

**Saint Paul College President's Advisory Council**  
**Thursday, March 29, 2018**  
**4:00pm**  
**Room #3320**

**Present:** David Berg, Dan Bostrom, John Brodrick, Greg Buck, Dan Cherryhomes, Jennifer Christensen, Emmanuel Donaby, Jean Echternacht, Paul Huot, Nate Keith, Laura King, Lee Krueger, Theresa Malone, Don Mullin, Amethyst O'Connell, Ryan O'Connor, Kristen Raney, Mary Rothchild, Najam Saeed, Rachelle Schmidt, Nichole Sorenson, Scott Wilson, and Autumn Zehren.

**Absent:** Gaye Adams-Massey, Cecile Bedor, June Berkowitz, Rena Moran, and Mindy Travers.

**Phoned in:** Joe Kroeger, Pat Ryan, and Erica Schumacher.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Bostrom to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zehren. The motion passed.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Mullin to approve the meeting agenda with flexibility. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bostrom. The motion passed.

**Introduction of Ms. Jennifer Christensen**

President Dastmozd welcomed Ms. Jennifer Christensen to her first President's Advisory Council meeting. He explained that Ms. Christensen was replacing former Council member, Mr. Bernie Hesse. Ms. Christensen is President of UFCW Local 1189.

**One Stop Update – Ms. Ali Pickens-Opoku, One Stop Director**

Ms. Ali Pickens-Opoku gave a brief overview of the One Stop and how they are helping students from the moment they first step on campus to the day they graduate. Ms. Pickens-Opoku explained that the One Stop opened its doors on December 27, 2017 and has been busy ever since. The goal of One Stop is to provide everything a student needs to be successful here at the College. She explained that her staff provide help with everything from FAFSA to Career Coaching and everything in between. She shared that One Stop offers a such wide variety of services, it eliminates the need to shuffle students from department to department looking for answers. Currently the One-Stop is open from 9:00-7:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:30-5:00pm on Saturday.

**State of the College**

President Dastmozd started off by sharing a document that details the various partnerships that Saint Paul College has with Saint Paul Public Schools. He explained that he is grateful for these intentional partnerships and pathways that are available for SPPS students. The document can be found [here](#). President Dastmozd then gave a brief overview on what has been going on around campus:

**Student highlights/accomplishments**

- Saint Paul College student selected to visit NASA this February. Amethyst O'Connell is one of 171 community college students from across the U.S. to be part of the NASA Community College

Aerospace Scholars (NCAS). NCAS is a highly competitive program that gives scholars the opportunity to interact and network with NASA engineers and scientists.

- Saint Paul College students Jacob Ledman and Elizabeth Zalanga are named to the Phi Theta Kappa ALL-Minnesota Academic Team 2018.
- Adam Bouchareb –Saint Paul College accepted to U of M medical school.

### **Saint Paul College Recognition**

- Being ranked number #9 in 2018 in the U.S. by TheBestSchools.org.
- Sustained achievement outcomes, learning outcomes, employment outcomes, and cost-to-value outcomes

### **Grants**

- Saint Paul College, Century College, and International Institute of MN received a multi-campus collaboration grant from Minnesota State System for \$150K to continue with the College Readiness Academy Initiative.

### **Events**

- Legislative Breakfast April 12th 2018 with business and industry and alum panel

### **Partnerships**

- Hmong American Partnership
- Partnership with two Community Banks
- St. Catherine University Partnership-STEM/Engineering Partnership.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) Program
- Northern Star Scout Council of America exploring opportunities for STEM education and career exploration

### **Tours/Outreach**

- House Senate Capital Projects Committee Tour
- Congresswomen Betty McCollum visit and tour
- Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association (MPMA) visit and tour
- East Side Neighborhood Services Minneapolis visit and tour
- New St. Paul Mayor's Cabinet members for visits, tours, and chats at the College
- Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director visit and tour

### **Speaking Engagement**

- Regional Career Pathways Employer Convening Meeting
- AchieveMpls
- New Century Club

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

- The House of Hope Presbyterian Church supporters endowed a Saint Paul College scholarship in honor of Dr. Van Dyke to be awarded to a young African American man who transitions from Ujamaa Place to pursue their higher education here.
- Minnesota State announces 400 scholarships for high-demand programs <http://minnstate.edu/media/newsreleases/2018/012318-wds.html>. We are intending to add six more scholarships to this 14 for a grand total of 20. All will be \$2,500 for a year (half each semester). The STEM programs we selected are: Surgical Technology, Pharmacy Technician, Health Information Technology, Data Science, Computer Programming, Electromechanical Systems, and Welding.

### **Public Relation**

- Twin Cities Public Television Interview for Almanac --Mary Lahammer of TPT's Almanac interviewed students and faculty in our CNC-Machining and Welding and me for a segment that

should air this Feb. 2 on TPT2 at 7:00pm, about how Saint Paul College is helping to address the worker shortages in the trade industries.

- Two MinnPost articles about how Saint Paul College is providing access to affordable and accessible higher education and training that leads to gainful and high wage employment for the residents of St. Paul and the greater Twin Cities.

#### **External Board Meetings/Commitments**

- Neighborhood House
- MSPWIN
- Saint Paul Foundation and Minnesota Community Foundation
- Central Corridor Collaborative Anchor Partnership Executive Committee
- Promise Neighborhood
- District Energy

#### **Conferences**

- CyberWatch West National Science Foundation ATE in Bellingham

#### **Legislative Ask – Joint Letter of Support**

President Dastmozd shared a draft of the support letter with the group. He explained that the letter from the Friends of Saint Paul College Foundation and the President's Advisory Council would be mailed to local Legislators to show support for the College's capital bonding and Higher Education Asset Preservation Replacement (HEAPR) requests. Earlier this week the FOSPC voted unanimously to support the letter. President Dastmozd asked if there were any objections to the letter. The group decided to unanimously support the letter.

Dr. King shared that registration for fall enrollment is now open for current students and then new students will be able to register starting on April 2. She also explained that she is in the middle of hiring a Director of Advising and a Director of Student Life. Lastly, Dr. King shared that graduation is set for May 17 and the planning process is well under way.

#### **Academic Affairs Update**

Dr. Raney explained that using data from IR, she is currently working with the faculty to help review and assess the health and outcomes of their program and set new goals for the upcoming semesters. She also shared that she is getting ready to hold on-campus finalist interviews for the various Dean positions that are open. She is hopeful to have the interviews completed by mid-April.

#### **Marketing/Communication Update**

President Dastmozd shared that the new marketing campaigns visible around town on the Green and Blue Line starting early spring. He also mentioned that there are many recruitment events scheduled for Spring including express registration and the open house on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Institutional Research/ Planning and Grants Update**

Ms. Sorenson explained that the IR department is working closely with faculty on completing data requests for various programs and departments. She also noted that Ms. Jennifer Rohde had recently joined the IR team as the Director of Resource Development.

#### **Foundation Update**

President Dastmozd reminded everyone that the 2018 Annual Scholarship Gala has been scheduled for Thursday, December 6. A save the date will be email and mailed out some time early summer along with

information on how to become a sponsor. He explained that the money from the Gala goes directly to scholarships and that the 2017 Gala raised just over \$300,000 for future students. President Dastmozd also shared that this year's Gala will feature the Wall of Fame recipients (Alumni of the Year and Community Partner of the Year) during the program. He encouraged everyone to share nominations for either award with Mr. David Kline or Ms. Margaret Soukup.

### **HR Update**

Ms. Schmidt shared that so far this year her team has filled 42 positions on campus with an average of a 45-day fill rate. Currently, there are 16 open faculties, staff, and administration positions.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm**