



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
Stephen T. Murphy, Director of Academic Affairs
July 12th, 2017
E-Meeting

Wednesday July 12th, 2017

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

- I. Call to Order: Start 6:03 P.M. End: 6:45 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Jacquan Thompson
 - b. Kylinn
 - c. Katherine Holmok
 - d. Anthony Cucci
 - e. Sarah Petrick
 - f. Rey Muniz
- III. Approval of the Agenda: Quorum not present, no negatives
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: N/A
- V. Public Comment: N/A
- VI. New Business
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Reports
 1. Director's Report (Murphy)
 - a. Since taking office June 1, I have remained steadily busy learning a job that I previously had limited knowledge on, and have since found it has numerous caveats and challenges. With a new Chancellor arriving in September, and no current replacement provost I have been focused on learning Chancellor Zimpher's policies. SUNY Excels is the system's strategic plan. One of the key components of SUNY Excels is applied learning, which I was recently appointed to the System Steering Committee. Additionally, I am in talks with representatives from Oneonta to discuss the implications of mandatory applied learning as part of the curriculum. At this time, I have voiced my opposition based on the requirement that in most cases students need to have access to safe and reliable transportation to participate in an applied learning exercise. I am working with my colleagues around SUNY, and have an evolving opinion, but until an answer to that question is found, I will remain opposed to this requirement. More recently, I was tasked with a project to work with HESC on determining whether a student was eligible for a scholarship called the STEM Initiative Program, a four-year full tuition scholarship for STEM students across the SUNY System. Unfortunately, the student was not eligible to receive the scholarship, but the process made me aware of HESC's inability to keep up with the ever-evolving STEM fields, thus making the scholarship more difficult to obtain. With that said, I will be reaching out to each of you soon regarding an action plan to alleviate headaches for families embarking on the college journey, and asking each of you to do a little research at your respective institutions. I have also done work with Charter Schools and researched

Budgetary Cuts but will touch upon those as we progress through the agenda.

2. Director's Report (Rufrano)
 - a. No report
3. Deputy Director's Report (TBD)
 - a. N/A
4. Committee Members' Reports
 - a. No reports

C. Discussion on Charter School Rules and Regulations

- a. Stephen shared his work with the recent push to alter teacher certification requirements in charter schools. After explaining charter schools to the committee, it was discussed that SUNY was founded from a group of teacher's colleges, and our current education students should have our utmost support. Support was given to maintain current teacher certification structure by the committee. A possible resolution is waiting on the support the Executive Board.

D. Discussion on Adjunct Faculty pay

- a. Discussed the prospects of having legitimate results in raising the pay of our adjunct faculty. The prospect was given minor opposition, but support was granted for a symbolic resolution in support of our faculty throughout the system. A Google Doc will be created to begin constructing the resolution with the goal of having it passed at our August EC meeting.

E. Update on Stony Brook Theater Department cut

- a. Discussed opportunities for outside sourcing including state, federal, and foundations. It was also brought forward that SUNYSA could possibly fundraise, which is currently being explored due to our nature as a public entity. Broad support was made for the arts, and a follow up resolution in their support is likely. No timeline for the resolution was agreed to, but the chair seeks its swift construction. A Google Doc will be created to begin constructing the resolution with the goal of having it passed at our August EC meeting.

VII. Closing Comments

1. Doodle Polls will be distributed to the committee in the next couple days to plan our August (post EC) meeting, and a request for fall academic schedules will also go out to create a schedule for the upcoming semester.

VIII. Adjournment