

UNIVERSITY POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL

January 22, 2020 – 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

UNH 300

MEETING MINUTES

Present: President Havidán Rodríguez (Ex officio); S. Axley; C. Fauchon (Recorder, non-voting); R. Gil-Garcia; H. Jeong-Hyon; Provost C. Kim (Ex officio); Z. Lawrence; L.A. McNutt; J. Mower (Chair); K. Reinhold; K. Rethemeyer (Ex officio); J. Rivera-Wilson.

Guests: G. Berg, CEHC; S. Doellefeld, Institutional Research; J. Mahoney, Institutional Research; A.M. Murray, Provost Office; J. Stefl-Mabry, CEHC; D. Sweet, Student Affairs; B. Szelest, President Office.

I. Approval of the Minutes from December 4th, 2019

Minutes of the Wednesday December 4th 2019 meeting were approved with revisions.

II. Provost's Report:

- Update on the April 28th 2020 Student Showcase: A campus-wide committee was created in the Fall but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved whether you are a student, a faculty member or staff. The showcase will highlight and celebrate the work of our undergraduate and graduate students and through them, of our faculty. Disciplines across campus will be represented, including the arts. Provost Kim reminded the Council that the Showcase is a great opportunity to increase the University's visibility and to invite on campus not only the media, legislators, alumni, and community members, but also prospective students and their families. The Office of the Provost is encouraging the Faculty to make April 28th a classroom-free day so that all students can attend and support the presenters.
- We will be holding Campus Conversations again this Spring. This is not only about our Campus identity - it is also a way to raise our visibility.
- SUNY to launch online programs: Provost Kim provided clarifications about "SUNY Online". This is not about individual online courses or different institutions providing their own online degrees but about SUNY coordinating whole online programs. President Rodríguez participated in the discussion and talked about the different types of SUNY populations: the young undergraduates who still want the "full residential experience", and the older students, whether undergraduate or graduate. Even though we see the traditional young undergraduate population as vibrant here on our campus, the traditional student eighteen to twenty-three years old is rapidly declining, and the

most rapidly growing student population not only in the Northeast but in the Country is the population above the age of thirty. Those students are the ones we are really targeting with the online programs particularly in Masters degree programs and professional types of programs which this non-traditional student population is seeking throughout the country to increase their professional development. Of course, there are still going to be students who still want the full “residential experience” and we can still provide that for them too. It’s about providing choice.

Some of the Council members asked about how SUNY was going to distribute the different programs amongst the SUNY institutions. Provost Kim explained that the discussions are still going on and that SUNY has not revealed the SUNY Online specifics yet.

III. Chair’s Report

UPPC Chair James Mower did not have anything to report but invited President Rodríguez to speak.

President Rodríguez welcomed everyone back to the second part of the academic year and gave the Council an update on the latest UAlbany events:

- UAlbany just hosted the University Faculty Senate Winter Plenary. The President thanked UAlbany Senate Chair Zena Lawrence, the Provost Office, and everyone who helped make the event successfully.
- The Strategic Enrollment Management Plan has been released. Everyone is asked to take look at the plan; Provost Kim and Vice President for Student Affairs Mike Christakis will be doing tours around the campuses and gathering feedback. This is everybody’s responsibility. The President pointed out to this past week Times Union article on the enrollment crash in SUNY Community Colleges, which showed drops in enrollment as high as 60% in some colleges. This is important to us because we recruit transfer students from these colleges every year - any significant decline in enrollment in these colleges automatically impact us and the other 4-years institutions.
- The new state-of-the-art Health and Counseling Services opened January 21st in Dutch Quad. The Center had been off campus for about a decade so it is very exciting to have it back on campus and easily accessible to students. For the students who are not on our Uptown Campus, there is a direct shuttle.
- The work on all our new websites is continuing. We just launched the websites for Criminal Justice and also for Rockefeller, and the website for the School of Business is scheduled to launch next week. The College of Arts and Sciences is still working on their new massive website and there has also been significant progress made there.
- The Governor just proposed a \$ 178 billion budget, which includes \$ 7.8 billion in state support for higher education - about \$ 257 million more than last year. EOP is to remain at level funding and the eligibility threshold for the Excelsior Scholarship is

raised to \$ 150,000 annually. In term of capital, there is no increase for SUNY but we can get additional dollars in matching funds to renovate or build new facilities. We will keep pushing the agenda for UAlbany and particularly for the additional \$ 20 million that we need to finalize the Engineering building on our downtown campus.

- The President invited everyone to join him January 23rd at the Albany Capital Center, for SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson's Annual State of SUNY Address. SUNY Schools will be holding showcases and UAlbany will be represented.
- Last but not least President Rodríguez reminded everyone that tomorrow January 23rd is also the Winter Social for Faculty and Staff. It promises to be a fun event for all.

IV. Sub-Committees Reports

UFC: University Facilities Committee:

UFC Chair Louise Anne McNutt reported that the Committee will be having its first meeting on February 5th. The Committee will be following up on needed tasks identified last year:

- Signage to navigate the campus
- Signage to help create presence for the various programs and departments

RAPC: Resource Analysis and Planning Committee:

The RAPC Committee met on December 11th. Chair Karin Reinhold's report is available on OneDrive but the main topic on the agenda was the enrollment and what can be done. Also discussed:

- Way to cut operating expenses in the dorms
- Possible relocations of facilities
- Promotion of contingent faculty

The next meeting will be held on February 19th, and will again be focusing on enrollment; the Committee would like to have Marketing come in.

V. New Business

The Administrative Assessment Process

Jack Mahoney, Director of Institutional Research & Assessment and Doug Sweet, Director of Student Affairs Assessment & Planning gave a presentation on the Administrative Assessment process. This presentation was a follow up to Dr. Joette Stefl-Mabry's own report on the administrative assessment process and the role of the Administrative Assessment Advisory Committee (AAAC) at the UPPC December 4th meeting. Also present was Steven Doellefeld, Director of Assessment, Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness. Jack Mahoney and Doug Sweet went over the Administrative Assessment Protocol and its purpose, the VPs and Deans' offices self-studies, the Administrative Assessment Advisory Committee's purposes and

goals, what was learned from the process and what developed from that, and where the process stood now, three years after it was started. The full presentation has been posted on the UPPC OneDrive.

Jack Mahoney and Doug Sweet invited questions and comments from the Council. The Council discussed the assessment process for the Deans' offices and the role of the Deans' own performances in the process. Some of the Council members asked to have the Administrative Assessment Protocol made available and it was agreed that Jack Mahoney, Doug Sweet and Steven Doellefeld would make the document available to the Provost Office, which will be in charge of distributing it.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

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