

## **SUNY Delhi College Council Meeting – Hybrid**

**December 3, 2024**

### **Minutes**

**In attendance:** Jack Schoonmaker, Ray Pucci, Jeanne Ellsworth, Tahirah Clark, Seth Blocker, Wayne Oliver, Julia Rios.

**Guests:** President Mary Bonderoff, David Brower, Chelsea Mathieu, Mark Sullivan, John Padovani, Michael Sullivan, Nazely Kurkjian, Louis Reyes, Shawn Brislin, Ruth Ehrets, Douglas Holub, Lisa Tessier & Andrea Dibble.

#### **Part 1 – Call to Order/Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

#### **Part 2 – Approval of Minutes**

The September minutes were approved. Motion made by Wayne Oliver and seconded by Ray Pucci. Motion carried.

#### **Part 3 – Chair's Comments**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and for and the upcoming holidays, and may we have a successful transition into 2025.

#### **Part 4 – President's Comments**

Mark and Nazely are working on a fiscal sustainability report. Committees working on retention and what we need to do.

Program waitlist challenges. SUNY Construction Fund came in and there are changes to current spaces to allow for more students.

Plumbing – increase number of sections to accommodate all students.

Looking at spaces on and off campus for Electrical Controls program.

Housing challenges – Residence Life working team is working on a plan to ensure we have spaces available as we continue to look at increasing our enrollments. One strategy will offer returning students the option to live in a triple room for savings. Off campus housing is also being looked into.

Working closely with DCEC on a facility to provide electrical training to students and the workforce.

The Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) have a workforce development roundtable on December 12<sup>th</sup> and DCEC will join us to see if we can secure a temporary location.

REDC On Ramp steering committee are visiting various sites. We are focusing on all things electrical that are needed in our county and state. This was unfortunately highlighted with the two recent storms that knocked power out. Hybrid on online opportunities for apprenticeships, classes online and then intense on campus classes.

Mechatronics Building and Program Enhancement Project responses are due around January. We had a successful Mechatronics internship presentation yesterday with internships doubling for next year.

Inauguration will be held on April 3, 2025. We will highlight our students and this event will be in conjunction with the Zrally dinner.

### **Part 5 – Staff Reports Highlights**

**David Brower:** The Pre-Licensure faculty are proud to share that the 2024 nursing graduates recent NCLEX quarterly report resulted in a 90.48% pass rate.

National Institute of Student Success (NISS) located at Georgia State University will work with us. This is approximately five months and they will provide a detailed tailored set of recommendations that highlight areas of promise, and those that have opportunity and growth,

APAC are working through all programs and identifying strengths and programs that are struggling.

We have submitted objections to several proposed degrees from other campuses (Fredonia, Oswego, Albany, New Paltz) which are critical to protecting our programs.

Attended the SUNY Chief Academic Officers conference in November. The most beneficial sessions are the Colleges of Technology sector meetings.

Expanding some programs that have significant interest. Instructional provider for golf course apprenticeships. Asked to expand into welding and cabinet making.

**John Padovani:** Fall athletics had a successful season with championship and NAC wins.

A mental health presentation by NCAA staff was given for our athletic faculty.

Establishing final plans for a NY Swims grant approximately \$43,000. We are working on swim grant for the spring semester for K-12 which will help with lessons, water safety and lifeguard training.

CADI collaborated with several departments and organizations across campus to bring over 20 events and food celebrations days to campus.

We hosted the SUNY Auxiliary Services Association for their fall meeting for the Executive Director and IT workgroups.

We are working with the Student Programming board to create a float and participate in the Delhi Holiday Parade on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternity & Sorority Life recruited 31 potential new members. This is about double from fall 2023.

Health Services have seen an increase in use and they have created appointment blocks to meet the student's needs.

We are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Bassett Healthcare that would allow us access to the records electronically to expedite care for our students.

We are also in the process of switching to Pharmedix for the prescription medications that we provide to the students. This will allow for faster dispensing, reduction in medication errors and better record keeping.

Community service hours for the semester have surpassed 2,000. Visits to the Regalia food pantry and career closet (gentle used professional style clothing) has seen an increase in visits.

We have hired a student to focus on SNAP outreach and has hosted several sessions in different locations and created a local resource bulletin board.

The College Players will be performing “Shrek: The Musical” on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm; December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm and 7:00pm and on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in The Okun Theatre, Farrell Center.

Approximately 1,100 new students completed online orientation successfully and 27 online education personal learning modules have been created for campus use.

Our Bi-annual report is due at the end of December. We will be creating some assessment tools, evaluating our education and practices and developing a step-by-step plan.

Interim Police Chief O’Donnell in conjunction with the automotive program, brought back the winter car checks for students.

We had a successful Veterans Day program with a luncheon which was well attended where we could celebrate our student and community veterans.

Follow up to triple rooms. Students have moved out of overflow spaces and we are working on occupancy for next year. A residence hall was to come off line next year but that will likely not happen. We are also working with enrollment services to look at the numbers and also looking at additional housing.

**Louis Reyes:** The campus participated in the Viewfinders Campus Climate Survey, which asks for opinions and perspectives on campus climate and practices at SUNY Delhi.

Gathering Spaces were held for several days after the recent election designed as a space to provide a calm and supportive environment for everyone, regardless of political views

MOSAIC – Our new coordinator Christina Wood has worked at reorganizing and improving the center, connected with those who hold historical knowledge of MOSAIC to further inform the center’s development and direction.

A sensory-friendly D&D (Dungeons & Dragons) session designed for neurodiverse students on the autism spectrum which incorporated an earlier start time, a shorter play session, and a relaxed pace to accommodate participants’ needs.

MOSAIC sponsored a trip to SUNY Oneonta for students to attend the [Prism Conference](#).

Men of Distinction (MOD): Planning began for the MOD Academy, including a timeline and outline for the program. Events are scheduled for next semester.

Hosted Compassionate Conversations – designed to promote respectful dialogue and a “Early Hanukkah Party” before the students left for winter break.

**Mark Sullivan:** Successful fall 2024 semester with the largest number of students to date.

We anticipate a 2% increase for fall 2025 with a projected 1,322 net deposits. As of today, we are trending ahead of two other Colleges of Technology.

If we increase enrollment, the challenges will be the wait lists which could negatively affect our growth model and result in larger waitlists, increasing the risk that these students may choose to attend other technical colleges.

Marketing and Communications has launched a new digital advertising campaigns focused on attracting more online students and improving lead quality and conversion rates.

Mary thanked Mark for all his work at Delhi, as he has accepted a position elsewhere and will be leaving at the end of December.

**Chelsea Mathieu:** The new One Stop Delhi support center for students is progressing well with students finding the resources and answers they need for financial aid, billing, student records, registration and more.

Human Resources have offered employee trainings across campus, some of which were mandatory, and they have participated in three job fairs. More trainings to be offered over winter break.

Student employment opportunities are plentiful and available.

We have had a number of promotions across campus.

**Shawn Brislin:** CIS migrated from Banner to Oracle. Finalizing migration to new next generation fire walls supplied at no cost though the SUNY Digital Transformation Project. It's estimated that this equipment is a \$90,000 savings to the campus.

The Fiber Infrastructure Project will continue next spring. Some fiber is being installed in pathways that were established this year.

South Hall project will bid shortly and include some ADA upgrades to the Welding Lab as well as ventilation and equipment upgrades, address the siding and windows of building, new bathrooms and be ADA accessible.

The SUNY Construction Fund will soon be soliciting bids for designers for the Mechatronics building located at North Hall.

Evenden Tower science labs on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor will be taken off line this winter to be remodeled. Once completed, the labs on the 4 & 5 will be remodeled. The second elevator should be completed this month, then the last car will be replaced.

CIS are working on a Wireless Network refresh – this would replace the current controllers and well as many access points. This refresh does not include the residence halls as a third party (ApoGI) takes care of them.

Annual security training through fall had 100% participation.

**Michael Sullivan:** Busy with Alumni outreach events which were hosted in Albany and NYC. Capital District Alumni Reception – Hosted at Common Roots Brewery (former Albany Pump Station), in conjunction with the ASC (Associated Schools of Construction) 35<sup>th</sup> Annual student construction competition, and we had two construction teams competing.

NYC Alumni Reception, New York, November 21<sup>st</sup> hosted at Penn 6, a popular establishment in close proximity to Madison Square Garden, and Penn Station. The greater NYC region continues to be the largest concentration of alumni for SUNY Delhi.

Celebration of Service event held for Bob Backus. Over 80 people in attendance most of whom were former student athletes, coaches or athletic directors who Bob had hired. Established a new fund in Bob's honor for Track and Field.

Looking to return to Florida around February- March 2025.

Fall 2024 saw alumni coming to campus for classroom, lab visits and engagements. The Applied Technologies and Veterinary Science Technology academic areas have been active in this work.

Inauguration Day is April 3, 2025 – save the date! Committee formed and planning underway.

**Douglas Holub:** College Senate continues to meet, nothing new to share.

**Julia: Rios:** In October we hosted the SUNY Student Assembly Executive Committee on campus for their board meeting. SUNY representatives were very impressed with us, and want to come back.

Ten SUNY Delhi senators attended the SUNY Student Assembly conference in Syracuse joining student leaders from across SUNY's 64 campuses.

**Nazely Kurkjian:** This semester reviewing what data we have, systems that we have in place, how it works and why some of our data doesn't match.

Meeting with academic departments; peer programming, internships.

Working with academic and student life on improving the student experience.

Would like to work with CIS to streamline some processes, digitize forms.

Data analysis of Starfish to see how we use it to help the student and what can we do better.

Learned a lot this semester by way of teaching a class.

### **Part 6 – Old Business**

ACT conference; Jack, Tahirah and Seth attended, very informative regarding orientation etc. Hoping to work towards a full committee.

### **Part 7 – New Business**

Approval of Advisory Council memberships: 10 new and 40 renewals.

Motion was made by Wayne Oliver and seconded by Seth Blocker. Motion approved with change to Christopher Clark whose title should be changed to CEO.

Motion carried.

### **Part 8 – Adjournment**

Next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2025.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Seth Blocker and seconded by Julia Rios to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Motion carried.