



NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the NJC Advisory Council was held Thursday, November 21, 2013 in Hays Student Center Tennant Art Gallery.

Members Present: Mr. David Foy
Ms. Darcy Garretson
Ms. Carol Keil
Ms. Julie Klein
Mr. Rich O'Connell

Member Absent: Mr. John Chapdelaine
Mr. Bob Carpio

Others Present: Jay Lee, Steve Smith, Ryan Barone, Mary Lederhos, Meghan Sandridge, Kristy Kuntz, Jessica Squier, Caroline Siquiera, Celeste Delgado-Pelton, Gail LaForce, Misti Pierce, Maret Felzien, David McNabb, Sianna Gomez, Barbara Baker, Jack Annan, Alan Foutz, Shawn Rose, Platte Sentinel and the Journal Advocate.

- I. Darcy Garretson, 2013-2014 Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- II. The agenda for the November 21, 2013 Advisory Council Meeting was approved as presented. Rich O'Connell made the motion to approve the agenda and David Foy seconded the motion.
- III. The minutes of the October 3, 2013 Advisory Council Meeting were approved as presented. Carol Keil made the motion to approve the minutes and Julie Klein seconded the motion.
- IV. **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**
 - A. **STUDENT SUCCESS**
 - o **Mary Lederhos, Nursing Instructor introduced:**
 - o **Meghan Sandridge and Kristy Kuntz**
 - Meghan and Kristy are ADN students who will be graduating from the program on December 12th. Both students just finished up their preceptor experience. Meghan did her preceptorship in the O.R. at Sterling Regional MedCenter and Kristy did her preceptorship in the O.R. at the Brush Hospital. Meghan originally graduated from NJC in 2002 and went to UNC for an Art Degree. She worked in the retail industry for a while after graduating from UNC and then decided to come back to NJC to get her nursing degree. Kristy graduated from NJC in 1998 with an AS Degree. She played volleyball at NJC as well. She has worked in the healthcare field in doctor office settings. She

decided to come back to school to get her nursing degree. Kristy plans to start working on her Bachelor's degree in nursing next summer.

- **Jessica Squier, Head Women's Volleyball Coach introduced:**
 - **Caroline Siquiera**
 - Caroline came to NJC from the Central College of Florida. Caroline is originally from Brazil. Caroline is on the NJC Volleyball Team and has won many awards associated with volleyball such as being named to the Region IX South Tournament All-Tournament Team, she also earned All-Region, and she received the highest award of South-Sub Region Player of the Year. Caroline led the Region IX South Division with 222 kills in conference play this season, fourth in the nation with 581 total kills, and second in the nation with 5.28 kills per set. Jessica Squier, Head Volleyball Coach, commented that she expects Caroline to be named an All-American as well. She said that she was the top player in the region and according to her stats; she is also one of the top junior college players in the nation.

B. FACULTY/STAFF SUCCESS

- **Cory Gardner, U.S. House of Representative, Honoring Jack Annan**
 - Alan Foutz, District Representative for US House of Representative Cory Gardner, presented Jack Annan with an award that was given to him by Cory Gardner on the House Floor on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Jack was honored for his successful career and his many contributions to the State of Colorado, particularly in relation to agriculture. Jack was presented with a plaque.

VII. ITEMS:

- **RFP Process for Plainsman Grill – Jay Lee**
 - NJC recently sought proposals for outside entities to manage and run the Plainsman Grill and the Northeastern 18 golf course. Two proposals were received to manage the restaurant operation but no proposals were received to manage the golf course. The college formed a committee to look at the proposals and the committee decided to further interview one of the proposals. However, shortly after that process, Tyler Kelsch, VP of Finance & Administration received phone calls from people expressing interest in purchasing the restaurant and the golf course. So, now the college is preparing another request for proposals, this time to purchase the entire property. Jay mentioned that all of these parties have expressed interest in purchasing the property and keeping it as a golf course which is one of the stipulations that the college has requested. In the meantime, NJC has had to put the first proposals on hold, but hopefully even if a new owner purchases the property the interested parties would have the possibility of working with them. The next part of the process is an appraisal and survey which will take about 45 days. Once that is completed, proposals will be accepted again. Jay noted that previously there was a group of investors who were interested in purchasing the property and building a hotel. Jay said this idea has gone in a negative direction and it not being pursued any longer.
- **E.S. French Transition – Celeste Delgado-Pelton, Music Professor**
 - Celeste who is serving on the E.S. French Renovation Steering Committee spoke to the group about the relocation of staff offices and classrooms while the E.S. French Renovation is taking place. Since E.S. French currently houses 50 percent of the classes on campus, this

was a challenge. Most faculty offices will be relocated to the 2nd and 3rd floors of Knowles Hall, one faculty office will be moved to the Comprehensive Learning Center, one faculty office will be moved to Beede Hamil and another to Walker Hall. The group is getting a little creative and making some storage closets into faculty offices as well. For classrooms the group has identified spaces on campus that are not necessarily used for student spaces such as Hays Student Center Room 230 and the Student Senate Legislative Chambers in the Student Center. Also, there are some underutilized classrooms in Beede Hamil, Walker Hall and Knowles Hall that will be used for classroom spaces. The art and painting classes will be moved to the greenhouse. Music classes will be held in the basement of the Hays Student Center. The group is still searching for storage space and for a spot for the Pete Youngers Art Gallery. Celeste noted that there are a lot of options on the table for the gallery including a local church that has offered some space to use. Theatre productions for next year will be scaled down and places such as the Ballroom could be used for this purpose. Celeste commented that since the building will be totally sealed off four days after graduation this spring, much of the moving and relocating will take place during Christmas break, Spring Break and during spring semester. E.S. French will be closed for renovation for the 2014-2015 school year.

- **Foundation Audit – Gail LaForce, Executive Director of the Foundation**

- Gail handed out a Statement of Financial Position to the Advisory Council.
 - The Foundation's total assets are \$5,351,784 and total liabilities are \$80,420.
 - The Foundation's permanently restricted funds such as managed scholarships are \$1,048,708.
 - The Foundation's temporarily restricted funds such as managed scholarships, pass-through scholarships, investments and Title III funds, Ag Farm Building, Walsh building funds and pass-through grants are \$3,628,317
 - The Foundation's unrestricted funds equal \$594,339.
 - The Foundation and the College entered into an informal agreement in July 2002, whereby the College pays the Foundation for the use of its art collections. The Foundation retains ownership of the art collections and is responsible for the upkeep and insuring of the art collections. The lease income, net of upkeep and insurance costs, is to be used by the Foundation for scholarship awards to students attending the college. The Foundation received \$20,000 from the college during the year in connection with this lease agreement.
- The Foundation Board of Trustees lost two board members which were Michelle Hoozee and Peter Youngers. The board added four new members including Chuck Baker, Jay Brammer, John Sonnenberg and Erik Vieselmeyer.

- **Developmental Ed Update – Misti Pierce, Director Academic Support Services and Maret Felzien, Developmental Reading Instructor**

- When students come to NJC they take the Accuplacer test. Their test scores tell advisors what classes to place students in for Reading, Math and Writing. Statistics show that only 5% of students that test into remedial classes go on to graduate from college. This statistic was unacceptable to the Colorado Community College System so a task force was created to look into solutions to help with this scary statistic. The task force was made up of representatives from all 13 community colleges. NJC's representative was Cindy Carey from the Counseling/Advising Office. The task force met regularly for eighteen months. The task

force came up with the following recommendations to streamline and accelerate remedial classes.



Developmental Ed
Redesign Handout 11-

- For example, in math, students in the past have had to take MAT 30, MAT 60, MAT 90, MAT 99 before they could reach college algebra or statistics. This process would take four or five semesters but only if the students passed. A lot of students would drop out or get lost during this time. The new math remedial design considers their major and has the students completing remedial classes now in only two semesters.
- NJC is currently in the implementation and transition phase. The new remedial courses will be fully implemented at NJC in the Fall of 2014.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jay Lee

- **Tablet College Conversation**

- This fall, Jay started the conversation on campus about the idea of NJC becoming a “tablet” campus. The Apple Education group was on campus on October 9th and met with Jay, some faculty, the NJC IT staff as well as a CCCS IT representative. If NJC did this, we would be the first i-Pad college in Colorado. Jay mentioned that there are two colleges, one in Goodland, Kansas and one in Dodge City, Kansas that are i-Pad campuses. Jay cannot find other colleges that are using any other tablet other than i-Pads. Jay commented that Apple has over 30,000 education apps available for the i-Pad and has the necessary support that a college campus would need. At a Leadership Team Meeting on November 19th when Jay was in Washington DC attending an Energy Efficiency Day, Jay asked the Leadership Team to vote as to whether or not NJC should become an i-Pad College. The majority vote was in favor of NJC becoming an i-Pad college. As expected faculty and staff have lots of questions. The next step is to bring the Apple Education group back on campus to meet with the Leadership Team as well as faculty and staff.
 - David Foy expressed that he is very excited about the concept but at the same time very leery. He said he doesn't like that society makes young people rely so much on technology and devices.
 - Julie Klein commented that she thinks this is a great idea. She said that the whole healthcare field relies on technology especially hand-held devices.

- **B.A.S. Legislation**

- The CCCS Presidents have been working on a legislative bill that would allow Bachelor of Science Degrees to be awarded at community colleges. The presidents have been meeting to find tune the wording on the legislation bill. NJC has not identified a BAS Program that it could offer if the bill passes. Jay noted that we are waiting to see if the bill will pass the legislature before we proceed with identifying a BAS Program.

- **Miscellaneous Items**

- Jay informed the Advisory Council that a Faculty Art Show is starting. The Opening Reception will be held tonight, Thursday, November 21st from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in E.S. French.

IX. REPORTS:

A. Faculty Association Report – Maret Felzien

- The Faculty Association has changed their name to the Faculty “Senate”.
- Faculty this year have taken the charge of pushing retention. They are trying to reach out to advisees more often especially with email. They believe that advising has the biggest impact on student retention. An advising training will be held for all advisors at the spring in-service in January.
- The Faculty Association continues to give two scholarships per semester to students.
- The faculty recently nominated faculty for the Faculty of the Year Award as well as the Star Performer of the Year Award which is for faculty who are new and are on probationary status. The winners will be named at the January in-service and will attend a luncheon at the system office later in the spring with the CCCS Presidents.

B. Associated Student Government (ASG) Report – Sianna Gomez

- Sianna reported that on November 18th during lunchtime at the Cafeteria, ASG polled students as to whether or not NJC should become an i-Pad college. 80% of the students voted in favor and 20% voted not in favor of NJC becoming an i-Pad college.
- Sianna is participating on the campus Calendar Committee. The committee is looking at the next couple of years’ academic calendars. They are trying to decide on start dates, end dates and breaks such as fall breaks and spring breaks.
- ASG has been planning the first week activities for January. Events that will be held are a cinnamon roll and hot chocolate night, a casino night, a Dodgeball tournament, \$2 movie night and a bongo ball tournament.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Rose

Recording Secretary

cc: Advisory Council Members, Jay Lee