

College Council Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Interim Chair's Report
- IV. President's Report
- V. Report of the Study Group on Alternate Building Names

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VI. SA President's Report

VII. Old Business

A. Resolution: Hasbrouck
Building Names

VIII. New Business

A. Budget Update {*M. Halstead*}

IX. Adjourn

Meeting Rules of Engagement

1. This meeting is open to the public; audience members are allowed to attend and observe.
2. Like town/village board meetings, the meeting is conducted among the voting members of the College Council.
3. There is no requirement for public comment at every meeting.
4. The chair calls on members of the Council to be recognized to speak.
5. The Council follows Roberts Rules of Order.

Voting College Council Members

Eli B. Basch, Interim Chair

Kingston, NY

Michael E. Catalinotto

Saugerties, NY

Vincent Cozzolino '83

New Paltz, NY

Robert J. DiCarlo '79

Stony Brook, NY

Ronald Law '74

New York, NY

N'Della Seque, Student
Association President

Bronx, NY

Eleanor Venables

New Paltz, NY

Resolution to Remove the Names of Huguenot patentees from the Hasbrouck Residential Complex

Whereas, the buildings in the Hasbrouck Residential Complex were named for the original Huguenot patentees (Bevier, Crispell, Deyo, DuBois, Hasbrouck and Lefevre), who were the first European settlers in New Paltz and like other Europeans who settled in New York, they owned enslaved Africans, and

Whereas, the Huguenot patentees and their descendants made significant contributions to education and civic life in New Paltz, including supporting the institutions that became SUNY New Paltz, and

Whereas, the Hasbrouck Residential Complex names have become contentious on campus, and

Whereas, President Donald P. Christian initiated a process in August 2017 to consider and study the names of the Hasbrouck Residential Complex, and this charge coincided with the national discourse and conflict about statues and building names on other college and university campuses, and

Whereas, President Christian charged the Diversity & Inclusion Council to conduct a comprehensive and inclusive conversation and study during the 2017-18 academic year that resulted in the Hasbrouck Building Complex Renaming Dialogue Report and Recommendation), and

Whereas, the Diversity & Inclusion Council held multiple forums, soliciting broad input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, Huguenot descendants and Historic Huguenot Street leadership, educated the community about the campus history, and studied how other colleges and universities have dealt with the legacy of slavery on their campuses, and

Whereas, the Diversity and Inclusion Council recommended that the names be removed, and

Whereas, the College Council has the authority to name buildings and grounds, subject to the general management, supervision, control and approval of the State University Board of Trustees (Ed.L. § 356), now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the College Council accept the recommendation from the Diversity and Inclusion Council and President Donald P. Christian to remove the Huguenot patentee names from the Hasbrouck Residential Complex buildings (including Bevier, Crispell, Deyo, DuBois, Hasbrouck, and Lefevre), and be it further

Resolved, that the College Council replace those names, and be it further

Resolved, that the College Council recommends that the College administration find other ways to recognize the contributions of the Huguenot patentees and their descendants as well as the indigenous Munsee and the Africans who also lived here.

Submitted on behalf of N'della Seque, Student Association President and College Council Member

Date: October 19, 2018