

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of November 14, 2023

The six hundred seventy-second meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:55 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John A. DeGrace, Secretary Pro Tem;
Lynne D'Agostino, George Siberón, Donna M. Tuman, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson, John R. Durso

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

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 purposes : 1) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCAA; 2) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCFT; 3) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the AFA; and 4) to review 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 Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John A. DeGrace, Secretary Pro Tem;
Lynne D'Agostino, George Siberón, Donna M. Tuman, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson, John R. Durso

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023. Trustee Siberón moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Trustee Siberón introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement with Guidepost Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$334,450, as requested by Charmian Smith, Interim Vice President, Academic Student Services.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Trustee Ateş introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement with HVAC, Inc. in the amount of \$10,984,938.80, as requested by Phillip Cappello, AVP, Facilities Management.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. A discussion ensued on whether the funds could be allocated to renovate student-centered buildings instead of the Administrative Tower. Dr. Mayyasi replied that the funds could be reallocated to renovate other buildings, however, it will take years to do so since County funding is for specific capital projects. Dr. Gardyn added that when the County allocates capital money for a specific project, the money must be used for that project or lose it. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Trustee Tuman introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees accepts the donation of thirty-six (36) Avante Funtus office chairs from the Telcar Group and expresses their appreciation for this gift.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 7-0.

5. New Program Proposal: *AAS degree in UX/UI Design* – Tabled.

6. First Reading and Discussion – Policy 4200 Posthumous Degree Awards

Trustee Weiss stated the purpose of the policy is to provide for the recognition and awarding of a degree to an eligible student who was enrolled at Nassau Community College at, or prior to, their death. Posthumous degrees are provided to the family of the deceased student as a meaningful acknowledgement of the student's accomplishments while attending the College. Dr. Conzatti certified that she reviewed Policy 4200 and that it has been submitted for consultation to the appropriate constituencies within the College prior to submission to the Board.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of two(2) do not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the college's collective bargaining team and the college administration, the terms of the proposed collective bargaining agreement covering the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 between the college/county and the Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers (NCCFT) be approved by the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Maria P. Conzatti, Chief Administrative Officer of Nassau Community College, be authorized to execute the formal collective bargaining agreement on behalf of Nassau Community College and the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College recommends the approval and adoption of said collective bargaining agreement with the NCCFT by the County Executive and the Nassau County Legislature.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D’Agostino. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Trustee D’Agostino 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 promoted to the title and position as indicated herein, effective September 1, 2023.

Promotion to Associate Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Kristine M. Abrams	Health/Physical Education/Recreation
Mary Amalraj	Nursing
Terrence Black	Chemistry
Laurence Carlin	Allied Health Sciences
Donna Cempa-Danziger	Allied Health Sciences
Theresa Collins	English
Kristine Ferrucci-Egan	Nursing
Linda Hittleman	Hospitality Business
Janis Mazza	Math/Comp Sci/Info Tech
Daniel Resch	Chemistry
Michael Rose	Math/Comp Sci/Info Tech
Gina Siple	English

Promotion to Full Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
E. Consuelo Arias	World Languages and Cultures
Rosemary DeRiso	Economics and Finance
Janet Farrell Leontiou	Communications
Rosette Finneran	English
Dean Holzmann	Accounting/Business Administration
Elizabeth Hynes-Musnisky	English
Christine Marchese	Accounting/Business Administration
Laura O’Connell	Communications
Angela Oglesby-Reyes	Math/Comp Sci/Info Tech
Joann Seibert	Math/Comp Sci/Info Tech
Paul Sheehan	Music
Timothy Strode	English
JoAnne Thacker	Math/Comp Sci/Info Tech
Silvina Trica-Flores	World Languages and Cultures

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

1. Congratulations to all who participated in the Open House, there were over 300 students along with 500 family members who attended the event.
2. Homecoming – celebrated a win over Hudson Valley and honored our Wrestling players. Honored 26 faculty, selected by student-athletes, who have positively contributed to their academic success.
3. Foundation Gala is Dec 7th at 6pm Garden City Hotel, looking forward to seeing everyone there.
4. Patrick Gardner, a standout basketball forward and center for the Nassau Community College Lions, recently signed a training camp contract with the Brooklyn Nets. Congratulation to coach A.J. Wynder and Patrick Gardner who earned an A.A. in Liberal Arts.

Speakers

Joan Buckley, Chair, Nursing Dept. spoke of the exciting happenings in Nursing, such as, courses offered to students, and the success of the NCC-ESC Multi Award nursing program. NUR 100 “An Introduction to Nursing” offered to high school students who first-hand experience the basics of Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy and the Surgical Tech programs; students in NUR 105 and NUR 204 visit Fresenius Kidney Care and Dialysis Centers to get quality experiences in the community. The NCC/ESC Multi-Award program has consistently attracted 75-100 individuals to each of the monthly information sessions and 65% of those students apply to NCC. Chair Buckley is an Alumni of the NCC Nursing program.

Chair Gardyn added as the only physician on the Board and who has practiced in the community for almost 35 years, NCC nursing students and nurses are the finest out there. Trustee Siberón recently underwent elbow surgery and while there two nurses from the operating room told him they were proud graduates of the NCC Nursing program.

Faren Siminoff, NCCFT President, thanked the Board for approving the NCCFT contract and the faculty promotions. She hopes moving forward everyone can work together more transparently and in a unified way.

Dr. Gardyn announced that it is with great sadness the Board reports the passing of Trustee Ronald Rosenberg. We offer our sincerest condolences to his family and our thanks for sharing Ron with us, he will be missed.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees’ Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Committee meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the opening of the public session.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. DeGrace
Secretary Pro Tem