

Meeting of the SUNY Morrisville College Council
5th Floor Board Room, Whipple Administration Building
October 24, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Greg Clark, Student Representative; Chairman Arnold Fisher; James Dunne; Don Huller; Matt Morgan; Hugh Riehlman; and Charlie Root.

Excused: Thomas Morrone and Perry Tooker.

SUNY Morrisville Staff Present: John Angerosa; Charles Blaas; Rich Carreno; Ray Cross; Jessica DeCerce; Joyce Malloy; and Diane Tice, Faculty Congress Speaker.

Chairman Arnold Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 2, 2003 meeting were approved. Motion by Don Huller, seconded by Matt Morgan.

President's Report:

Dr. Cross introduced Greg Clark, the current Student Government Organization president. Greg is from New Hampshire and he's a student in the dairy program. Dr. Cross also welcomed Diane Tice, our new Faculty Congress Speaker.

Dr. Cross then talked about our Operational Plan. He explained its purpose and how we use it as a strategic planning tool. He went over some specific areas in the plan including new BT/BS/BBA Programs – what we've already added and what is proposed for the future. We also discussed construction projects that have been completed and some that are in progress now. The dairy heifer barn is scheduled for completion in December and the additional equine arena should be finished by the end of November. Dr. Cross also told the group that we are looking at the feasibility of creating a new multi-event stadium, which could be built with private funds. We are also looking at private and matching funds for the Brooks Hospitality Center – some investors are looking at building a hotel in town, and it looks like this could really happen. It's something our community really needs. And hopefully, the college can have a restaurant in it to complement our local foods. The campus beautification project is ongoing and we are continually landscaping small pieces around the campus.

We recently announced our Morrisville Capital Campaign. To date, we have almost \$600,000 committed and pledged to the Norwich \$1M campaign. We have already named the building, the library and some classrooms. The Norwich community has been terrific – they have a wonderful attitude.

Several items on the Operational Plan are ongoing. We are looking at ways to improve our recruiting of new faculty and the quality of our programs. In the area of technology, we have been very successful – that category is just about completed. The Nelson Inn project is coming along. The inside of the Inn looks very good – we're waiting on several grants to refurbish the outside of the building.

Dr. Cross reminded the Council that SUNY is conducting a five-year review on his performance at Morrisville. The date for the evaluator visit is November 19th.

With the departure of Mike Corpin, the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs areas have been combined and Dr. Cross thinks this will create some opportunities for increased collaboration.

Chairman Fisher commended Dr. Cross on his creation of the operational plan and the progress that has been made in the five years he's been at Morrisville.

Academic Affairs Report:

Dr. Blaas pointed out that we need to add to the operational plan #7.4.7 – “SUNY Morrisville.biz Institute” which is the development of an e-commerce site for Nelson Farms and will provide an electronic storefront for the sale of its products.

Dr. Blaas indicated we're in our ninth week of instruction and things got off to a good start this academic year. Things are progressing along with significant ease. We're dealing with some interesting things here.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technology programs have just completed the TAC of ABET review which is a big event and requires at least a year of preparation. We haven't had a review from them in six years which speaks to the quality of our programs. If you need to be reviewed on an annual basis, you've got some serious problems.

Program Development: Since our last meeting, we have submitted program announcements to SUNY:

BT in Clinical Exercise Physiology
 Certificate program in Surgical Technology
 BT in Horticulture Business Management
 BT in Information Technology – Electronic Commerce
 BT in Information Technology –Cybersecurity
 BS in Nursing

These are all new since April. We have one two year proposal pending – an A.S. degree in Environmental Science. Along that same line, we submitted a program title change to State Ed and to SUNY to change Architectural Technology to Architectural Study and Design. We just got notification from SUNY that they endorse the change and will send it on to State Ed.

Currently being developed is a certificate in Casino Careers, a BBA in Marketing: Specialty Products, a BBA in Entrepreneurship in Small Business Management, a BT in Technology Studies, a BT or BBA in Information Technology Management (Upper Division), and a BT in Forensic Applications & Investigations. Two year programs include an AA in Teacher Preparation, an AA in Environmental Studies, and an AAS in Automotive Body Technology.

Norwich is working on initiatives as well. Health and Human Services – development of a program announcement for Rural Development and Leadership. We hope this announcement will be submitted by Christmas.

Dr. Blaas talked about the assessment initiative and said he would defer to Diane Tice to report on that.

Regarding the realignment between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, we don't know if this is a model that will be useful or not. They have definitely become more integrated. Geoff Isabelle, the Interim Dean of Students, regularly attends the weekly Dean's meeting, and is working with the Student Affairs staff to integrate their strategic plan with the strategic plan of the institution. We are all here for the same reason – to provide a good learning experience for the students.

We are currently looking into providing an honor society at the baccalaureate level – what would be appropriate to mesh with our two-year honor society? We're also working on majors and minors and our transition to a baccalaureate institution which will bring to our campus individuals who are doctorally-prepared.

Faculty Speaker Report:

Diane Tice reported that Faculty Congress has grown in number to 22 voting members. We're looking at tenure and promotion procedures since the Middle States report indicated that those procedures need to be clarified. Since every department has its own procedure, the committee will make sure those are sent to the Vice President for review.

In reference to the SGO honor society question, this has been referred to the Student Affairs committee to review multi-disciplined honor societies similar to Phi Theta Kappa.

Faculty Congress is forming an ad hoc assessment planning committee. Middle States has recommended that we have overall assessment of everything that happens on campus. The ad hoc committee is charged with researching our institutional history of assessment (campus-wide plan of 1989) and to conduct an informal survey of other SUNY ag & techs as to their procedures. We hope to have this completed by the end of the spring semester.

On June 17, 2003, the BOT passed a resolution regarding implementation of system-wide assessment on social sciences, math and critical thinking areas. Faculty Congress groups across the 64 SUNY campuses have a number of concerns including the rapid time frame, the cost, time required of faculty for documentation, anticipated difficulty preparing standardized tests for diverse campuses, and confidentiality issues. We have questions as to why SUNY needs this kind of information -- will this lead to improvements and, if so, those improvements should be generated at the campus level, not system-wide.

Therefore, Faculty Congress passed a resolution saying that the faculty of MSC recognizes the passage of the resolution as a breach of its partnership with the University's faculty to provide the best possible education for its students; and that the college cannot support any system-wide assessment without having a detailed analysis of its cost, feasibility, and effectiveness to both the campuses and SUNY System Administration; nor can it support participation without approval of the majority of the faculty at the 64 campuses. The faculty emphatically opposes the trustees' resolution, urges it to be withdrawn and encourages the Faculty Senate to defend academic diversity.

President's Report (con't.)

Dr. Cross indicated that we need to make an appeal to the Chancellor to restore some of our funding which the system took from us. We submitted a financial plan addressing that but the outcome is still in limbo although there is speculation we will be forced to take some drastic cuts. We were following a plan that had been outlined five years ago and should have been rewarded for our efforts -- instead we got hammered.

It's possible that a labor contract increase will be negotiated. If that happens, a number of things will go unfunded. The last set of raises was about \$700,000 -- we were not funded and it put us into an overall deficit condition. Hopefully, we can get what they owe us -- we haven't given up on it yet. We don't know where this budget thing is going. Even if we lay someone off today, there are no benefits until next year.

Student Government Report:

Greg Clark reported that he sent Dr. Blaas a letter about an honor society for the baccalaureate level. Faculty Congress is evidently going to look at some options.

The SGO Executive Board leaves next Friday for a SUNY Assembly meeting at Lake George and there's a national student leadership conference in Orlando, Florida November 20th. Two of the SGO officers will take the exam to be a certified student leader. They're also working on a proposal with WCVM.

SGO has proposed that the Library hours be extended to midnight every night. Geoff Isabelle and the Deans are trying to work that out. They participated in the parade for Mustang Weekend and they have been working on fund raisers. They also want to update their own constitutions.

Next spring, there will be a vote on the Student Activity fee. This comes up for a vote once every four years.

Matt Morgan asked Greg if it would be possible for SGO to help out with the extended library hours and he said it was possible.

Administrative Services Report:

John Angerosa talked a little more about the 2003-04 budget. Part of this year's budget was another five-year capital plan. We made great strides during the first one. The SUNY Construction Fund wanted projects to be ready to start when the time came, so we prepared to redesign the Student Activities Center -- the budget was \$5 million. However, when they went back and did exact cost estimates, the price jumped to \$7 million. We need to hold that project to

\$5M or something else will suffer.

Other campus activity: We have a windmill scheduled to go up on the dairy barn. Hopefully, it will pay for itself in a year. We need to look at self-sufficiency. Also, we have gotten funding to resurface the brick on Oneida and Cayuga residence halls. Once completed, they will look similar to Fountain View.

John reminded the Council members that this group serves as the Rural Advisory Committee for VATEA funding. The plan previously reviewed by this group in May was approved – we're all set. However, this year is probably the last year we will be able to use the College Council as an Advisory Board. They are trying to get a dedicated board to only work on VATEA issues. If that changes, John will certainly try to persuade them to work with this group.

Associate Vice President

Rich Carreno reported that the semester got off to a good start. This was a slower recruiting year since there was no retirement incentive. We only had eight new faculty and ten professional positions to fill, the majority of which were residence hall directors. We have been able to recruit people who have the background and academic credentials we need. Because of the budget, we are taking a look at the way we do business. One of the things we're doing is we are attempting to shut down over the holidays this year. The shut-down will take place from noon on December 24th through January 4th. We can't just close the place, so we are looking at reassignment opportunities for those employees who will need to work. We are hopeful that we will realize some utility savings during that time and we are doing some other things to try to meet the budget cuts.

Matt Morgan talked about the good press we got from Fountain View and other campus events. He was glad to see some genuine reporting rather than the sensationalism we have seen in the past.

Dr. Cross indicated that there will be an article in USA Today on the cell phone initiative and he was also interviewed by University Business.

Arnold Fisher commended Jessica DeCerce for doing a great job with the press – her hard work certainly shows.

Council Business:

- a) The resolution to approve curriculum advisory committee appointment of Timothy Willard for the Nursing Program. Motion by Matt Morgan; seconded by Charlie Root.
- b) The resolution to approve the curriculum advisory appointments of Jennette Ball, {name removed}, Edward Griffin-Nolan, Patricia Kielbasinski, Margaret Mawhinney and Tammi Ross-Parish for the Massage Therapy Program. Motion by Jim Dunn; seconded by Don Huller.
- c) Endorsement of two Institutional Policies:
 - #2116 Workplace Visitor Policy. Motion by Hugh Riehlman; seconded by Charlie Root.
 - #2117 Pets on Campus Grounds Policy. Motion by Don Huller; seconded by Greg Clark.
- d) The resolution to approve curriculum advisory committee appointment of Sankar K. Mohan for Mechanical Engineering Technology. Motion by Matt Morgan; seconded by Jim Dunn.
- e) The resolution to approve the naming of classrooms in honor of Adelbert Button, The Raymond Foundation and Donald Babcock. Motion by Jim Dunn; seconded by Charlie Root.

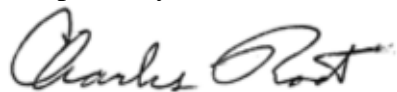
Other Business:

Matt Morgan asked if we have a new design or logo for our name change to Morrisville State. Dr. Cross indicated that the logo will pretty much remain the same and we are in the process of using up our supplies before purchasing

additional supplies indicating the name change.

Hugh Riehlman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Root. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Root".

Charles Root
Secretary to the College Council

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