

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of December 18, 2012

The five hundred fifty-third meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prime at 6:47 p.m.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;  
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio,  
Arnold W. Drucker, Jorge L. Gardyn, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Chuck Cutolo.

**Absent:** John P. Donnelly, Richard M. Gutierrez

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; 2) to discuss matters relating to a grievance filed by the AFA that is currently the subject of a Step III hearing; 3) to discuss matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion or removal of the President, Officer in Charge, Academic Deans and certain other ungraded administrators; and 4) to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. Trustee Adams moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 9:04 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;  
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker,  
Jorge L. Gardyn, Richard M. Gutierrez, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Donna Haugen, Chuck Cutolo.

**Absent:** John P. Donnelly

The minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion made by Trustee Drucker and seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Trustee Cornachio introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED:

Department	Description	Amount
a) CIO/ITS	To provide HP Desktop PC's and Pro-Books for the Math Dept. and various labs and classrooms on campus. This is a cumulative fiscal year expenditure. (Funding Source: Technology Fees)	\$ 157,168.00

b)	VP Facilities/ Public Safety	To continue the vehicle registration program for NCC. This is cumulative fiscal year expenditure. (Funding Source: Operating Budget)	\$ 100,000.00
c)	VP Facilities/ Facilities Management	For emergency work due to Hurricane Sandy (Funding Source: Operating Budget)	\$ 272,124.53

Seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Trustee Guterrez introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN RECOGNITION OF THE BENEFITS THAT THE LEVEL OF STATE SUPPORT BEING RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE SUNY FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE NCC ACADEMIC SENATE WILL BRING IN FURTHERANCE OF NCC'S ACHIEVING ITS MISSION ON BEHALF OF ITS STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE, DOES HEREBY CALL FOR THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 TO INCLUDE AN INCREASE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF \$260 PER FTE, THEREBY KEEPING ON TRACK THE ATTAINMENT OF A LEVEL OF STATE FUNDING THAT BY FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 WILL ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF HAVING A 33% STATE SHARE OF THE OPERATING BUDGETS OF NEW YORK STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Cornachio made a motion under Article IV section 3(f) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that does not appear on the Calendar.

Trustee Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Trustee Cornachio introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THERE IS ESTABLISHED A TEMPORARY COMMITTEE OF THIS BOARD, THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH (HEREAFTER "THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE"), THE MEMBERS OF WHOM SHALL BE TRUSTEES PRIME, GUTIERREZ, AMIN AND CORNACHIO, AND IT IS FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT THERE IS ESTABLISHED A PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE, WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 14, AS FOLLOWS: THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE, KIMBERLEY REISER, AS DESIGNEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE, DEBRA DESANTO, AS DESIGNEE OF THE NCCFT, LYNN MAZZOLA, AS DESIGNEE OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, CHARLES LOIACONO, AS DESIGNEE OF THE AFA, DENISE GUNN, AS DESIGNEE OF THE CSEA CHAPTER, LOGAN KENNEY, AS DESIGNEE OF THE SGA, AND DESIGNEES TO BE NAMED FROM THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE MAJORITY AND THE MINORITY PARTIES OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE; THE MISSION OF THIS COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN FULFILLING ITS DUTY TO SELECT A PRESIDENT, AND IT IS FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT TRUSTEE CORNACHIO IS APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEE AMIN IS APPOINTED AS ITS SECRETARY, AND IT IS FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE TEMPORARY COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE, AND IT IS FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT THOSE APPOINTED TO THESE COMMITTEES ARE CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERS, AND SHALL ACCEPT THEIR POSITION AFTER AGREEING THAT THEY ARE SERVING VOLUNTARILY.

Seconded by Trustee Gutierrez. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Saunders reported on the following:

1. 2012 County Capital Budget; Dr. Saunders read the following statement:

“We have some very good news to report from the County Legislature.

Yesterday, the County Legislature approved an amendment to the 2012 County Capital Budget ordinance. As a result of this amendment, the necessary steps have been taken to anchor the more than \$19 million dollars in State capital funding that had been allocated to Nassau Community College as part of the State’s 2012 capital budget.

There had been a delay in the County’s passing its 2012 capital budget, and we have been concerned that there was an increasing risk that if the County has not indicated its willingness to match the State’s allocation to the College for these capital projects, THEN a lot of this money could -- to use a diplomatic word -- “migrate” to other community colleges as part of the State’s preparation of its 2013 capital budget. As it is, even with yesterday’s action by the County Legislature, County funding will still need to be appropriated in subsequent years to follow through on this commitment in support of these projects that was made yesterday. BUT what occurred yesterday, nevertheless, represents a huge step forward.

These projects include a new consolidated student services center that will enhance our ability to meet our students’ needs in the admissions, registration and advisement processes in a way that will start off their experience at NCC in a much more favorable manner and that will allow us to better serve them throughout their time at the College. For those interested, I can supply a complete list of these projects.

Good news like this to the tune of \$19 million dollars, as we know, doesn’t just happen. In October, I met with Chief Deputy County Executive Rob Walker to discuss our concerns. I want to thank Mr. Walker for his leadership on this issue and the members of the County Legislature for their support. I also want to express my special thanks to Vice President Joe Muscarella, Carol Friedman and Chuck Cutolo who, within each of their responsibilities at the College and by working together, played vital roles in making this good news happen.”

2. Reimbursement of expenditures from Super Storm Sandy. Revenue losses as the result of refund of tuition and fees related to hardship cases are not covered.
3. Process of the selection committees for the five Deans.
4. Wished all a peaceful and restful holiday.

Speakers

Kimberley Reiser, Senate Chair, commented on the searches for the President and the Academic Deans. She also expressed her concerns regarding safety and security on campus.

Debra DeSanto, NCCFT President, spoke of the PERB ruling upholding NCC's long-standing practice of converting temporary to probationary lines once crossing over to the 5th semester. She also added that she is hopeful that the Board and the NCCFT will work together as we enter into full-blown negotiations.

Michael Steuer, Senate First Vice Chair, expressed his concerns regarding the presidential search, academic leadership at the cabinet level, NCC's Middles States Self-study, and the need to improve emergency procedures on campus.

Chair Prime announced the next Capital/Finance Committee meeting will take place at a date and time certain in January 2013 with the specific date and time to be announced in accordance with the notice requirements of the Rules of the Board of Trustees specified in Article IV, section 4 of the Rules. The next Board meeting will take place at a date and time certain in January 2013 with the specific date and time to be announced in accordance with the notice requirements of the Rules of the Board of Trustees specified in Article IV, section 4 of the Rules.

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Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 10:09 p.m.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;  
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker,  
Jorge L. Gardyn, Richard M. Gutierrez, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Donna Haugen, Chuck Cutolo.

**Absent:** John P. Donnelly

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arnold W. Drucker  
Secretary Pro Tem