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
Michael E. Catalinotto
Vincent Cozzolino ’83
Robert J. DiCarlo ’79
Ronald Law ’74
N’Della Seque, Student Association President
Eleanor Venables

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New York, NY
Bronx, NY
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
Recommended Alternate Names

Maratanza Hall*
Pond Hall*
Awosting Hall*
Minnewaska Hall*
Mohonk Hall*
Hawk Hall**

Peregrine Hall
Ashokan Hall
Sunset Hall
Tamarack Hall
Shawangunk Hall

*Could be considered as a set.

**Preferred for Dining Hall
Resolution to Replace the Names of Huguenot patentees in the Hasbrouck Residential Complex with Alternate Names with Local Meaning and Geographical Significance

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 included the following individuals:

- N’della Seque, Student Association President and College Council member
- Vincent Cozzolino, alumnus and College Council member (chair)
- Ron Law, alumnus and College Council member. Ron also served on the Diversity & Inclusion Council during the Hasbrouck Naming Dialogue last year.
- Anne Balant, non-voting (ex-officio) faculty representative on the College Council and Presiding Officer of the Faculty
- Robin Cohen LaValle, non-voting (ex-officio) alumni representative on the College Council and Dean of Students
- Reynolds Scott Childress, co-chair, D & I Council, History Professor
- Veronica Claypool Butler, community member and daughter-in-law of Marjorie Butler, founder of the SUNY New Paltz Black Studies Department
- Michele Tejada, President of the Latin American Student Union
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, some survey participants thought the building names should be of the same category because the buildings are part of the same complex, while others thought that a variety of names would better align with the personality of our campus, and the study group had no strong opinion on this issue, 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:
Whereas, on February 5, 2019, the President’s Cabinet reviewed and affirmed the recommendations of the Study Group, and

Whereas, the College Council on February 21, 2019 voted in favor of the resolution to remove and replace 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 new names to these buildings following the strong recommendation of the study group, giving the campus President discretion in assigning particular names to each building, 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 21, 2019