

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of March 8, 2016

The five hundred ninety-fifth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:25 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green, Wanda H. Jackson,
Edward W. Powers, Donna M. Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: Arnold W. Drucker, Anthony W. Cornachio

Also in attendance: Interim President Dolan, EVP Saunders

Chair Gardyn 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) potential litigation with Nassau County Comptroller; and 2) review of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 10-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:33 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Arnold W. Drucker, Secretary
John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green, Wanda H. Jackson,
Edward W. Powers, Donna M. Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: Anthony W. Cornachio

Also in attendance: Interim President Dolan, EVP Saunders

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 9-0.

1. Trustee Tuman introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NATIONAL GRID HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE GRANTED AN EASEMENT ON LAND ADJACENT TO CHARLES LINDBERGH BOULEVARD FOR INSTALLATION OF A NATURAL GAS LINE AND REGULATOR, AND

WHEREAS, AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY NATIONAL GRID AND THE COUNTY IS NOW INITIATING ITS APPROVAL PROCESS, AND

WHEREAS, A RESOLUTION FROM THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S APPROVAL PROCESS, AND

WHEREAS, THE GAS REGULATOR WILL REINFORCE THE GAS SUPPLY AND RELIABILITY TO THE LOCAL AREA INCLUDING NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DOES HEREBY APPROVE OF THE EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID AS DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSED MAP.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Powers moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 9-0.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion under Article IV section 3(f) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of three items that did not appear on the Calendar (resolutions 2, 3, 4 & 5). Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 9-0.

2. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR USE OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES FOR THE LIONS CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 20K2 SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 13, 2016 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ALL ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE USER.

Motion carried 9-0.

3. Trustee Powers introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, TKO EVOLUTION, LOCATED AT 4 BRYANT PARK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, HAS OFFERED TO DONATE 500 YARDS OF FABRIC TO THE MARKETING, RETAILING, FASHION BUYING MERCHANDISING, INTERIOR AND FASHION DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND

WHEREAS, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE DONATION IS APPROXIMATELY NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00);

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS DONATION WILL ENRICH THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND GREATLY APPRECIATES THE DONATION.

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF FABRIC FROM TKO EVOLUTION.

Motion carried 9-0.

4. Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, SCARLETT DRESS, LOCATED AT 134 WEST 37TH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, HAS OFFERED TO DONATE 300 YARDS OF FABRIC TO THE MARKETING, RETAILING, FASHION BUYING MERCHANDISING, INTERIOR AND FASHION DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND

WHEREAS, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE DONATION IS APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00);

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS DONATION WILL ENRICH THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND GREATLY APPRECIATES THE DONATION.

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF FABRIC FROM SCARLETT DRESS.

Motion carried 9-0.

5. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INGERMAN SMITH IS HEREWITH AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COMPTROLLER OF NASSAU COUNTY RESPECTING THE COMPTROLLER'S UNLAWFUL REFUSAL TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS ARISING FROM AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLLEGE AND THE NCCFT.

Motion carried 9-0.

6. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COLLEGE-WIDE PROMOTION AND TENURE COMMITTEE AND THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION, THE FACULTY MEMBERS NAMED HEREIN ARE HEREBY GRANTED PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.

Tenure & Promotion to Assistant Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Terrence Black	Chemistry
Gerard DeFeo	Allied Health

Tenure

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Ruth Calderon	International Education

Promotion to Technical Assistant II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Robert Madura	Hospitality

Promotion to Administrative Assistant III

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Nancy Rothbaum	Academic Advisement

Promotion to Technical Assistant III

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Armen Baderian	Mathematics
Shanicqua Bynum	Hospitality
Albert Donor	Allied Health Sciences
Christopher Jusino	Music
Timothy Prohinsie	HPER
Caitlin Thurber	Biology
Michael Wetherall	Biology

Reclassification as Technologist

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Richard Niemeier	Engineering
William Quattromani	Mathematics

Tenure & Promotion to Technologist II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Adam Pilipshen	Distance Education

Promotion to Technologist III

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Adam Auteri	Information Technology Services
Diana Forbes	Information Technology Services
Jeffrey Gross	Information Technology Services

Tenure & Promotion to LINCC Lecturer II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Barbara Batra	LINCC
Barbara Brady	LINCC
Natalia de Cuba	LINCC
Ashley Fifer	LINCC
Elizabeth Fonseca	LINCC
Margot Gramer	LINCC
Maryanne Kildare	LINCC
Fernanda Marmo-McAuley	LINCC

Tenure & Promotion to LINCC Lecturer II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Barby Punzone	LINCC
Elaine Soffer	LINCC
Jainy Thomas	LINCC
Cara Tuzzolino-Werben	LINCC
Mary Woodruff	LINCC

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 9-0.

Dr. Dolan reported on the following items:

1. Congratulated Professor Trent Webb, Department of Communications, and the NCC Speech, Debate and Acting Team, for having won its first ever SNAFU (Southern and Northern Atlantic Forensics Union) Championship this past weekend.
2. Congratulated the NCC Wrestling Team for having won the NJCAA 2016 Non-Scholarship National Championship on February 27, 2016 and Head Coach, Paul Schmidt, for having been named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year. Dr. Dolan introduced team members and assistant coaches in attendance, after which Coach Schmidt spoke with pride on how these students had pulled together to overcome the adversity of a second round loss, and are not just good athletes but are successful in their academics. Coach Schmidt further noted that the students truly represent the local metropolitan area. Fifteen members are eligible for recruiting, ten of whom are graduating. Dr. Dolan commended Coach Schmidt for seizing teachable moments to enrich the experience with life lessons.
3. Congratulated the NCC Men's Basketball team for having won the Division III Championship on February 28, 2016 for Region XV (for which Head Coach A.J. Wynder was also named Coach of the Year), and will travel to Sullivan CC to compete in the NJCAA National Championship.
4. NCC SGA President Juliana Dijkstra, whom he praised for her determination, approached him last week on behalf of the SGA with a proposal to keep the Library open past 9 p.m. until midnight from May 9–12, 2016. He is pleased to announce that the College has been able to accommodate this request with appropriate staffing, so students will not have to seek other local libraries during the week of finals.
5. He attended a Veterans' Administration audit exit interview last month, characterizing it as "almost surreal" in its praise, which is especially gratifying for a group under so much pressure. The interviewer used such positive terms as "perfect", "model", and "ideal" to describe the services and quality of documentation, feedback and follow-through. In the middle of the meeting, the Star-Spangled Banner was coincidentally broadcast, aptly reminding all of the reason for working so hard for such deserving people who have so ably served us.
6. He announced soon-to-be retiring Congressman Steve Israel would be visiting NCC on March 9th. Congressman Israel, who recently escorted President Obama at the State of the Union address both in and out of chambers, is a graduate of NCC. He unfortunately will be unable to speak as long as originally planned in order to attend an event at noon on the same day scheduled by Kris Goldsmith, another NCC graduate, who has prevailed upon Congresspersons Rice and King to discuss legislation to assist veterans.
7. He attended guest speaker Anita Hill's appearance as part of the College's Sexual Harassment Awareness Days and Women's History Month. She spoke profoundly on her experience testifying at the Senate's judiciary committee hearings back in 1991. Her first-hand account was as well-received as it was well-articulated.

8. He announced the commencement of the Middle States Committee visit on Sunday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 16, 2016. He requested that all members of the College remain flexible with their schedules to accommodate the Committee's needs.
9. He stated that the College confronts critical budget challenges. At a meeting earlier in the day, VP of Finance Inna Reznik detailed a \$9 million gap between expected revenues and expenses. While all involved will work hard to manage revenues, including maximizing County and State contributions, controlling expenses remains the primary focus. VP Reznik often refers to the importance of the College's liquidity, our ability to pay bills, as we scrutinize our cash flow. Over the next two months we will educate ourselves on the specifics and work closely with our Board to develop a budget responsive to the situation and as friendly to our students as possible.

Speakers

Evelyn Wortsman Deluty, Academic Senate Chair, spoke of concerns with the 2015-2016 SUNY Excels Performance Improvement Plan Narrative (PIP) because of the false and unsubstantiated claims within the document and because it presents an embarrassing portrayal of the College. She further stated that the Senate remains ready to work through the existing shared governance channels at Nassau Community College to rework the SUNY Excels Performance Improvement Plan and to develop next year's report.

Dr. Dolan added that he is not commenting on the PIP report because it has been referred to the Nassau County District Attorney by the NCCFT and because it would be foolish for him to do so until he hears the nature of that criminal investigation. He also stated that he advised the Middle States Team that he is limited to speak about the PIP report because of the investigation.


Thomas Bruckner, Chair of Physical Sciences, congratulated the LINCC lecturers on their tenure and promotion and the wonderful job they do for students. He also spoke about the need for dorms on campus to attract more students to NCC.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Full Board meeting. The Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Powers moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arnold Drucker
Secretary