# BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE/CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 (CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES)

Finance/Capital Committee Members 2016-2017:

Linda Green, Chair John DeGrace Donna Tuman Kathy Weiss

The Capital Committee segment of the Finance/Capital Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Tuman at approximately 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. The meeting took place on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

Present: Jorge Gardyn

Linda Green

Donna Tuman (appointed ad hoc chair by Trustee Gardyn)

Kathy Weiss John DeGrace

Michael Hilt, student trustee

Also in attendance: President Keen

Vice Presidents Muscarella, Conzatti Assoc. Vice President S. Friedman

Asst. Vice Presidents C. Friedman, R. Lawless

Asst. to the President for Governmental and Media Relations Murray

Comptroller Izquierdo

Treasurer Hahn

**Procurement Director Cappello** 

Brian Hassan, PSEG

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

## Item #1-Review and Approval of September 13, 2016 minutes:

Trustee Weiss made a motion that the minutes of September 13, 2016 be approved, and Trustee Gardyn seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Vice President Muscarella advised the Committee that we were going to skip to Item #5 at this time-Resolution for easement to construct substation by PSEG.

Brian Hassan of PSEG was present at the meeting to discuss the easement PSEG wishes to obtain for construction of a substation. VP Muscarella explained that we would need Board of Trustees approval for this. Trustee Gardyn asked when the planning on this started at the College. VP Muscarella replied that discussions began about six months ago. Dr. Gardyn asked if the College had any plans for the property in

question in future years and was advised by VP Muscarella that we did not; this property is too far removed from everything else on campus.

Mr. Hassan explained that the size of the lot in question is approximately 175' x 175' and is just to the east of the Central Utility Plant toward the east side of the NCC campus. The substation is needed in order to provide power to the campus and surrounding area due to growing expansion. The Nassau Hub, Hofstra University's plans to add more buildings to their campus, Memorial Sloan Kettering's planned construction, and other development plans by hotels and retailers in the area all will require more power. In addition, the Nassau County Police Department is planning to construct a new Academy on the NCC campus. The proposed transmission lines will be 100% underground. The entire substation will be buffered by trees and will not be visible from the outside. Trustee Gardyn asked how the College would benefit from the substation. Mr. Hassan replied that we would have another backup if there was a power outage. In addition, the planned Performing Arts Center and Police Academy as well as any future buildings on campus would have sufficient energy available for their needs. VP Muscarella added that PSEG would be totally renovating and rebuilding Perimeter Road as part of this plan; he noted that Perimeter Road is in terrible condition and it would be very costly for the College to renovate. Trustee Gardyn asked if the College will be reimbursed for leasing the land. Mr. Hassan replied that PSEG will be reimbursing the County for the lease. VP Muscarella noted that we will need to engage the County. Trustee Gardyn asked if this project does anything to reduce the cost of electricity to the college, and Mr. Hassan said it did not. Trustee Weiss asked if there would be disruption on campus during the construction, and VP Muscarella said it would not; he said Perimeter Road is currently not used much and we had plans to close this road in the future anyway. Trustee Gardyn asked what the timeline on this was. Mr. Hassan said the design planning would begin in 2017, construction to begin in 2018 and completion in 2019. Trustee Gardyn asked if PSEG has been in talks with the County on this, and Mr. Hassan said yes, they have made it as far as meeting with the Planning Commission and then, if approved by the NCC Board, it would go to the full Legislature. Trustee Gardyn asked about a monetary benefit to the College and VP Muscarella replied that we need to have a discussion with the County. Trustee Gardyn said that the Committee cannot agree to anything yet. VP Muscarella stated that he can have this discussion with the County prior to the November meeting and we can put this on the agenda for the November meeting. Trustee Weiss stated that there are many things which need to be in place before this gets put on a meeting agenda, and she would like all things in place before the item goes on a meeting agenda.

# Item #2-Capital Project Bonding Request to the County Legislature - passed:

VP Muscarella reported that the Capital Project Bonding Request has been passed due to the efforts of Governmental and Media Relations Assistant to the President Murray, who worked with everyone in the County to get this done. Trustee Gardyn commended Governmental and Media Relations Assistant to the President Murray for her efforts and for the successful outcome. The money is to be used only for Nassau Community College.

#### Item #3-Proposed Amendment to the 2016 County Capital Plan - passed:

VP Muscarella reported that the amendment was passed unanimously. This enables us to submit the Plan to SUNY by their deadline. AVP C. Friedman added that we have already submitted this to the SUNY.

## Item #4-Resolution on Capital Plan for SUNY:

Trustee Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution, and Trustee Tuman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

# **Item #6-Capital Expenditures Report:**

AVP C. Friedman reviewed the expenditures on the meeting handout for October 2016 with the Committee.

# Item #7-State Reimbursement Status:

AVP C. Friedman reported there were seven pending reimbursement submittals for October 2016, as listed on the meeting handout.

# Item #8-Project Status:

AVP C. Friedman gave update on project status.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Joseph Muscarella

Vice President Facilities Management