

**President's Council
Meeting Notes
September 27, 2017**

Updates: President Esterberg discussed the recent guidance received from the Federal Government with regards to changes to Title IX. Bernadette Tiapo is reviewing all correspondence and information regarding this and keeping a close eye on things. Guidance from SUNY is expected.

Rick Miller announced some staffing updates in CTS

Bernadette Tiapo shared that there have been a number of bias related incidents reported. Between August 30 and September 25, 14 reports have been made, with 3 of these occurring off campus and the remainder on campus. Rick Miller informed the group that free legal counseling is available to students through program arranged by the Student Government.

Bernadette also shared the continuing challenge for students to use preferred names through our data base. The problem lies with the system-wide banner programming and has yet to be addressed by System. We continue to investigate a local response to this.

Vicki Templeton-Cornell reviewed the plans for the upcoming meetings of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Enrollment: Rick Miller reported that our current enrollment is holding at 3600, which is 111 over our budget goal, but down 124 from a year ago at this time. Grad enrollment is down 15 students and the remainder of the decrease is in the undergraduate population. Rick continued to explain that we are discovering where our students go when they transfer out of Potsdam with most students go to SUNY Canton or CUNY. Our biggest loss occurs in students who came to Potsdam with high school GPAs in the 80 to 84 range.

Budget: John Homburger reported on the status of the budget, noting that from 2015-16 to 2017-18 we increased the number of instructional lines by 35 and reduced the number of staff lines by 20 creating a net increase in PSR of 15 people.

Storage of Firearms Policy Rick Miller brought a proposal to discontinue the policy of allowing the storage of firearms by University Police. Some clarification regarding what is necessary for classroom instruction (Criminal Justice and the Law Enforcement Institute) is needed before the policy can be approved by the PC and then sent to the College Council for approval.

Personnel: Several personnel issues and requests were discussed.