

SUNY Delhi College Council Meeting – Hybrid

September 17, 2024

Minutes

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

Guests: Dr. Mary Bonderoff, Nazely Kurkjian, Chelsea Mathieu, Mark Sullivan, Alice Krause, David Brower, John Padovani, Michael Sullivan, Doug Holub, Alice Krause, Lisa Tessier, Ruth Ehrets, Louis Reyes (remote)

Part 1 – Call to Order/Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm. Introduced new College Council member Seth Blocker.

Part 2 – Approval of Minutes

The May 2024 minutes were reviewed. Two minor revisions were made and approved.

Part 3 – Chair's Comments

Jack reiterated the importance of the vision and mission at SUNY Delhi.

The president's comments were skipped as she is on her way back from an important meeting in Buffalo. Staff report highlights began to be shared.

Part 4 – President's Comments

See above.

Part 5 – Staff Reports Highlights

Dr. Brower provided an update regarding forthcoming accreditation visits this year.

The Resnick Academic Achievement Center (RAAC) is having regular discussions to transform into a collaborative learning commons. Several interim positions are being searched for.

A second round of PRODiG applications have been submitted to hire a faculty member in the biology program.

A new faculty academy is being established to support their transition and understanding of higher education as it pertains to the academic enterprise.

The development of additional micro-credentials is underway. Credit for prior learning opportunities are being created through a new academic policy.

Students will be visiting campus from BOCES centers to take tours and learn about various programs.

John Padovani began with celebrating one of our former students who participated in the Paris Olympics this past summer.

The expanded orientation program was successful. Numerous Orientation Leaders remained employed to support new students' transition to college life.

The mandated online orientation course students were completed by a significant number of students in comparison to last year at this time.

Exciting changes to dining operations were made in preparation for the new academic year. This has positively impacted the community by expanding dining options and decreasing wait times.

A new Plan B vending machine will be available in the C-Store beginning this Friday. This product will cost students far less than pharmacy stores.

An additional 170 new students have resulted in 110% occupancy. This means that several buildings have triple rooms.

Mark Sullivan shared numbers to date for applications, accepts, and deposits for Fall 2024. About 130 students were waitlisted for numerous programs.

Louis Reyes shared that the campus climate survey will begin on October 16th. This will take place over 6 weeks. The data will undoubtedly reveal SUNY Delhi's challenges and areas for opportunities to foster a community of inclusion and belonging.

Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off strong, with cross-departmental programming and delicious foods to celebrate our faculty, staff, and students.

A grant was secured to create a new meditation and prayer space in O'Connor Hall.

Title VI training has been regularly offered. All employees must take an online training course by the end of this month.

SUNY Delhi welcomed several international students and refugees this semester.

Welcomed two new staff members this month. A Coordinator for the MOSAIC multicultural center and a recent college graduate to support diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Chelsea Mathieu shared progress to date pertaining to the fiscal stability plan. SUNY Delhi's cash position has improved by 3 million dollars. Last year ended in a surplus. Overall revenue was significantly higher than anticipated. Attrition and non-personnel expenses continue to be monitored weekly until the structural deficit is closed.

Actively refining the stability plan for the coming year. This will be submitted to the Chancellor for review and approval.

A new OneStop shop launched this semester to address various needs in one place. Additional collaborations are being explored. This concept will evolve over time.

The new Director of Human Resources and additional personnel have been hired.

The alumni event at the Syracuse Zoo was the largest ever response and attendance, with over 230 people. Other events are planned, including an event in New York City, Gettysburg, and Salem.

This coming weekend is alumni homecoming/parents' weekend. Award recipients are listed in the report. Following homecoming, a campaign will be launched.

Opportunities for major gift fundraising are continually being explored.

Inauguration planning will be led by Michael Sullivan, with a committee comprised of students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

SUNY Delhi received congratulations from public officials, both formal and informal, for the Farnsworth renovation project's completion. Mary and Michael will be meeting with government relations administrators at SUNY Oneonta to discuss potential collaborations.

The Student Senate is very active this year and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. 12 students will be attending the SUNY Student Assembly Conference. SUNY Delhi will host the SUNY Student Assembly's executive board on campus for the first time in many years.

SUNY Delhi will also be well represented at the upcoming ACT conference this month.

Part 6 – Old Business

Two items, from the last meeting, were taken out of the old business.

Part 7 – New Business

Alice Krause presented progress to date for the strategic plan, with the intent for the College Council to endorse the newly established initiatives. The next steps are to present the strategies to shared governance bodies and begin working on developing tactics.

A motion to endorse was made by Ray and seconded by Julia. It was unanimously passed.

John Padovani introduced revisions made to policies regarding Title XI and Title VI. A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Ray to endorse the code of conduct revisions. This was also unanimously passed.

Part 8 – Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray and seconded by Seth. The meeting officially ended at 5:53 pm.