

**College Council Meeting
March 6, 2019**

Voting Members Present: Mr. Basch, Mr. Cozzolino, Dr. Venables, Mr. Law (phone), Ms. Seque (Student Association president), Dr. Balant (nonvoting faculty representative), and Ms. Cohen-La Valle (nonvoting alumni representative).

Campus Administration Present: President Christian; Provost Arnold; Vice Presidents Halstead, Wright, Marks, Eaton and Blaisdell; Tanhena Pacheco Dunn, Associate Vice President, Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, and Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Council. Guest: Reynolds Scott-Childress, Assistant Professor, Department of History, and Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Council.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Interim Chairman's Report:

Mr. Basch called the meeting to order and welcomed Council members. He also welcomed journalism students, who were in the audience.

Mr. Basch proposed adoption of the minutes of the February 21, 2019, meeting. Mr. Law moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Seque seconded the motion, and they were approved by voice vote.

President's Report:

President Christian shared a couple of thoughts about the Hasbrouck Complex buildings project that he said occupied much of the College's attention this past year. He thanked the Council for its action at the February 21 meeting to support Ms. Seque's resolution that recommended the removal of the names of the Huguenot patentees from the Hasbrouck Complex buildings. The president knew this was a difficult issue and appreciated the way the Council wrestled with the matter.

President Christian shared a brief story with the Council about a conversation he had at a recent basketball game with a fellow spectator whose surname is one of the names on a Hasbrouck Complex building. That gentleman shared that he was not enthused about the recent name change decision. President Christian noted that the spectator was unaware that the College planned to take steps to tell its full history more openly and honestly, including showcasing the many positive contributions of the Huguenots and their descendants. The gentleman was relieved to hear about these intentions. The president thought this was a useful story to share with the Council. He added that those engaged in this process must remember that we must keep reminding everyone the action we're taking is not merely to change the Huguenot names on the Hasbrouck Complex buildings, but to also portray the College's history more fully and openly.

President Christian said that the Council would consider today a set of new building names that emerged from a careful process from a working group led by Mr. Cozzolino.

The names being considered were drawn from more than 3,000 survey respondents. President Christian then shared additional campus updates. He said that graduate enrollment has grown by nearly 20% and undergraduate enrollment is slightly ahead, compared with this time last year.

The president said that the College is holding a budget forum next week where he and Cabinet members will present details about our current budget situation and the way we're working through these challenges.

President Christian shared that he recently appointed Associate Vice President for Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, Tanhena Pacheco Dunn, to the Cabinet. Pacheco Dunn serves in multiple roles, including as chief diversity officer (CDO) and Title IX Coordinator. This appointment was made, in part, to reflect the importance of inclusion work in all that the College does and to bring the perspectives of the CDO into all institutional decision making.

The president shared several athletics accomplishments, including a record four SUNYAC championships, in women's tennis, field hockey, volleyball and basketball. The men's basketball team had its best season in more than two decades, and the women's basketball team reached the "Sweet 16."

Mr. Basch thanked President Christian for his leadership during the process that led to the name changes for the Hasbrouck Complex buildings; he also thanked the students and faculty who participated. He added that the final outcome will be better for the student body and the broader campus community.

Mr. Basch introduced Mr. Cozzolino, who introduced a resolution with replacement names for the Hasbrouck Complex buildings.

Resolution Regarding Replacement Names for the Hasbrouck Complex Buildings:

See attached resolution. Mr. Cozzolino introduced and read the resolution.

Mr. Basch moved for discussion and Dr. Venables seconded the motion.

Mr. Basch said that he appreciated the hard work of the Study Group on Alternate Names, led by Mr. Cozzolino, to review and consider this matter in great detail. He added that the geographic significance of the new names may help students attain new meaning to where they are in the world.

Dr. Venables proposed that the Council adopt the resolution. Ms. Cohen-La Valle shared brief background about the meaning behind each of the new building names. Ms. Seque thanked former Latin American Student Union President Michele Tejada for her participation as a member of the Study Group.

Mr. Basch administered a roll call vote on Mr. Cozzolino's resolution regarding replacement names for the Hasbrouck Complex buildings. All voting Council members – Mr. Basch, Dr. Venables, Mr. Cozzolino, Mr. Law, and Ms. Seque – voted in favor of the resolution, as follows:

Whereas, the Study Group on Alternate Names for the Hasbrouck Building Complex was created by the SUNY New Paltz College Council at its November 1, 2018 meeting and charged on November 15, 2018 by Interim Chair of the College Council, Eli Basch, and SUNY New Paltz President, Donald Christian, with soliciting replacement names for the Hasbrouck Complex Buildings via a campuswide electronic survey, and

Whereas, the Study Group was asked to develop a semifinal list of 10 names for the President's Cabinet to consider and recommend to the College Council (and the Study Group was to make clear that current SUNY policy does not allow for honorific names of buildings without a substantial financial gift), and

Whereas, the study group prepared and sent a survey on December 10, 2018 (that remained open until January 31, 2019), to 36,902 alumni, 7,720 students, 1,650 college employees and retirees and many community members and received a total of 3,107 responses, and

Whereas, the survey responses indicated that the most popular category, with 78% of participants selecting Strongly Favor or Favor was "Names with Local Meaning," and Whereas, based on its review of the survey results and its deliberations, the study group recommended the following 11 names (not in priority order) for consideration as consistent with campus community sentiment to identify names that speak to our special location:

1. Maratanza Hall*
2. Pond Hall*
3. Awosting Hall*
4. Minnewaska Hall*
5. Mohonk Hall*
6. Hawk Hall**
7. Peregrine Hall
8. Ashokan Hall
9. Sunset Hall
10. Tamarack Hall
11. Shawangunk Hall, and

Whereas, the College Council on February 21, 2019 voted 4-3 in favor of the resolution to remove the current names on the Hasbrouck Complex buildings, and

Whereas, College Council Member Vincent Cozzolino presented the findings of the study group to the Council at its February 21, 2019 meeting, therefore, be it Resolved, that the College Council recommends that the campus assign the following new names to the residence halls in the Hasbrouck Complex following the strong recommendation of the

study group, giving the campus President discretion in assigning particular names to each building,

*Mohonk Hall
Minnewaska Hall
Awosting Hall
Shawangunk Hall
Ashokan Hall*

and be it further

Resolved, that the Dining Hall be renamed Peregrine Dining Hall, to commemorate the recovery of the peregrine falcon from its virtual eradication in eastern North America in the middle of the 20th century due to pesticide poisoning, symbolizing that positive change is possible, and be it further

Resolved, that the College Council authorizes the President to develop a single resolution about removing and replacing these names for consideration by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York at the earliest possible opportunity.

Submitted February 26, 2019

Approved March 6, 2019

Mr. Basch confirmed the resolution's passage and the president's authorization to bring it to the SUNY Board of Trustees for their support.

Should the Trustees support the resolution, Mr. Basch said that the current names on the Hasbrouck Complex buildings likely would remain until the fall, including for safety and logistical reasons.

Wrap-Up:

Mr. Basch said Vice President Wright will work on the next meeting date, possibly in April, to review the Student Code of Conduct changes for the 2019-2020 academic year.

President Christian said that the College would try to bring the Council's resolution to the next available meeting of the SUNY Board of Trustees, likely in May.

Mr. Basch adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Winters
Director of Community and Government Relations

Resolution to Replace the Names of Huguenot patentees in the Hasbrouck Residential Complex with Alternate Names with Local Meaning and Geographical Significance

Submitted on behalf of Vincent Cozzolino, College Council Member

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