; Glenn Gaslin; Jo Ann Godfrey; Geoffrey Isabelle; William Murabito; David Rogers; Sara Way

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by the new Chair, Dr. Kristi Andersen.

The minutes of the October 24, 2012, November 16, 2012, November 30, 2012, and December 14, 2012 meetings of the College Council were approved. Motion to approve: Mr. Jones; seconded: Mr. Riehlman.

Due to Dr. Buckingham’s teaching schedule, Dr. Andersen indicated that the College Senate report would be given first.

College Senate Report

In addition to the items contained in the written report sent to each Council member, Dr. Buckingham indicated that the College Senate is also discussing the need to find a better way of getting students to pay their bills instead of withholding class location on student schedules.

President’s Report

As part of the President’s Report, Dr. Murabito invited members of Cabinet to join the College Council meeting. Mary Ellen Burdick (Assistant VP of Business Affairs), Amy Cornue (Director of Public Relations), Leslie Crosley (Director of Admissions), Glenn Gaslin (General Manager – Morrisville Auxiliary Corp.), Geoff Isabelle (Dean of Students) and Sara Way (Executive Director of Institutional Advancement) each gave a brief overview of their area of responsibility.

Leslie Crosley provided an update on enrollment and mentioned that Accepted Student Days and Open House are big events coming up in April.

Dr. Murabito’s report covered:

- The Downstate Medical Center situation which will have a negative impact on SUNY’s budget.
- Capital Projects are on hold SUNY wide. There will be a meeting with representatives from the SUNY Construction Fund in the near future.
- Some critical maintenance projects will be completed this summer.
- The current personnel changes and searches underway. The current organizational chart was distributed.
• Requests for Transition Funding and High Needs Funding have been sent to SUNY. Nothing has been received about the status of either request. Regardless, plans are in place to move forward with some of the efforts to increase retention.
• Overview of outreach efforts (rejoined CenterState CEO, attended SUNY Day in Albany, met with several City of Norwich leaders). Mr. Baker suggested that Dr. Murabito consider adding a Guidance Counselor to the Norwich Campus Community Advisory Board.
• Several new campus committees have been developed (Affirmative Action, Safety, Technology, Parking, Marketing, Space Allocation/Use).
• Reviewing ways to offer college courses in the high schools and be able to receive State aid and count the students in the AAFTE in the same way as the community colleges are able to.
• Using the Eaton Street entrance as the main entrance to the campus.
• Congressman Hanna had agreed to be the Commencement speaker, but unfortunately his schedule has changed and he is not able to be here. We have approached Senator Valesky but have not heard back yet on his availability.
• Changing next year’s calendar to start one week later with only one break in the spring semester.
• Onondaga Hall will be reopened and Helyar and Stewart Halls will be taken off line to make several repairs. Repair work will start in Helyar Hall first.
• The first sabbatical in many years has been approved.
• The Middle States Monitoring Report is due April 1. Dr. Rogers updated the Council on the status of this report.
• The Morrisville College Foundation is reviewing the Gift Acceptance Policy.
• The ribbon cutting for the new eatery at ESF is next week. The Morrisville Auxiliary Corporation is running this new facility.
• Meetings have been set up with MVCC and Herkimer CC to talk about collaboration.

Student Government Report

Mr. Morehead updated the Council on the status of the SGO elections. He commented that 170 votes were cast which is more than last year, and indicated that he was pleased that Norwich votes were way up. The new Vice President is Kristen Offringa and the new Director of Budgets is Sean O’Brien. Nathan Compton was elected as the new SGO President, but he has not officially accepted that appointment yet. Mr. Morehead commented that electronic voting was used this year. Dr. Andersen suggested that the students explore online voting since her experience with online voting has been very positive.

The students have voted to keep the Student Activities Fee the same. The Student Assembly will make the final decision.

Other Business

• Resolution to approve the new Norwich Campus Community Advisory Board.
  Motion to approve: Mr. Baker; Seconded: Mr. Morehead

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Morehead; seconded: Ms. Noyes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council