College Council Meeting
April 26, 2018

Present: President Christian, Mr. Law, Dr. Venables, Mr. DiCarlo, Mr. Cozzolino (phone), Dr. Balant (faculty representative), Ms. Cohen-La Valle (alumni representative), Provost Arnold, Vice Presidents Eaton, Halstead, Wright, and Blaisdell. Guests: John Shupe, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Acting Interim Chairman’s Report: Mr. Law, acting as interim chair in place of Mr. Basch, opened the meeting with details about next month’s three Commencement ceremonies. He also recognized President Christian’s recent appointment as co-chair of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council.

President’s Report: President Christian noted that the governor implemented a regional approach to economic development and the allocation of state funding. There are 10 councils throughout the state and seven are co-chaired by SUNY presidents, making it a fairly common role for public university presidents. The council reviews proposals for state funding and makes recommendations to Empire State Development. Dr. Venables asked about the allocation of funding. The president responded that funding awards are distributed across multiple areas, including to new and current businesses; municipalities; and sewer and water and other infrastructure projects, essential for attracting new and supporting current businesses.

President Christian shared that he and Vice President Blaisdell attended the Chancellor’s Awards ceremony in Albany this month where five outstanding students were recognized for their achievements in academics, athletics, leadership, volunteerism, and other accomplishments. This year’s valedictorian and salutatorian were included in this group. Faculty and professional recipients of this year’s Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Faculty Service, Professional Service, and Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities, will be announced in the next week. The president said that these recognitions should make us all proud of the achievements of our students, faculty, and staff.

The College hosted two Accepted Student Open House events this month and the president noted that registration was closed out due to capacity attendance. Accepted students and their parents are showing great enthusiasm about coming to New Paltz, and so far our enrollment numbers are very positive. The Open House program included a current sophomore, who spoke about how she wasn’t sold on attending New Paltz at first, but realized when family finances threatened her opportunity to be here, she realized how much she had grown to love the College and couldn’t imagine being anywhere else.

The president provided an update about the Hasbrouck Complex building names process. The Diversity and Inclusion Council requested and he granted an extension from April 15 to May 1 for them to submit their report and recommendations on building names. The Diversity and Inclusion Council wanted to be sure that at a busy time of year they captured the complexity of the history of the region and our building names, and the array of views that they heard from the campus community.
President Christian reminded the Council that he spoke at last month’s meeting about the priority the College is placing on fund-raising and development, and that the Council gave its blessing on the general approach to naming that we will use to pursue further giving opportunities. The president offered general updates about two recent gifts, as neither have been publicly announced. The College received a major bequest of about $1.9 million for the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art and Sojourner Truth Library, and a private gift of $500,000 that will help us expand the Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz to include metal printing. This will help meet a huge demand in the area and will be a further game-changer in our overall 3D and additive manufacturing efforts. The Center has now worked with more than 300 clients from many different enterprises.

The president shared that the College hosted a wonderful scholarship reception last week in the new Science Hall. We heard from scholarship donors and a student – an exceptional campus leader whose family emigrated here from Ghana – about how much a scholarship has meant to him.

President Christian introduced a new academic program to the Council that is generating excitement across campus and in the region. The School of Business is launching this fall a new undergraduate major in Business Analytics. This is the first undergraduate program of this type in SUNY, and we think only the second in New York. This program builds on a foundation of courses the School began offering in 2016, and provides students with a grounding in a rapidly growing field that combines knowledge of business, technology, critical thinking and strategic communication to harness the power of “Big Data” and inform decision making. More and more enterprises in diverse fields – finance, marketing, retail, government, education, healthcare, the non-profit world – are demanding talented analytics with these capabilities.

In closing, the president offered brief updates about campus facility projects. He said that he’s been excited the last few months watching steel going up on our new Engineering Innovation Hub that will include space for our 3D printing initiative and mechanical engineering program. Last month, the College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our renovated Speech-Language and Hearing Center that serves the community so well and provides great learning opportunities for our students. Yesterday, we held a ceremonial ribbon cutting for our photovoltaic array, which includes a battery storage system. This is technology that is of great interest, but ours is one of few demonstration projects in New York. The president said that this will help increase our reliance on renewable energy, provide great learning opportunities for our electrical engineering students, and provide back-up power supply for Elting Gym, which is a designated Red Cross Emergency Center.

Construction Update: See attached PowerPoint slides. Assistant Vice President John Shupe walked the Council through a number of capital construction projects. Recently completed projects include the Speech-Language and Hearing Center renovation, Educational Opportunity Program office relocation, “Walk of Honor” installation, Science Hall construction, Hasbrouck Dining Hall partial renovation and bakery addition, van den Berg Hall roof repairs, upgrades to Lecture Center 100 for an active learning center, bridge railing replacement, Elting Gym locker room renovation, and Haggerty Administration Building (HAB) roof replacement and green roof installation, among others.
Dr. Venables wanted to know more about the HAB green roof. Assistant Vice President Shupe said that the green roof includes light-weight soil and plantings, added drainage, and is a more environmentally friendly approach to standard roof installation and upgrades. Dr. Venables also asked about the funding source for campus projects. The assistant vice president said that the College receives an annual capital allocation from the state for maintenance and upgrade needs for academic facilities. Student room fees support funding for Residence Hall maintenance, renovation and construction projects.

Assistant Vice President Shupe described a few projects currently in design, including the Student Union roof replacement and fourth floor renovation. Facilities will replace the building’s original roof and fully renovate the floor to address ventilation and related issues. Staff in existing offices will be moved out during this process and the division is working with colleagues to prepare for the project. Mr. DiCarlo asked if the fourth floor used to include apartments and how they were repurposed.

The assistant vice president said that there were originally apartments on the floor and that they now include a meditation room, mother’s room, and a few vacant rooms. Following the renovation, the vacant rooms will be modified for student use.

Assistant Vice President Shupe also described a few projects currently in construction, including the Engineering Innovation Hub, Smiley Art Building and McKenna Theatre hallway upgrades, Student Union lobby renovation, Route 32 parking lot expansion and redesign of a new entry to campus, and Athletics exterior courts. The assistant vice president noted that all projects are designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver or higher designation from the U.S. Green Building Council and that several projects have received LEED Gold.

Prior to the next agenda item, Mr. Law proposed adoption of the minutes of the March 13, 2018, meeting. Mr. DiCarlo moved to accept the minutes and they were approved by voice vote.

**Student Code of Conduct Changes:** Vice President Blaisdell spoke to the Council about proposed updates to the non-motorized vehicle use policy. These changes follow concerns on campus about personal safety and property damage from non-motorized vehicles, primarily skateboards and longboards. The personal safety committee, chaired by Ms. Cohen-La Valle, took this under advisement and drafted a policy that was brought to the Student Association. That body was charged with reviewing the policy and sharing it with students for their feedback. The vice president said that the Student Association held two forums and conducted a survey to gather input. Student Affairs took this and other feedback, including an account from a staff member injured by one of the non-motorized vehicles in question, and drafted the updated enclosed policy for the Council’s consideration.

Vice President Blaisdell noted that the policy requires operators to have control of non-motorized vehicles and yield to pedestrians at all times. It also restricts use of the transportation on the Excelsior Concourse, particularly during time periods of heavy congestion. Mr. DiCarlo asked if it would be easier to incorporate those specific congested time periods into the policy. The vice president said that specific times were initially included in the draft policy, but that students pushed back, arguing that the non-motorized vehicles are a form of transportation to travel to and from class throughout the day. While the policy before the Council is a compromise
approach, the vice president emphasized that it will be enforced when an incident occurs. Mr. DiCarlo wanted to get a sense of how many students use skateboards and longboards and how many students pushed back against the proposed updates to the policy. The vice president responded that a significant portion of the student population either uses these non-motorized vehicles or advocates for fellow student users on their behalf.

Mr. Law proposed adoption of the updates to the non-motorized vehicle use policy. Mr. DiCarlo moved to accept, Dr. Venables seconded, and the updates were approved unanimously.

**Budget Update:** See attached PowerPoint slides. Vice President Halstead said that there continues to be a relatively small – less than one percent – shortfall in the College’s tuition target this year by about $150,000-160,000. On the expenditure side, the vice president noted that the College has taken several measures to reduce costs, both in one-time and permanent actions to reduce expenditures. The vice president said that we started the year with a $1.8 million shortfall in the operating budget that is now about $500-600,000, which will be balanced with campus reserves. The vice president also shared that the expenditure savings come from personal service and one-time reductions.

Vice President Halstead said that the utilities budget is sound, but also noted that recent variations in weather may impact this account. She is hoping to have unspent funds at the end of the year.

Mr. DiCarlo asked about the funding level in the College’s reserve account. Vice President Halstead said that the pure campus reserve account, not assigned to any particular department, has about $3 million currently.

**Wrap-Up:** Dr. Venables asked about news reports focused on the College’s chief of police and his potential dismissal. President Christian said that the College does not discuss personnel matters, which was conveyed to media. He said that the chief is on alternate assignment as we look into a matter that was reported to us and that the deputy chief of police is responsible for leading the department at this time. Mr. Law asked if the chief was dismissed or on alternate assignment. The president responded that he is on alternate assignment. Mr. DiCarlo asked how long this procedure will take to come to a conclusion on the matter. President Christian said that the College will move as quickly as possible and that the target would be a few weeks, not months.

Mr. Law adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Richard Winters  
Director of Community and Government Relations
SUNY New Paltz
Capital Construction Projects
College Council
April 26, 2018
Recently completed projects include:

- Bridge Railings - $191,200
- IC 100 Active Learning Modifications - $75,000
- Old Main Stained Glass Renovation - $166,500
- HDH Steam Converter - $80,000
- Walk of Honor - $135,000
- 217kW Photovoltaic Array with Battery Storage - $1,400,000
- Van den Berg Roof - $650,000
Fine Arts Building Roof Replacement - $1,420,000

Electrical Upgrade Campus Wide Phase 2 - $6,000,000

Chiller Upgrades - Dorsky HVAC and CSB Chiller - $3,750,000

Generator #3 Renovation - $1,200,000

Replace Plaza Deck at HAB - $2,800,000
Hasbrouck Renovation #4 and Fourth Floor Addition - Depo Hall - $30,000.00

Lecture Center Lobby, HVAC & Tunnel Renovation - $9,458.000

Exterior LED Lighting Bases & Poles Phase 2 - $530,000

Window Replacement at JFT and Vibe Pte. Annex - $2,250,000

Replace Storm Doors at CSD, HA, SUB, STL, and JFT - $2,500,000

Roof Replacements - Lempke (as sliding) and Vibe Pte. Annex - $1,500,000

Old Library High Temp Hot Water Line - $500,000

Jacobson Faculty Tower Lobby Renovation - $200,000

Union - $7,240,000

Roof Replacement at Fourth Floor Renovation Student

Currently in design...
Currently in construction...
Renovation of Old Library - &$20,000,000
College Hall Renovation - $80,000,000
Haskovec Dining Hall Renovation - $15,000,000

New Roofs, Faculty Office Building, Old Library, Dorsky Museum and Smiley Arts Building - $2,500,000

Masonry Repairs: Campus-wide - $700,000
Fire Alarm & Children's Center, Hemenick & Hopper & Pres. Res. - $1,000,000
Replace Facade on Fine Arts Building - $5,300,000
Mechanical Upgrades: Campus-wide - $2,000,000

... Future Projects...
$250 million
2008-2013 Capital Projects
Facilities Master Plan

- Electrical System Upgrades Phase 1 & Phase 2
- Eliminate Boiler Room Renovation
- New Science Building
- Wurster Building Renovation
- Service Building Renovation
- Sather Tower Library Renovation
- New Residence Hall - Ridgeview Hall
- Bevier Hall Renovation
- Lefevre Hall Renovation
- Chisman Hall Renovation
- Upgrade Energy Management System
- Central Heating Plant Renovation
- Transportation Hub/Bus Terminal Expansion
- Student Union Expansion
- Mohonk Walk West
- Mohonk Walk East
- Harrisbrook Quad Site Improvements
- Concourse Site Improvements
- Old Main Renovation
Utility Upgrades Phase I - Water, Sewer, Storm and IT
Health/Safety Initiatives
ACM Acquisition and ADA Improvements
College Hall Renovation
Old Library Renovation
Central Heating Plant Upgrades
Arts and Science Quad Renovation
Habouch Hall Renovation
Haggerty Hall Renovation
Elaine Cym Renovation
New Academic Building

2015-2019 Capital Project Request
Facilities Master Plan
18.00 Non-Motorized Vehicle Use

Non-motorized vehicles include, but are not limited to, skateboards, longboards, roller skates, roller blades, and bicycles. The use of non-motorized vehicles is restricted in the following ways:

- Operators of non-motorized vehicles must yield to pedestrians at all times.
- Use of non-motorized vehicles in any campus building or on athletic property is prohibited.
- Engaging in tricks using non-motorized vehicles anywhere on college grounds that involve any college property, including but not limited to stairs, steps, railing, benches, walls, loading docks, or entrances to buildings is prohibited.
- Any tricks using non-motorized vehicles within the Excelsior Concourse, defined as the area between the north side of the Fine Arts Building and the north side of Jacobson Faculty Tower, are prohibited at all times.
- Operation of non-motorized vehicles within the Excelsior Concourse (as defined above) is prohibited at times of heavy congestion (course end and start times). During these occasions, operators must walk beside or carry non-motorized vehicles.
- Operators must dismount non-motorized vehicles at a reasonable distance (approximately 10 feet) from the entrance of any campus building.

Persons who use non-motorized vehicles are personally liable for their actions. Any damages or injuries that result from the use of these items, whether intentional or unintentional, will be subject to additional conduct charges.

(Penalty: Warning Probation or Disciplinary Probation, Suspension Held in Abeyance or Suspension, plus restitution for damages)
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FY 17-18 Status of Core Instructional Budget