

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of September 13, 2016

The six hundredth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 13, 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, Student Trustee.

Absent: Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker, Michael Hilt.

Also in attendance: President Keen

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) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the Ungraded Administrators of NCC; 2) litigation with Nassau County Comptroller; 3) litigation regarding Gorman et al. and 4) of reviewing 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 Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 10-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:55 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

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

Also in attendance: President Keen

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2016. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 10-0.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2016. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 6-0-4 (Drucker, Green, Jackson, Tuman).

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2016. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 7-0-3 (Drucker, Green, Tuman).

1. Trustee Powers introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZES THE INCREASE IN THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY FOR FEDERAL WORK STUDY OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYEES FROM \$9.75 TO \$10.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Not Called.

3. Trustee Hilt introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF FABRIC AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM MITCHEL WOLFE FROM THE ESTATE OF PROFESSOR SHARYNE WOLFE OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 10-0.

4. Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM TED RONNEBURGER OF COX MEDIA GROUP.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 10-0.

5. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR USE OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX FOR THE 2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK, LONG ISLAND REGION FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016 AND BE IT

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

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 10-0.

6. Trustee Powers introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO DR. THOMAS P. DOLAN FOR HIS SERVICE AS INTERIM PRESIDENT AND DEDICATION TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND IN RECOGNITION OF THIS DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DR.

THOMAS P. DOLAN IS HEREBY GRANTED THE PERMANENT TITLE OF INTERIM PRESIDENT EMERITUS WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS ACCRUING THERETO.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 10-0.

Chair Gardyn expressed his personal gratitude to Dr. Dolan for his invaluable service over the past year in shepherding the *College* securely in its transition to Dr. Keen to move the community forward in its mission, and requested a final round of applause from all.

Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College conducted a vote for election of officers during the public session. Chair Gardyn was re-elected as Chair by a vote of 6-4. No Trustee garnered the necessary six votes for the office of vice chair. Trustee Drucker was re-elected as Secretary by a vote of 6-4.

Dr. Keen has been deeply impressed by the warm welcome and support he has received in his first 44 days on the job, not only by colleagues but by members of the public who champion the College. Pleased to be working on behalf of the College and its students, he is also gratified to be joined by Dr. Valerie Collins, whose extensive experience and knowledge of academics and Middle States gives him added confidence.

Dr. Keen reported on the following items:

- Renewed Federal and State government funding totaling \$1.5M has been renewed for four projects to enable us to improve the educational environment: the *Liberty Partnership* and *GearUp* help prepare high school students for college; and *TRIO* and *Perkins* enrich support services for the *College's* students.
- His focus has been on addressing the seven deficient Middle States standards in order to retain accreditation; he has organized a coordinating committee and five sub-committees to confront each of the charges and corresponding requirements in preparing our Monitoring Report. Most of these committees have already met, and he expects a full draft to be ready by mid-October for review. He emphasized that while the committees have been kept small for the sake of managing deliberations; shared governance of the work extends to other groups, particularly the Academic Senate and Department Chairs. As efforts have already produced concrete progress, he is confident not only that the Monitoring Report will be solid, but in two years all deficiencies will be addressed to reinforce full accreditation.
- Update on measures completed by the Board of Trustees are 1) a President has been appointed; 2) a policies and procedures manual has been formulated to “establish an organized and systematic means of orienting new Board members”; and 3) in May, prior to his departure, Dr. Dolan implemented guidelines for an annual process to “establish an organized and systematic means of self-assessment”.
- Still to be created is a “system of shared governance in which each constituency carries out its role in a complementary manner consistent with the principles of shared governance and New York State regulations”. Within this structure, roles and responsibilities and authority will be understood and defined so that all groups will work together.
- After the submission of the November 1, 2016 Monitoring Report, a Small Team of five evaluators will visit the campus on November 27-30, the same length of time for a full 10-year accreditation, after which the Small Team will submit its findings to the Middle States Commission. The College will receive an additional report after the Middle States Commission’s March 2017 meeting.

Speakers

Evelyn Deluty, Chair of Academic Senate, thanked the Board for taking the first steps to lead the College out of its state of probation to assure accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through the appointment of Dr. Keen as permanent President after six years. Dr. Keen reached out to faculty leaders in July, a month before the start of his official term, to assemble a coordinating committee whose membership encourages collaboration amongst all constituencies and integration with the Senate's shared governance structure. Recognizing that the absence of academic leadership was not beneficial to our students, Dr. Keen hired Dr. Collins as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Phyllis Kurland, Student Personnel Services (SPS), shared the extraordinary success of the recent Student Activities' Freshman Orientation that served 1,000 students more than at last year's sessions. Dean of Admissions David Follick has estimated that the program reached 80% of the incoming class. She thanked VP Maria Conzatti, Dean of Students Charmian Smith, SPS Chair Genette Alvarez-Ortiz, Prof. Bill Zatulskis for spearheading the effort, the IT department for its design of special online registration system, and student orientation leaders. New students met either Dr. Keen or VP Conzatti, saw a new motivational video featuring our student leaders, whom they also met and who shared strategies for success and took campus tours. She gave each Board member the same "goodie bag" received by the students.

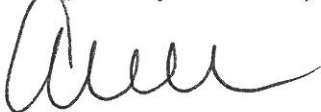
Lynn Mazzola, Chair of Chairs, thanked the Board. She praised Dr. Keen for reaching out to have extensive conversations with representative leadership. Dr. Collins has met with the Chairs and has hit the ground running to help out. She commented that all are excited and working very hard to get the College back to where it was.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 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 approximately 7:30 p.m.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 10-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arnold Drucker
Secretary