

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of October 10, 2012

The five hundred fifty-first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prime at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;
John P. Donnelly - Secretary;
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker
Richard M. Gutierrez, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Kenneth K. Saunders, Maria Conzatti, Chuck Cutolo.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn

Chair Prime requested a motion that pursuant to Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, the Board of Trustees shall enter Executive Session for the following purposes: 1) to discuss matters relating to collective bargaining involving the NCCFT; and 2. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion or removal of the President, Officer in Charge, Academic Deans, Director of Human Resources, Dean for Professional Studies and AVP for Distance Education. Trustee Donnelly moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 9:46 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College met in executive session and elected Geoffrey Prime as Chair and John Donnelly as Secretary by a unanimous vote. The position of Vice Chair had been vacant and remained so.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;
John P. Donnelly - Secretary;
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker
Richard M. Gutierrez, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Kenneth K. Saunders, Maria Conzatti, Donna Haugen, Chuck Cutolo.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn

Chair Prime apologized for the lateness of the hour. He welcomed Arnold Drucker to the Board. He commented that John Durso's participation on the board will be sorely missed, thanked Dr. Saunders for taking on the role of Office in Charge, and looks forward to working with the Board and the college community to move the college forward.

The minutes of the meetings of June 19, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion made by Trustee Guterrez. Trustee Cornachio requested that said agreement mentioned in resolution 2 be attached to the minutes; seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

The minutes of the meetings of July 30, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion made by Trustee Guterrez and seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED:

	Department	Description	Amount
a)	CIO/ITS	SUNY/ITEC contract to provide hardware and data base support to maintain Banner for NCC use. (6-1)	\$ 345,906.00
b)	CIO/ITS	College-wide copier service. (7-0)	\$ 200,000.00
c)	CIO/ITS	Maintenance of College's phone and Internet services. (7-0)	\$ 190,488.00
d)	Exec VP/ Marketing/ Communications	Studio 4 Communications Inc. to provide marketing, communications and advertising initiative. (5-1-1) Defeated.	\$ 250,000.00
e)	VP Admin/Planning	Graduation rental fees. (Student Fee) (7-0)	\$ 159,300.00
f)	VP Admin/Planning/ Physical Plant	Asphalt and concrete paving in parking lots, roads and sidewalks. (7-0)	\$ 293,400.00
g)	VP Facilities Management	Insurance coverage provided by Marshall and Sterling. (7-0)	\$ 250,000.00
h)	VP Admin/Planning/ Mailroom	Estimated cost for postage/mailing requirements of the College. (7-0)	\$ 500,000.00
i)	VP Admin/Planning/ Physical Plant	Janitorial/custodial services along with supplies needed for Campus. (7-0)	\$ 2,350,000.00
j)	VP Admin/Planning/ Physical Plant	Grounds care, pesticide management, tree pruning, and snow removal for College. (7-0)	\$ 834,250.00
k)	General Counsel	To encumber additional professional services of Ingerman Smith, LLP. (7-0)	\$ 250,000.00
l)	Executive VP/Lifelong Learning	To encumber funds for printing, mailing of Lifelong Learning Brochures for spring/fall 2013 semesters. (7-0)	\$ 212,422.00
m)	VP Finance	Liability due to Dept. of Education. (7-0)	\$ 151,403.00

Seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried for item (a) 6-1; items (b, c – m) 7-0; and item (d) defeated 5-1-1.

2. Trustee Gutierrez introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT INVESTMENT POLICY OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT WAS ADOPTED ON MARCH 10, 2009 STATES IN SECTION VIII ..."UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THERE WILL BE A \$20,000,000 LIMIT PER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION,"

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT INVESTMENT POLICY, ALL COLLEGE BANK BALANCES ARE FULLY COLLATERALIZED, AND,

WHEREAS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE BALANCES ABOVE THIS THRESHOLD,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE COLLEGE INVESTMENT POLICY BE AMENDED SO THAT SECTION VIII WILL NOW READ... "UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THERE WILL BE A \$30,000,000 LIMIT PER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION."

Seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Vehicle Registration Fee – Not Called.

4. Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AND ADOPTS THE ENCLOSED CAPITAL PLAN.

Seconded by Trustee Gutierrez. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Trustee Amin introduced the following resolution as amended at the Sept. 21, 2012 Committee meeting:

WHEREAS THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO STUDENTS AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE IT PROVIDES IN PAYING TUITION, FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO ATTENDING NCC, AND

WHEREAS MORE THAN 9,300 HUNDRED NCC STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS, WHICH REPRESENTS A 63% INCREASE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND

WHEREAS FOR MANY NCC STUDENTS THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT PELL GRANTS OFFER TO THEM IS A BRIDGE TO OPPORTUNITY THAT PROVIDES A CRUCIAL LINK BETWEEN THE REALITY OF THE BOTTOM LINE AND THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE, AND

WHEREAS PROPOSALS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE CONGRESS THAT WILL CUT BACK THE FUNDING LEVELS OF THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM AND PLACE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR PELL GRANTS, AND

WHEREAS FOR MANY NCC STUDENTS SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO ATTEND NCC, THEREBY HINDERING THEIR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AND, FURTHER, THEREBY UNDERMINING THE

ABILITY OF NCC TO FULFILL ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HIGH QUALITY, HIGHER EDUCATION,

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE THAT THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR THOUSANDS OF NCC STUDENTS AND MILLIONS OF STUDENTS NATIONWIDE, DOES HEREBY REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM AND DOES HEREBY STRONGLY URGE THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OPPOSE THOSE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD REDUCE FUNDING FOR THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM, INCREASE ITS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR IN ANY WAY REDUCE ITS ACCESSIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS.

Seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Saunders reported on the following items:

Welcomed all back to the fall semester.

Congratulated Michael Steuer on his retirement, thanked Steve Richman for his years of service to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and thanked both for their outstanding and exceptional service to the college.

Since taking the position of Officer in Charge the following initiatives and efforts are an attempt by the Officer in Charge and the administration to move the College forward and his commitment to restoring the sense of community of NCC through collective efforts: 1) several meetings scheduled with all constituent groups before the start of the semester; open and candidate meetings with the Senate Executive Committee; monthly meetings with NCCFT Executive Committee; divisional meetings with chairs, faculty and staff; CSEA; regular meetings with the Chairs Committee; 2) the attendance by ungraded administrators at the Senate Orientation facilitated by Kimberley Reiser; 3) shorter turnaround times on the administrative responses to identifying concerns and changes; and changes in sensitivity on addressing issues with individuals and institutional concerns.

Cancellation of classes on October 16 due to the Presidential debate at Hofstra University.

Tuesday, October 16 classes are cancelled as of 11:30 a.m. due to the Presidential debate at Hofstra.

Tuesday, October 23 is the Ribbon cutting celebration for the Life Sciences Building.

General Faculty Meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, November 15.

Welcomed all to participate in the Blood drive on Thursday, November 15.

NCC Open House is Sunday, October 28.

Speakers

Faren Siminoff, Secretary of NCCFT, spoke of the union's concerns in the Nassau Community College Foundation's 2009-2010 tax filings and asked the Board for an independent investigation of the issues she raised during her presentation.

Michael Steuer, Prof. in Math Department and Senate Vice Chair, spoke of his concerns regarding the absence of representation from the Office of Academic Affairs on the current cabinet and offered suggestions regarding the upcoming presidential search.

Ed Boyden, Prof., History Department and Senate Secretary, spoke on behalf of the Academic Senate Executive Committee that its members appreciate Dr. Saunders efforts in working collegially and cooperatively and that they have noticed a positive change with the administration. He explained that shared governance is not a way for the faculty to control the College. It is instead, a recognition of different parties who have different perspectives on issues and of how they can work together on behalf of what's best for the students. Recently, the administration and the faculty worked together resolving two issues; the 2012 – 2014 summer calendars and the grading policy.

Logan Kenney, SGA President, expressed her concerns that the Student Government Association's rights to self-govern have been compromised. She mentioned the Student Government Association's willingness to work with the faculty and administration to enrich student life on campus.

Esther Bogin, Prof., Communications Department and Senate 2nd Vice Chair, requested on behalf of the Academic Senate Executive Committee that the Presidential search start immediately. She thanked Dr. Saunders for working with the Senate in a collegial manner.

Frank Frisenda, NCCFT Vice President, welcomed Mr. Drucker to NCC. He spoke of his concerns regarding the importance of the NCCFT having a contract extension in place before the presidential search begins.

Philip Nicholson, Chair, History Department, welcomed Mr. Drucker. He spoke of his concerns and issues department chairs are facing in the absence of a Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Trustee Gutierrez apologized for the delay in resuming the Public session but explained that the Board felt it was necessary to get the presidential search under way. He stated that during Executive Session the Board formed a sub-committee of the Board who will select constituents for the search committee and ultimately select a firm to handle the search.

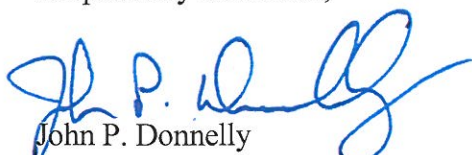
Dr. Saunders spoke of his concerns in resuming the VP for Academic Affairs search. He explained that we had already engaged a full search for VP of Academic Affairs with a sitting president and that, even under those circumstances, we were not able to generate a viable pool of candidates. It is his belief that it is critical that the head of an institution have the opportunity to fill his cabinet and that he anticipates a new president would wish to have that opportunity. That consideration would very likely affect the quality of the search process as well as the sustainability of its result. In addressing the Academic Senate's concerns regarding the absence of a voice from the cabinet, Dr. Saunders said that such a voice is not absent. Executive VP Maria Conzatti meets with the Academic deans on a weekly basis for a number of hours every week. He, therefore, does not believe that the Academic Affairs situation will be enhanced by initiating this search. He also mentioned if a search were initiated right now, the timeline and the cost associated with it are counterproductive to all the prevailing issues we as an institution have to deal with. Dr. Saunders announced that he hopes his explanation gives a sense to the opposite perspective in order to weigh the pros and cons of resuming the VP of Academic Affairs Search.

Chair Prime announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. and the Full Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012. The Board will open the public session at 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Adams.
Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John P. Donnelly
Secretary

NCC 2012/13 Capital Plan - BOT adopted

Project Name	County #	State #	Prior Project Budget (incl prev approps)	PRIOR County Share	PRIOR State Share	Proposed 2012 County Increase to existing project	Proposed 2012/13 State New	Proposed 2012/13 State Increase	NEW Project Budget
Life Sciences Bldg - All Phases	70040	C22105	\$40,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000				
Master Plan Ph 2 - rollover project	70050			\$1,895,564					
Energy Savings Initiatives - Ph 1 & Ph 2	70060	C22112	\$12,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000				
Plaza Deck Reconstruction	70065	C22101	\$9,400,000	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000				
Tennis Facilities	70071	C22114	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000				
Fire Alarm Upgrade - Phase I	70073	C22108	\$4,700,000	\$2,350,000	\$2,350,000				
Rehabilitate Water Damaged Buildings	70074	C22102	\$5,328,000	\$2,664,000	\$2,664,000				
Security System Expansion	70080	C22111	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000				
Health & Safety Projects - Phase II	70084	C22103	\$2,085,000	\$1,185,000	\$900,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$285,000	\$2,870,000
PH I and II - Road and Parking Paving	70086	C22110	\$11,600,000	\$6,800,000	\$4,800,000			\$2,000,000	\$13,600,000
Road and Parking Paving	70092		\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				
Renovation to Building V-Design	70087	C22116	\$650,000	\$325,000	\$325,000				
Cluster C Construction	70088	C22117	\$950,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000		\$16,950,000
Space Consolidation: Ph I Construction	70089	C22118	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000		\$9,000,000
Public Safety Building	70091		\$500,000	\$500,000			\$500,000		\$1,000,000
Window Replacement - Ph 1 & Ph 2	70093	C22109	\$1,200,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000		\$5,200,000
Performing Arts Center - Study	70094	C22107	\$4,500,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000				
Performing Arts Center - Construct (C22107)	70094	C22107	\$41,600,000	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000				
Renovation to Library-Design	70095	C22120	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				
Infrastructure Assessment & MP Update	70096	C22115	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000				
Elevator Renovations	70097	C22119	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000				
IT Phased Infrastructure Upgrades	70098		\$0			\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000		\$8,000,000
Physical Plant Equipment/Vehicles	70099		\$0			\$300,000	\$300,000		\$600,000
ADA Upgrades Campuswide	90981		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0		\$250,000		\$500,000
Integrated Student & Financial System	97112	C22106	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000				
NCC Foundation House	Grant		\$60,000	\$0		\$0	\$60,000		\$120,000
IT Equipment Upgrades	Trigen		\$500,000	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$500,000		\$1,000,000