

College Council Meeting November 15, 2012

Present: President Christian, Mr. Abt, Mr. Basch, Mr. Catalinotto, Mr. Cozzolino, Mr. DiCarlo, Mr. Law (by phone), Dr. Venables, and Dr. Zuckerman, Vice Presidents Eaton, Mauceri, and Rooney, AVP Halstead, and Ms. Wright. Guests: Jonathan Espinosa, VP for Academic Affairs, Student Association; Tanhena Pacheco Dunn, Executive Director for Compliance and Campus Climate; and Dr. Daniel Freedman, Dean, School of Science and Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. The Council approved the minutes of the October 11, 2012, meeting, corrected to include Dr. Venables as present.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Abt introduced the college's new Executive Director for Compliance and Campus Climate, Tanhena Pacheco Dunn. Prior to joining New Paltz, Pacheco Dunn served as assistant director of human resources at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mr. Abt also introduced the new Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, Dr. Daniel Freedman, who became dean in April 2012, after serving as interim dean since August 2011. Previously, he was chair of the Chemistry Department for seven years. The chairman said he had gotten to know Dr. Freedman during the presidential search and commended him for that excellent service. Mr. Abt also acknowledged and introduced Jonathan Espinosa, VP for Academic Affairs of the Student Association, who was attending the meeting for SA President Josh Simpson.

Dr. Freedman offered an overview of the School of Science and Engineering and outlined his goals for the school in the coming years. He talked about the school's current facilities projects and its growth in undergraduate enrollment across all programs.

Ms. Pacheco Dunn provided a summary of her new role at the college to foster collaboration across the many functional silos on campus in order to streamline and improve processes and resources for employee recruitment and compliance, to build on training and professional development opportunities for employees, and to help educate the campus and shape conversations and actions that support diversity and inclusiveness efforts. She noted that the College culture values diversity and has done well, but can do better, and that everyone she has spoken with seems eager to embrace change in these areas.

Mr. Abt reminded everyone that the 10th annual Gala Celebrating New Paltz will be held on Sunday, November 18, at 5 p.m. at Mohonk Mountain House. This year the event will honor SUNY Community College Presidents Don Katt from Ulster, David Conklin from Dutchess and Bill Richards from Orange. The money raised at the Gala goes to scholarships for Hudson Valley students attending New Paltz. Mr. Abt indicated that he was planning to attend the event. He also noted that in light of Hurricane Sandy and its impact on residents of New York City, Long Island and New Jersey, where many New Paltz students come from, now was a good time to consider contributions to the fund for needy students formed by the Council a few years ago.

President's Report: President Christian explained the interim leadership arrangement in the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, now that Jackie DiStefano had departed. He said there would be no one interim designee, but that Jackie's responsibilities would be divided among the other Vice Presidents and the President and that Assistant Vice

President for Finance, Michele Halstead, would be directing budget matters. The President indicated that he would be launching a national search for a new VP as soon as practicable.

Dr. Christian outlined the strategic planning process underway at New Paltz. To date, the College has hired a consultant to guide the process, formed a steering committee to lead the effort, held interviews with 100 campus community members, and held a November 3 retreat with about 70 campus community members to help discuss priorities for a plan. The completed plan will contain 6-8 campus priorities for improvement. During the spring, the draft plan written by the steering committee will be reviewed by various campus constituencies, and the plan will be finalized and announced at the academic year's end. He noted that Bythema Bagley is the College Council representative on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and that the Council will devote a February or March meeting to discuss and react to the draft plan.

The president briefed the Council on the impact of Hurricane Sandy. While the campus escaped damage, some students and their families from New York City, Long Island and New Jersey did not. The campus named an ombudsperson, Dean of Students, Linda Eaton, to help affected students navigate campus services in light of their hardships. Many students and campus community members stepped up to help with cleanup, food delivery, clothing distribution, and mental health first aid for storm victims. Dr. Christian thanked Mr. Abt for mentioning the Council's fund to help students in need who have been impacted mid-year by such disasters. The College was staying alert to potential impacts on enrollment, he said.

Dr. Christian reported that the campus was engaged in another budget cycle and would be exercising another open process for determining priorities for allocating new tuition revenue. He noted New Paltz stands to benefit from the new tentative SUNY allocation formula for state taxpayer support to campuses, but the plan had not been fully accepted and some campuses stood to lose and were unhappy. He also reported on his recent fundraising activities in California and plans to improve the internal development operations, train staff, increase dean involvement and form a steering committee to undertake the College's first fundraising campaign.

Budget Report: Assistant Vice President Halstead shared her budget report. See attached Power Point slides. As of October 31, the college was in good shape on the revenue side, with 83.9% received. State support has been distributed piecemeal, which has not hampered college operations, she said. On the expenditure side, the college had spent 28.7% of its budget, less than its total budget at the 31% mark of the year. She attributed this to vacancy savings and the fact that some new key positions had not yet been filled, leading to more salary savings.

Mr. Abt noted that spring semester 2013 meeting dates would be circulated in the coming weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUNY NEW PALTZ
FY 12-13 Status of Core Instructional Budget
as of 10-31-12

REVENUE

Fall Tuition & Fees (incl Supplemental)	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Received</u>
	\$ 23,500,900	\$ 19,715,459	83.9%
Spring Tuition & Fees (incl Supplemental)	\$ 22,437,400	\$ -	0.0%
Total Funded Generated by Campus Activities	\$ 45,938,300	\$ 19,715,459	42.9%
State Support	\$ 15,994,300	\$ 3,305,900	20.7%
Total State Appropriated Dollars	\$ 15,994,300	\$ 3,305,900	20.7%
Total Revenue	\$ 61,932,600	\$ 23,021,359	37.2%

EXPENDITURES

Personal Service	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
	\$ 49,575,667	\$ 14,250,239	28.7%
Temporary Service	\$ 3,361,914	\$ 764,567	22.7%
Utilities	\$ 2,549,798	\$ 259,644	10.2%
Supplies	\$ 975,245	\$ 437,664	44.9%
Travel	\$ 673,995	\$ 113,173	16.8%
Contracts	\$ 2,298,843	\$ 38,878	1.7%
Equipment	\$ 1,607,138	\$ 68,993	4.3%
Tuition Scholarship	\$ 890,000	\$ 215,457	24.2%
Total Expenditures	\$ 61,932,600	\$ 16,148,616	26.1%