Meeting of the Morrisville State College Council  
President’s Board Room  
Thursday, December 12, 2013

Council Members Present: Kristi Andersen, Chair; Lawrence Baker; Nathan Compton, student representative; Arnold Fisher; Steven Jones; Judy Noyes; Hugh Riehlman

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by the Chair, Dr. Kristi Andersen.

The minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting of the College Council were approved. Motion to approve: Mr. Baker; seconded: Mr. Riehlman.

President’s Report

Dr. Murabito welcomed Mr. Ken Gifford, Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture at CHA Companies. Mr. Gifford has had a long career within SUNY and he will help to develop Morrisville’s StartUP NY Plan which is due in early January. Mr. Gifford highlighted Morrisville’s plan which focuses on four priority projects: Biodigester, Equine Rehabilitation Center Surgical Suite, Nelson Farms Expansion and Cambridge-Morrisville Pathways. Mr. Baker asked how long Mr. Gifford would be involved once these projects get started. Dr. Murabito responded that the first step is to write the plan and then see what needs to be done after that. A StartUP NY Steering Committee has been developed co-chaired by Mary Ellen Burdick and Glenn Gaslin.

Dr. Murabito’s report:

Highlights:

- Presidential search update: Dr. Murabito indicated that he has met with Mr. Bill Howard and recommended that we spend the rest of this year getting things in order and then start the search for a new President next fall. Following the new SUNY format for Presidential searches, Dr. Neil Murphy has been recommended as the Emeriti President to work with the College Council through the search process.
- Update on SUNY 2020 Grants:
  1. Biodigester Grant: meetings have begun with the Construction Fund.
  2. Brewing Institute: the money will soon be available to get started.
  3. Central NY Media Lab in Oswego/Center for Innovation & Enterprise at Morrisville – SUNY Oswego has asked us to participate along with Cornell and Buffalo and plans to submit a proposal for consideration.
- Met with the President and other staff members from SUNY Sullivan recently and took them on a tour of the campus, including Nelson Farms. They are looking at the possibility of setting up some 2+2 programs with Morrisville.
The Academic and Administrative Prioritization RFP will be going out next week. This process should be done by fall 2014.

The Community Matters Committee is off to a good start. They meet every other month to talk about common concerns and ideas to promote campus/community relations.

Attended the Building a Smarter University conference. The focus was on “Big Data” – making informed decisions based on data.

SUNY Trustee Lewin visited the Morrisville Campus in early October and was very impressed with the campus and the students.

Dr. Geer, SUNYIT’s Acting President made a visit to campus in mid-October. Dr. Rogers and Dr. Murabito took him on a campus tour so he would have a better understanding of MSC.

Dr. Murabito spoke at the Hamilton Club in October and updated them about MSC.

Dr. Murabito attended the ACT Conference in mid-October.

The Chancellor has advised SUNY Cobleskill that they need to work with Morrisville as they pursue the possibility of offering a Masters Degree program.

Dr. Murabito updated the College Council on:


As part of the President’s report, Ms. Christine Cring, Dean of the School of Science, Technology and Health Studies and Dr. Paul Griffin, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts highlighted activities within their respective Schools.

1. Dean Cring highlighted activities in Nursing, Massage Therapy, Dietetics, Computer Science, Engineering Technology, Math/Biology/Chemistry/Physics, Automotive, Residential Construction, Wood Technology, Architecture, Computer Information Technology.
2. Dr. Griffin, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts commented that, as a school of Liberal Arts, his school is in contact with all of the students on campus. He highlighted programs in Human Services/Early Childhood, two year and four year Journalism Programs, Science, Technology and Society, Criminal Justice, and Applied Psychology

As part of the President’s report, Ms. Leslie Crosley provided an enrollment update. She noted that raw applications are 30% above the number for this same time last year.

Ms. Crosley announced that Channel 9 will be installing a weather cam on the top of the Whipple Administration Building sometime in February 2014. The camera will identify MSC as the location of the weather cam.

**College Senate Report**

Dr. Paul Buckingham, President of College Senate, briefly outlined the information in his report that had already been distributed to the College Council. New course proposals continue to be reviewed by the College Senate and they are working to reorganize the Faculty/Professional Staff Handbook so that it can be better managed. The faculty have begun discussions on the proposed changes to the promotion and continuing appointment procedures.

**Student Government Report**

SGO President, Nathan Compton, spoke briefly on activities in the Student Government Organization. A couple of things that have been under discussion are having the Fitness Center open longer on the weekends and also issues surrounding seamless transfer. A Dessert with the Deans is being planned for the spring. They are also working on scheduling a Pizza with the President and Provost sometime in the spring.
Council Item:
• Resolution to approve the appointment of Mary Beth Primo, Esq. to the Business Advisory Council: Motion to Approve: Mr. Fisher, Seconded: Mr. Jones. Motion carried.

Other Business:
Mr. Baker summarized discussions at the ACT meeting that he attended in October.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Fisher; seconded: Ms. Noyes. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Godfrey
Temporary Secretary to the College Council