

Saint Paul College
President's Advisory Council
Thursday, January 24, 2019
4:00pm -6:00pm
Conference Room # 3320

Present: Gaye Adams-Massey, David Berg, Audrey Bergengren, Chris Bidlack, John Brodrick, Jennifer Christensen, Rassoul Dastmozd, Emmanuel Donaby, Jean Echternacht, Darren Ginther, Paul Huot, Nate Keith, David Kline, Lee Krueger, Theresa Malone, Tom McCarthy, Ryan O'Connor, Kristen Raney, Wendy Roberson, Mary Rothchild, Pat Ryan, Rachelle Schmidt, Erica Schumacher, Nichole Sorenson, Mindy Travers, Scott Wilson, Tracy Wilson, and Autumn Zehren.

Phoned in: Kristen Schultes

Absent: Cecile Bedor, June Berkowitz, Dan Bostrom, Greg Buck, Dan Cherryhomes, Joe Kroger, Rena Moran, and Najam Saeed.

Guests: Qadar Aweis, Gabby Miller, Claudia Rodriguez, George Thawmoo, and Gao Vang.

Mr. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Bidlack to approve the meeting agenda with flexibility. Ms. Adams-Massey seconded the motion. *The motion passed.*

Approval of November 2018 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Schumacher to approve the November meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan. *The motion passed.*

Recruitment Presentation

Ms. Bergengren introduced the recruitment team: Ms. Gabby Miller, Outreach Coordinator; Mr. Qadar Aweis, Recruiter; Ms. Claudia Rodriguez, Recruiter; Mr. George Thawmoo, Recruiter; and Ms. Gao Vang, PESO Coordinator and Recruiter. She explained that the recruiters spend a majority of their time promoting the College by either visiting metro area high schools or hosting potential student groups on campus. Ms. Bergengren shared that there are over 255 High Schools represented on campus. Ms. Miller said that the most common questions the recruiters get are questions about sports teams on campus, transfer programs, and cost/tuition. Ms. Bergengren shared that in addition to the recruiters, the marketing department is also running multiple digital advertisement campaigns on social media, radio campaigns on AM/FM, and new this year: advertisements on the Metro Blue and Green lines.

HLC Update

Ms. Sorenson gave an update on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) final report. She explained that the site team that was on campus September 2018 found that four out of five criteria for accreditation were met with concern and have recommended that the College be placed On Notice.

Ms. Sorenson shared that the College will be submitting a response to the final report addressing the concerns noted in the report and in April representatives from the College and the System Office (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities) will attend an Institutional Actions Council (IAC) committee hearing in Chicago, IL. The IAC committee will then provide a recommendation to the HLC Board of Trustees for a final decision. President Dastmozd explained that the College is still accredited and will remain accredited throughout the process. He also reiterated that this decision is not final, it is only a recommendation from the site team. There are many more steps to take before a final decision has been made in June. Ms. Sorenson expects to have a decision from the Board of Trustees by the end of June or early July. President Dastmozd and Ms. Sorenson will provide updates as they become available.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Raney shared that the Surgical Technology, and Nursing programs are preparing for program reviews. She explained Dr. Ashby and faculty are working to ensure everything is ready for the site visit later this spring. The site visits will include components such as meetings with faculty, students, administration, touring the classroom and lab space, and curriculum review.

Student Affairs

Dr. King shared that the College was awarded the Title III grant. The grant will provide the College \$600,000 a year for five years to increase capacity and strengthen programs that serve low-income students. It will focus on student success and decreasing the College's financial aid default rate. Dr. King hopes to have a director hired by the end of the semester.

Institutional Research/ Planning and Grants

Ms. Sorenson shared that her department welcomed Ms. Kimberly Turner-Rush as the Director of Strategic Planning and Effectiveness and Dr. Valera Hachey as the newest Research Analyst.

Student Success/Equity and Inclusion

Ms. Roberson shared that over the past year, 65 faculty and staff members have participated in the Being an Ally – Equity Training workshops. The training is a seven-part series with over 20 hours of training. Ms. Roberson is working with her team to develop a new schedule with additional trainings for the upcoming year. She will provide an update once the schedule has been finalized.

Foundation

Mr. Kline shared that Friends of Saint Paul College Foundation (FOSPC) held another successful Scholarship Gala in December 2018 here on campus. Mr. Kline explained that there were over 250 attendees and the event raised over \$360,000. The FOSPC will soon launch the employee giving campaign with hopes of 100% participation.

Human Resources

Ms. Schmidt explained that her office has been busy transitioning staff HR functions to a regional service center. The latest phase will move all staff transactions to the service center. Currently the service center also handles the College's payroll and faculty FWM. She also shared that there are currently seven open positions and one new position posted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm