

College Council Minutes

May 6, 2022

Via Microsoft Teams

Presiding Meeting

John Maggiore, Chair

Members Present

Donna Luh, Arlene González-Sánchez, Roberta Reardon, Albert Culler, Mark Schroeder, Sheila Poole, Patty Salkin

Administrative Staff Present

Nathan Gonyea, Janet Aiello-Cerio, Tiffany Williams, Eileen McDonnell, Joseph King

Reports Given By

Elizabeth Maxwell, Thalia MacMillan

Call to Order 3:00 p.m. - Chairman John Maggiore

John Maggiore made a motion to approve the minutes, and Donna Luh moved to accept, Al Culler seconded.

Council Business

I. Report of the Senate Chairwoman – Thalia MacMillan

The SUNY Empire State College Senate has met twice since the last College Council meeting. Edits to the Graduate Admissions Policy and the Grading and Evaluation Policy were considered and approved. The bachelor in early childhood education degree was considered and approved.

The meeting of the college assembly occurred in April. Two bylaw revisions were made at that time. The climate committee was approved to be a permanent standing committee in governance.

Governance is continuing to examine a draft of the Student Conduct Policy. The Senate Chairman reported that she would like to bring this policy to the May Senate meeting for a vote.

II. Report of the Student Government President – Elizabeth Maxwell

Throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, the SGA has been more towards understanding roles and what work can be done. This learning process includes learning how to write resolutions, learning Robert's rules of order, and team-building with dynamic personalities. Through all the

changes and learning curves, there was a newly formed club that is comprised of many SGA senators, the SUNY Empire State College Active Minds Chapter. This collaborative effort to help destigmatize mental health will be a great asset to the students and the college community for years to come.

The current president of the SGA assumed the role after the last resignation and has done a fantastic job. However, Asia Moore is graduating and cannot continue to fill the spot or run for election. Spring elections for the SGA took place, and I, Elizabeth Maxwell, was recently confirmed as the president of the SGA for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Currently, as the SGA is transitioning to new leadership with several newly elected senators, our organization hopes to develop new opportunities for engagement with our constituents, create engaging in-person and virtual events, and provide space for all students to help advance the needs and priorities of the student body.

Chair response to Elizabeth: John spoke to Aaron Gladd regarding concerns that Elizabeth brought up in a meeting with John earlier this week. Issues raised by Elizabeth:

1. Access to childcare facilities on other campuses:
 - a. Aaron Gladd says person Jamie Frank at SUNY Central, work with SL to set up call with Jamie Frank
2. SAF being raised by \$1
 - a. SUNY Student Assembly cannot raise the SAF on its own. John suggests that the SGA do a resolution expressing the opinion of SGA, perhaps a representative in every region in the state.

III. Report from the Officer in Charge – Nathan Gonyea

- a. President Vollendorf begins July 1
- b. Current Searches Underway:
 - i. Vice President for Administration and Finance
 - ii. Director of Government Relations
- c. Enrollment Update
 - i. 12 – 18 months for a lead to become a student, in June 2021, leads were up.
- d. Programming Update
 - i. New Academic Programs - Starting in the fall of 2022/spring of 2023, the college has added a bachelor of science in criminal justice, bachelor of science in accounting, master of business administration in business management combined.
 - ii. Under development is an MPA in Public Administration and a bachelor of arts in early childhood education.

- e. New College Partnerships
 - i. Jose Limon
 - ii. Laundry Workers Center
 - iii. MTA
 - iv. Aviation High School
 - v. Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School for teacher education

- f. Budget – Past 3 years
 - i. FY 19 – 20, \$0 break-even
 - ii. FY 20 – 21, \$8MM surplus
 - iii. FY 21 – 22, \$3MM surplus
 - iv. FY 22 – 23, TBD

- g. New Locations
 - i. 1200 South Avenue, Staten Island
 - ii. SUNY Orange
 - iii. SUNY Broome
 - iv. 4 Park Avenue

IV. Presentation from the Office of Decision Support: Eileen McDonnell and Joe King

The College launched a College Climate Survey in November 2021. This is the 5th Climate Survey undertaken since 2010. Response rates for this survey was 44.1% for faculty and 57.3% for staff.

Details about the Survey including Statistical Analysis, comparison of summaries across years, qualitative analysis per topic area, and sample recommendations from the community.

Survey Findings

- Results suggest that the workplace climate at SUNY Empire improved for both faculty and staff from 2018 to 2021.
- The largest gains for faculty were on perceptions of college administrators and professional development and orientation. The only topic area where the average rate of agreement/satisfaction for faculty declined was diversity.
- The largest gains were on perceptions of college administrators and policies and procedures.
- White faculty and staff held more favorable views than BIPOC staff.
- Faculty and staff who were not impacted by the restructuring held more favorable views than faculty and staff who were impacted by restructuring.

V. Updates from the College Council Chairman – John Maggiore

ACT Conference – The upcoming ACT Conference will be held in person at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY. Registration is due by September 2, 2022, and College Council members are encouraged to attend.

Government relations position is currently posted internally. The Council Chairman asks that when the position is posted externally that Councilmembers consider making recommendations of candidates.

Date of next meeting forthcoming and will depend on the new president’s schedule.

Date of Next Meeting – TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Aiello-Cerio