

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of February 8, 2012

The five hundred forty-fifth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prime at 6:46 p.m.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;
John R. Durso - Vice Chair;
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Jorge L. Gardyn,
Richard M. Gutierrez, Gul Berktas, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: President Donald P. Astrab, Kenneth Saunders, Chuck Cutolo.

Absent: H. Singh, John P. Donnelly

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 the Adjunct Faculty Association; 2. to discuss the proposed acquisition or lease of real property; 3. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion or removal of a particular person; 4. to discuss information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution or a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed and 5. to discuss various matters of active and pending litigation or matters that may be reasonably determined to lead to litigation. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 8:47p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;
John R. Durso - Vice Chair;
John P. Donnelly - Secretary;
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Jorge L. Gardyn,
Richard M. Gutierrez, Gul Berktas, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: President Donald P. Astrab, Kenneth K. Saunders, Donna Haugen, Chuck Cutolo.

Absent: H. Singh

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Donnelly. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Trustee Durso introduce the following resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS THE TRAVEL POLICY, AS SUBMITTED, FOR ALL FUTURE COLLEGE SPONSORED TRAVEL. (COPY ATTACHED)

Seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 8-0.

2. Trustee Gutierrez introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE FOLLOWING NAMED RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHO RETIRED AFTER ATTAINING THE ACADEMIC RANK OF PROFESSOR OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ARE HEREBY GRANTED THE PERMANENT ACADEMIC TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS ACCRUING THERETO.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Retirement Date</u> |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert DiChiara | Professor | English | 1/22/12 |
| Bruce Levine | Professor | Psychology | 1/22/12 |
| Alfred Smeriglio | Professor | Allied Health Sciences | 1/1/12 |

Seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Trustee Gutierrez introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED FACULTY MEMBERS ARE HEREBY GRANTED SABBATICAL LEAVE AS INDICATED DURING THE 2012/2013 ACADEMIC YEAR TO PURSUE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND/OR SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.

One-Half Year Sabbaticals – Fall 2012

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Appt. Date</u> | <u>Previous Sabbatical</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Cathy Eckdall | Art | Associate Professor | 9/2002 | None |
| Suzanne Kaebnick | English | Associate Professor | 9/1999 | None |
| Robert Lazaroff | English | Assistant Professor | 9/2006 | None |
| Ricardo Santos | English | Associate Professor | 9/1999 | AY 2005-2006 |
| Faren Siminoff | History/Pol/Geo | Associate Professor | 9/1997 | AY 2004-2005 |

One-Half Year Sabbaticals – Spring 2013

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Appt. Date</u> | <u>Previous Sabbatical</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Ronna Feit | Foreign Languages | Professor | 9/1992 | Sp '99 & Sp '06 |
| Richard Newman | English | Professor | 9/1989 | Fall 2005 |

Full-Year Sabbaticals – 2012 - 2013

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Dept.</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Appt. Date</u> | <u>Previous Sabbatical</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sara Hosey | English | Assistant Professor | 9/2006 | None |
| Lance Rigano | Physical Sciences | Professor | 9/1989 | None |

Seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 8-0.

4. Trustee Gutierrez introduced the following resolution as amended at the Intergovernmental and Intercollegiate Affairs and Advancement Committee meeting on February 7, 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPRECIATES AND RECOGNIZES THAT THE PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 FOR MAINTAINING THE LEVEL OF STATE BASE AID FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IS AN EXCELLENT STARTING POINT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON ENHANCING THAT AID, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENDORSES THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY SUNY, THE NEW YORK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES, THE NEW YORK COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF PRESIDENTS AND THE FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF \$205 PER FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

Seconded by Trustee Berkta. Motion carried 8-0.

Dr. Astrab reported on the following items:

The board minutes will be distributed with the watermark "DRAFT"; upon approval of the Board of Trustees, the approved minutes will be distributed.

The Crime Alert notification regarding the incident on February 8, and emphasized the importance that we need to look out for each other and to keep our eyes and ears open.

Reggie Tuggle, Dan Fisher and Dr. Astrab were in Albany on Monday, February 6 for SUNY Day and had the opportunity to participate in activities with community colleges and universities around the State. They met with a number of our State Senators and Assemblymen, and addressed them with our concerns and needs in moving forward. It was a positive day and an excellent turnout. The Chancellor and the SUNY system are working with the Governor in moving forward. NCC shared a table with Suffolk County Community College to establish a presence while, at the same time, minimizing the number of staff traveling to Albany. NCC and SCCC communicated a uniform front for Long Island and had handouts emphasizing our distinguished faculty, chancellor winners and other information on the College. It was a terrific day.

Dr. Astrab spoke of the concerns that have been raised by his comments in the first issue of the Administrative newsletter, *Channels*. He indicated that in sending out his vision in the format of *Channels*, he assumed that people would recognize that it reflected his efforts over the past two years to learn about the College in greater depth, which included his work, along with the work of others, in building the Strategic Plan on the sub-committee level of the Academic Senate's Planning Committee. In light of his work along with the work of others as part of this process, Dr. Astrab indicated that he thought that people would understand that his comments in *Channels* regarding his vision were formulated in the context of the foundation provided by this earlier work and built upon it. Dr. Astrab stated that he certainly, therefore, did not mean to ignore or be

dismissive of the work of the Planning Committee or its sub-committee. He indicated that he recognizes and values the contributions of all who were part of that effort. He stated that there was no intent on his part to fail to appreciate the work of all who contributed to the earlier strategic planning effort. He added that it was his goal to give information as to where he feels we're at, how we're going to move forward together and how we can we can build cooperatively and collectively on the work that has been done before.

Speakers

Kimberley Reiser, Chair, Academic Senate, stated that the Academic Senate condemns all acts of vandalism on our campus. She thanked the board for endorsing the annual state aide increase proposal, granting sabbaticals and meeting with the Academic Senate Executive Committee prior to the Board meeting. Chair Reiser spoke of shared governance and academic freedom and asked the Board to reinstate the allncc email.

Philip Nicholson, Chair, History Department spoke about the need to do relevant comparisons between NCC and other institutions of higher education in evaluating the appropriate responses to the challenges confronting NCC. He gave to the Board a copy of a report conducted several years ago comparing NCC to twenty national regional suburban single campus community colleges.

Michael Steuer, Vice Chair, Academic Senate, echoed Dr. Reiser in condemning the acts of vandalism that took place on February 8, and thanked the Board for meeting with the Academic Senate executive group. He also commented on the NCC Strategic Plan and the Channels publication.

Shoel Cohen, Psychology Department spoke of his concerns regarding the state of the College.

Jann Karlos Vargas, President of the Student Organization of Latino's at NCC spoke of the DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) explaining the issues facing young undocumented students worldwide. He also asked the board to support their efforts on March 6 when he and other student supporters go to Albany to lobby for the DREAM ACT.

Joachim Villa Lobos, NCC student spoke of the challenges he faces as an undocumented student in the United States and asked the Board for their help and support in lobbying for the DREAM Act.

Wendolyne Sabrozo, NCC sophomore senator spoke of the DREAM Act, the effects of being an undocumented student and asked the Board for their support in lobbying for the DREAM Act.

Gul Berktaş, BOT Student Trustee spoke of the DREAM Act and asked the board for their support in spreading the knowledge that the DREAM ACT is not just a Latino issue that it affects youths from all ethnicities.

Frank Frisenda, NCCFT commented on how proud he is of these students for their accomplishments that they have been able to overcome. He also stated that the faculty supports the DREAM Act.

Debra DeSanto, NCCFT President expressed the sentiments of the NCCFT that the students are their primary concern.

Dr. Astrab thanked the students and asked for a copy of their statements along with their permission to share their statements with the community college presidents' next week in Albany. Dr. Astrab mentioned that Trustee Adams representing the New York Community College Trustees and he will be in Albany on March 6 for NYCCT Community College Advocacy Day.

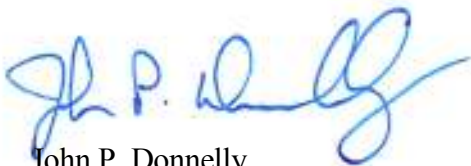
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Prime thanked the students who attended the Board meeting for their level of commitment as supporters of the DREAM Act.

Chair Prime announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. and the Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 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 Donnelly and seconded by Trustee Cornachio.
Motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Donnelly
Secretary