

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of December 9, 2014

The five hundred seventy-sixth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 7:25 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Arnold W. Drucker, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace,
Wanda Jackson, Patrick Deegan, Student Trustee.

Absent: Mary A. Adams, Edward W. Powers, Donna M. Tuman, Kathy Weiss

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Chuck Cutolo.

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 collective bargaining involving the AFA; 2) to discuss matters involving litigation relating to the labor dispute with the AFA; and 3) to discuss matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion or removal of a particular person. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 8:30 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Arnold W. Drucker, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace,
Wanda Jackson, Edward W. Powers, Patrick Deegan, Student Trustee.

Absent: Mary A. Adams, Donna M. Tuman, Kathy Weiss

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Maria Conzatti, Chuck Cutolo.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Trustee Cornachio introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 WITH POLYHEDRON LEARNING MEDIA, INC. REQUESTED BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEN VIRTUAL EQUIPMENT

MODULES THAT SIMULATE STUDENT EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED IN THE COLLEGE'S PHYSICS LABORATORIES. (FUNDING SOURCE: PERKINS GRANT)

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

2. Trustee Deegan introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AND AUTHORIZES REQUISITION #64989 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$948,793.68 AS REQUESTED BY VP FACILITIES MANAGEMENT/DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR LABOR & MATERIALS FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE NCC LIBRARY. (FUNDING SOURCE: CAPITAL BUDGET)

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

3. Trustee Deegan introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AND ADOPTS THE 2014/2015 CAPITAL PLAN.

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

4. Trustee Deegan introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPPORTS EXEMPTING INCOMING STUDENTS FROM THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMS VIA A SET OF MULTIPLE MEASURES THAT REFLECT PREVAILING AREA STANDARDS, AND THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES THAT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE BE SUPPORTED BY THE APPROPRIATE DATA, AND THAT THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT MONTHLY UPDATES BE PRESENTED TO IT AS TO THE STATUS OF THE WORK OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT IF SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IS NOT MADE BY MARCH 31, 2015, THEN THE BOARD WILL FURTHER ADDRESS THE ISSUE.

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

5. Chair Gardyn 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 Drucker seconded the motion.

Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, COLLEGE TREASURER, LISA HAHN CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY ON THE BANK ACCOUNTS CONTROLLED BY THE COLLEGE, AND

WHEREAS, INNA REZNIK HAS BEEN SELECTED TO REPLACE JAMES T. BEHRENS, JR. AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014 AND

WHEREAS, THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A SECOND SIGNATORY ON ANY ITEM OVER \$30,000.00 (WHICH REQUIRES TWO SIGNATURES) AND ALSO AS AN ALTERNATE SIGNER IN THE TREASURER'S ABSENCE, AND

WHEREAS, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED THE "NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVESTMENT POLICY", DATED OCTOBER 12, 2012, WHICH STATES IN SECTION III THAT AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE, INNA REZNIK, TO BE AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE SIGNATORY ON THE COLLEGE CONTROLLED BANK ACCOUNTS.

Motion carried 7-0.

6. Chair Gardyn 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 DeGrace seconded the motion.

Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS AT THE COLLEGE WIDE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2014 SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED THAT THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND THE GENERAL AS DEGREES SHOULD BE REVISITED AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR SEAMLESS TRANSFER IS MET, AND

WHEREAS AT THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2014, THE DEBATE OF THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUNY SEAMLESS TRANSFER MANDATE INCLUDED STATEMENTS THAT QUESTIONED WHETHER NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHOULD CONTINUE TO REQUIRE TWO COURSES OF MATH, TWO COURSES OF SCIENCE, AND TWO CREDITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES, AND

WHEREAS MOST AREA COLLEGES AND FOUR YEAR SUNY COLLEGES DO NOT REQUIRE TWO COURSES OF MATH, TWO COURSES OF SCIENCE AND TWO CREDITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO GRADUATE WITH THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS BA OR BS DEGREE, AND,

WHEREAS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR STUDENTS, A FULL AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY DIRECTS THE ACADEMIC SENATE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REDESIGN OF THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES TO INCLUDE OPTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR GRADUATION WITH THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES WITH LESS

THAN TWO COURSES OF MATH, TWO COURSES OF SCIENCE AND TWO CREDITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SUCH RECOMMENDATION BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE DATA, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE ACADEMIC SENATE SHALL MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS TO THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IF SAID RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ACADEMIC SENATE ARE NOT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY MAY 12, 2015, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE RELATING TO THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES.

Motion carried 7-0.

7. 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. Chair Gardyn seconded the motion.

Trustee Cornachio introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, THE NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE HAS SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 108 DUNCAN AVENUE (FORMALLY USED AS A DAY CARE CENTER FOR THE NAVY HOUSING AREA ON MITCHEL FIELD) TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BE RENOVATED TO ESTABLISH A CULINARY PROGRAM, AND

WHEREAS, NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO SUNY NOTIFICATION OF THIS TRANSFER, AND

WHEREAS, THE SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUIRES THAT THE NCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORMALLY ACCEPT THIS TRANSFER, AND

WHEREAS, NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THIS TRANSFER,

RESOLVED, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY AT 108 DUNCAN AVENUE FOR COLLEGE USE.

Motion carried 7-0.

Report from the Acting President:

Dr. Saunders asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of John Patrick Mulrooney who passed away this week. Mr. Mulrooney was a long-standing trusted member of the NCC Foundation and husband of Patricia Mulrooney, a former member of the NCC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Saunders also announced that Inna Reznick, former comptroller for Nassau Community College, was selected as a final candidate of choice for the Vice President for Finance and noted that her selection was the result of a national search to identify and to fill that position.

Dr. Saunders also stated that in the current contract negotiated between the Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers (NCCFT) and the College included a new component requiring the English Department full-time faculty to devote additional time per semester to working with NCC students in any combination of the following: tutoring students in reading and writing, academic advisement for liberal arts students, mentoring of liberal arts students or serving as conversational partners for LINCC students. Dr. Saunders indicated that he had an opportunity to meet with Professor Bruce Urquhart and Dr. Cathy Fagan on November 25th, who presented an exceptional overview of how they intend to structure this effort and he congratulated them on a job well done. Dr. Saunders stated he believed that as a result of this new initiative, the College will see a significant impact in terms of how our students are being supported.

The contract with the NCCFT also required the establishment of a college-wide retention committee, which met on November 25th to begin its deliberations on the implementation of a campus-wide student retention program. Based on the initial conversations at the meeting, Dr. Saunders indicated that he is optimistic that the committee will make a very good effort to look at all the issues impacting the retention of our students and that he anticipates some very good recommendations in terms of how we can collectively begin to address that issue.

Dr. Saunders also announced that Nassau Community College did very well in the County capital plan passed the previous week. This was phase two of the 2014 - 2017 County capital plan. It was done in two phases due to the NIFA (Nassau County Interim Finance Authority) considerations. And initially it looked like the College was not going to receive anything in phase two because of the general circumstances of the County's financial situation. But due to the collective efforts of this administration, Joe Muscarella, Carol Friedman and Chuck Cutolo, they were able to work with the County, in particular, Chief Deputy County Executive Rob Walker, with the result that the College will receive a total of over 13 million dollars in capital improvement programs in Fiscal Year's 2014 and 2015 from the County, which is matchable in a comparable amount from the State.

Dr. Saunders also extended congratulations to Stefan Krompfer and Scott Stark on their election as the Adjunct Faculty Association's (AFA) President and Vice President, and he indicated that he is looking forward to working with them.

Dr. Saunders also noted that during the previous week representatives from the College's offices of continuing education, financial aid and admissions made presentations to parents, students, guidance counselors and superintendents from Oceanside and Rockville Centre at the Rockville Centre Hispanic Brotherhood on the merits of attending Nassau Community College. The presentations were well received and since then, the College has received at least four invitations from other school districts in Nassau County for NCC to make similar presentations to them, especially to their first generation parents and students, on what they need to do to become a member of Nassau Community College.

Dr. Saunders also congratulated the Nassau Community College Lions football team who traveled to Scottsdale, Arizona this past week to participate in the Valley of the Sun Bowl winning the game 34 to 27, ending their season with a flawless record, absolutely no losses.

Dr. Saunders also offered a quick reminder, for those of you who received the notification on the 40th anniversary holiday card that the December 5th deadline has been extended to December 12th. Therefore, he noted that there's still time to make a contribution for a favorite scholarship. Donations could be made either in person at the Foundation House or you can do it online at www.ncc.edu/holidaycards.

Finally, Dr. Saunders wished everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday full of joy, peace and love.

Speakers

Professor Richard Cohen, Assistant Professor and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physical Sciences read the following statement:

“To the Board of Trustees, Acting President Saunders, Administrators, my colleagues, and everyone else in attendance. I’m here tonight to speak in support of the Adjunct Faculty Association. As many, if not all, of you know the AFA recently concluded an election that resulted in a new leadership team being selected for the AFA. Unfortunately, the AFA has now been working for over five years without a contract. We now have a perfect opportunity to forge a new dialog and re-energize negotiations. I believe that the AFA is ready to enter a new era. Now is the time to work together and move forward for the betterment of not only the AFA but The College as well. To show that the membership of the AFA is ready to enter this new era, I’m here to present a petition of support for the new leadership of the AFA and for new negotiations. In only five days, this petition has been signed by over 200 adjuncts representing 31 departments from all corners of campus. The petition reads: The Adjunct Faculty Association at Nassau Community College recently concluded an election to determine the leadership of the Association. As a result of that election Stefan Krompiew and Scott Stark were selected to lead the organization as President and Vice-President respectively from January 1, 2015 until December 31, 2017. We, the undersigned adjunct faculty, librarians, counselors, technical assistants, and others who are employed under the contract negotiated by the AFA and Nassau Community College, indicate our support for these individuals to represent us in those matters which relate to our collective employment at NCC. Nassau Community College is an amazing success story. Since opening in 1960, it has been responsible for successfully starting untold thousands of students along the path to their future careers. Numerous members of the College itself began their journey here. The reason for this success is the tremendous faculty here at NCC and Adjunct Professors are a vital component of that faculty. The College just would not be able to provide the services it does without the breadth of knowledge and experience that Adjuncts contribute to it. We go on record as affirming that the AFA is a strong organization whose members, and others that it represents, are united in our interest in developing a successor agreement with the College which recognizes the assets that we bring to the educational program at NCC and the outstanding academic experience that we provide for the students who attend this institution. We trust that the Board of Trustees of NCC will accept our offer to bargain in good faith for the betterment of NCC and that it will instruct its negotiators to work diligently to produce an agreement which all parties can accept with pride. Five years is much too long to work without a contract. It is time to recognize the contributions of Adjuncts to the College and it is time to make the AFA contract a priority.”

Professor Stefan Krompiew, President-elect of the Adjunct Faculty Association indicated that he looked forward to working with the members of the Board to do what is best for the students of NCC.

Professor Ruth Silverman stated that as a long time adjunct in the Sociology Department, she wanted to take this opportunity to describe, based on her activities and accomplishments, the value that adjuncts bring to the NCC community.

Dr. Darleen Braunshweiger spoke in her capacity as Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance and the Vice Chair of the College-wide Curriculum Committee. She offered the Board information regarding the process by which the College responded to the SUNY mandate relating to "semi-"seamless transfer. She noted that an ad hoc committee was created who worked very hard, delicately balancing the needs of our students, faculty, retention, graduation rates and budgets so that the proposal created by the committee would pass, did successfully pass at the College-Wide Curriculum Committee as well as at the Academic Senate at large. She stated that the administration often commended the Committee publicly about the work that had been done. In light of this work, she indicated that it was disheartening to have the Committee's work now be subject to a major revision as a result of a minority point of view that was expressed at the Academic Senate. She indicated that this reaction by the Board might lead to a chilling effect during the Academic Senate discussions.

Dr. David Stern, first Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate, indicated that while he welcomed the Board's level of attention to community college matters, he was disappointed in its recent actions. He stated that with that level of interest also comes a responsibility to get all the facts before the Board takes action. As an example, he noted that the Board was not provided the information from the administration as to why the Developmental Education Committee had not provided a report to the Board. He noted that the reason was, in fact, because the 29 Academic Senate committees have schedules that are set well in advance as per a very full calendar and that for a committee to meet more than once a month could impact on the ability of other committees to meet as well on faculty's teaching schedules. He urged the Board to work with the Academic Senate and its committees to work together instead of passing basically informed resolutions.

Dr. Ed Boyden spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Academic Senate and a member of the History Department. He stated that the Middle States Standards indicate that the governing body -- the Board -- should not micromanage or get involved in the day-to-day management of the institution, but that, in fact, is what he believes the Board is doing. As a result, he indicated that he believes there is a serious danger of the College being out of compliance with Middle State Standards. He also stated that there is a concern that the Board is passing resolutions without consultation with the faculty and in a manner inconsistent with the ways that decisions should be made via the deliberative and thoughtful manner set out in the College's shared governance process. He said that part of that process should involve the Board's consultation with the administration members who are on the various committees of the Academic Senate.

Trustee Cornachio stated that it appeared that a lot of people are misconstruing what this Board has done. He noted that it has come to the Board's attention that many of the prerequisites, requisites and standards imposed upon the student body are far in excess of those imposed on the student bodies in our academic institutional sisters, Hofstra, Adelphi, St. John's and the other local, and New York City institutions and the Board is curious as to why that is the case. He said it was in response to that situation that the Board formulated some questions for the Academic Senate and its committees, including the Developmental Education Committee to take a look at and report back to the Board. They can make recommendations and the Board will consider them. If the Board does not agree with such recommendations, they will take such further action as it deems appropriate. Therefore, in his view, the Board is not destroying shared governance. He stated that shared governance means just that -- shared -- and that the ultimate responsibility is that of the administration and the Board under statute, under the law. He indicated that the Board has a very deep concern about the high dropout rate among our student body and the fact that a large number of students don't graduate and that, pursuant to its duty under the law, it is trying to find the reasons. He indicated that over the years he has been a strong supporter of the faculty and, in that context, if he and other Board members believe that something should be looked into further by the faculty, then it should merit their attention. If the faculty believes that the current policy with respect to the matters that the Board has addressed in recent resolutions is correct, then, he stated the Board should be provided with the data and justifications that support the current policy.

Professor Phyllis Kurland from Student Personal Services indicated that she was astonished by what she had heard during the Board meeting. She stated that the Board's resolutions dealing with placement testing and math/science/phys-ed requirements do not, in fact, seek recommendations but, instead, have already come to conclusions with respect to what College policy should be. She indicated that if the Board wished to work in a collaborative way, then it should modify the resolutions. She also stated that the actions of the Board will undercut the work of the new retention committee of which she is Chair.

Trustee Cornachio indicated that the Board passed a resolution on the seamless transfer mandate only when it became convinced that the Academic Senate was not moving expeditiously to meet the SUNY mandate.

Dr. James Hoyt, NCCFT Vice President, yielded his time to Dr. Christine Berg.

Dr. Christine Berg spoke in her capacity as Chair of the Department of Reading and Basic Education and as Secretary of the Developmental Education Committee. She was also speaking on behalf of Professor Bruce Urquhart, Chair of the English Department, who was unable to attend the Board meeting because of weather conditions. In commenting on the resolution dealing with placement testing, she indicated that the Developmental Education Committee had asked for information from the College's Office of Institutional Research with respect to students SAT and how students perform on the placement exams, but that information has not yet been received by the Committee. She indicated that the Committee needed that information in an effort to follow up on the Board's resolution.

Trustees Gardyn and Cornachio engaged in an exchange with Dr. Berg. Trustee Gardyn stated that one of the questions the Board has is whether the bar that the College sets to exempt students from placement exam is set too high. Trustee Cornachio asked whether the Committee had compared those SAT scores, at which placement exams are required, to the practices and the standards at other colleges. Dr. Berg indicated that the Committee is aware of those scores, but that in her view what was much more compelling data is the College's Accuplacer cut off scores. Professor Carmine DeSanto, Chair of the Math Department then joined the discussion on the specifics and the relevance of the Accuplacer cut off scores.

Professor Tom Bruckner from the Department of Physical Sciences spoke on the College's requirements for math, science and phys ed and how they enhance the students educational development and job prospects. He cited a survey conducted by an Academic Senate Committee which indicates the top two reasons why students don't complete their education at NCC: they have family problems and their job interferes. He urged the Board to make informed decisions based on facts and stats.

Professor Gregory Lenhenbauer, Chair of the Physical Sciences Department, spoke in favor of NCC's current requirements for two math courses and two sciences courses in order to graduate. He said that this requirement would improve a student's educational development and pave the way for them to have well-paying jobs. He also indicated that these requirements are consistent with a liberal arts education by giving students an opportunity to take these courses and, perhaps, discover that they are interested in pursuing a field of study and an occupation for which they are essential components. He stated that lowering the requirements might allow a few more students to graduate, but if the student is unable to solve problems and think logically, they're also a lot less employable.

Professor Frank Frisenda spoke in his capacity as vice president of the NCCFT and an associate professor in the Department of Engineering, Physics and Technology. He indicated a concern that by the Board telling the faculty what the faculty's jobs are, the Board could be violating the terms and conditions of employment and the College's contract with the NCCFT. He also stated that the faculty does not have the ability to obtain data, for example, from Hofstra as to the performance of its students in relation to what their SAT scores are. He also said the Development Education Committee has been asking the administration for data on this issue and has not received it. He added that the Committee cannot do its work without data and should not be criticized for not doing its work when it has not been provided the data that would allow it to do its work. Trustee Gardyn asked whether the Committee had the data to support the College's current SAT cut off scores and asked what was the source of that data. Professor Frisenda reiterated that the administration must provide data to the Committee. He also indicated that the faculty is doing everything possible for the students every day and eliminating requirements just because students might find them difficult is not serving the students and that it amounts to a dumbing down of the curriculum. He further stated that the faculty is going to make recommendations consistent with the appropriate data and not just to meet the conclusions at which the Board has already arrived.

Trustee Cornachio stated that even if the Developmental Education Committee cannot receive the data that it seeks from the Administration (and the Board will press the Administration for that data), there should be data in the Committee's own files to justify what the current standards are. He further stated that if there is no such data then the Committee has a serious credibility issue with this Board. Trustee Gardyn concurred in the importance of having decisions based on data.

A discussion followed as to whether the Board's resolution related to the SUNY Seamless Transfer requirement precipitated action with respect to complying with that requirement or whether the Academic Senate's committees had already acted and the Academic Senate was prepared for further action by the time that the Board's resolution had passed. Members of the faculty stated that the process had already been set to be completed prior to the Board's resolution. Trustee Cornachio commented that it appeared to be a "weird coincidence."

Professor Delores Edward Sullivan, a NCC graduate of the Class of 1971 and an adjunct professor in the English Department spoke of the importance of science and math even for someone who pursued other fields later on, like herself. In that sense, she indicated that she was the "data" people were looking for. Trustee Gardyn thanked her for her commitment to education but that her story was an anecdote and not "data" per se.

To view the Public Comments in their entirety:

http://www.ncc.edu/aboutncc/ourpeople/board_of_trustees/bot_minutes.shtml

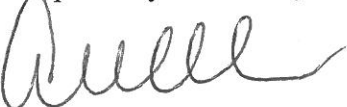
Trustee Gardyn also congratulated the football team and coach Joe Osovet for their undefeated season including the victory in the Valley of the Sun Bowl. Trustee Gardyn also indicated that he looked forward to forming a consensus between the faculty and the administration to deal with the issues confronting the College and that the Board has the responsibility to exercise oversight as to what is occurring at the College.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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 Jackson moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Arnold Drucker
Secretary