

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of January 29, 2013

The five hundred fifty-fourth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Prime at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;  
John P. Donnelly - Secretary;  
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker  
Jorge L. Gardyn, Edward W. Powers, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

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

**Absent:** 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, Acting President, Academic Deans and certain other ungraded administrators; and 4) to discuss the Presidential Search. Trustee Donnelly moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 8:21p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

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

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

Chair Prime greeted everyone and wished all a Happy New Year. He welcomed Edward Powers as the newest County appointee to the Board of Trustees. He congratulated Dr. Saunders on his new title as Acting President of NCC.

Trustee Powers thanked Chair Prime for the warm welcome and looks forward to serving his Alma Mater where he graduated with a Business degree.

Chair Prime read the following statement:

“For those that know me and some out there do, and others don’t, know that I am not one that will ever pretend to win the “Sensational Headline” award. I consider myself a humble guy from a small village in Nassau, who was fortunate enough to ascend to the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of

Nassau Community College. It is not a position I take lightly, and I am truly honored to be so named. For me, first and foremost, has always been, and always will be the best interest of this grand institution. And I recognize that different people have different views of what that best interest is depending on their different vantage points. And it doesn't mean that they are right or wrong...just different. And it's those differences that that make this College a great one.

I also recognize that sitting as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, this position will be the target of some criticism. And that is fair. That is part of the job. Whenever tough and unpopular decisions need to be made, it is understood by all that criticism will be forthcoming. What is not fair and what doesn't make sense to me is when legitimate criticism descends into the time honored tradition utilized in sandboxes the world round by 4-year olds, and that is name calling. I don't agree with you, therefore I will call you this. Your position on that is wrong; therefore I'll call you that. You are a doodyhead...and it goes on and on and on.

And when all else fails, and there are no more names left to call, what do 4-year olds do? They just make it up. They say whatever they want to prove whatever point they want to make. After all, why would anyone want to let a little thing like the truth ruin a good argument? And to be sure, I'm told that these tactics are very effective in nursery school, but in my humble opinion, they have no place in institutes of higher learning. Parenthetically, I must apologize to all the 4-year olds that are listening for comparing their behavior to the behavior I just described.

So with that being said, I will not resign and it's not because I think that I am the only one capable of performing this job. I have the utmost confidence that every person sitting on this Board could more than ably serve as Chair. I won't resign, because it's what bullies expect you to do. There is a difficult job ahead of all of us, and this College will not be well served if we allow ourselves to be swayed by the whims of a bully. We can and we will continue to move ahead. I thank you all, and I await the reports of the standing committees."

The minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2012 were presented for approval. Motion made by Trustee Donnelly and seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 9-0.

1. Trustee Donnelly introduced the following items:

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

- a) Req # 60654, 60655 in the amount of \$116,500.00 as requested by VP Facilities Management/Physical Plant to purchase gasoline for Campus vehicles. This contract was established by the County at competitive prices and it saves money for the College. This is a cumulative fiscal year expenditure. (**Funding source: Operating Budget**)

Motion made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 9-0.

- b) Req # 60659 in the amount of \$300,000.00 as requested by VP Facilities Management/Physical Plant to purchase #2 heating oil to heat the Old Campus buildings. The contract was established by Nassau County at a competitive price and it saves the College funds. (**Funding source: Operating Budget**)

Motion made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 9-0.

- c) Req #60086 in the amount of \$51,000.00 as requested by VP Finance for a Personal Service Contract for financial management assistance. This expenditure is necessary to continue our advancement in a number of projects in the Finance area – assistance in areas which have been impacted by the new Finance system, development of operations at NCC which are now provided by the County and resolution of financial aspects of previous projects. **(Funding source: Operating Budget)**

Motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 8-1.

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 Amin seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Trustee Cornachio introduced item “d”:

- d) Req #59948 in the amount of \$115,000.00 as requested by Board of Trustees for an Executive search firm to facilitate the College’s Presidential Search.

Motion made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Drucker. Motion carried 9-0.

2. Trustee Gutierrez introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE FOLLOWING NAMED RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHO RETIRED AFTER ATTAINING THE ACADEMIC RANK OF PROFESSOR OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ARE HEREBY GRANTED THE PERMANENT ACADEMIC TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS ACCRUING THERETO.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Paul F. Biersuck	Professor	Biology	1/3/13
Joseph K. Dowling	Professor	English	1/20/13
Laura G. Gilkes	Professor	Allied Health Sciences	12/31/12
Patricia S. Gloeckner	Associate Professor	Nursing	6/28/12
Madeline E. Hogan	Professor	Nursing	12/31/12
Richard M. Renoff	Professor	Sociology	6/15/12
Michael J. Sichko	Professor	Physical Sciences	8/31/12
Michael Steuer	Professor	Math/Computer Science/IT	12/31/12
Joan Tomaszewski	Professor	Math/Computer Science/IT	12/31/12
Glenn R. Williams	Professor	Physical Sciences	12/31/12

Seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 9-0.

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 Amin seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

3. Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE APPOINTED AS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: LAURA CURRAN, AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE; LEONARD GENOVA, AS THE DESIGNEE OF THE MAJORITY CAUCUS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE; JUDI BOSWORTH, AS THE DESIGNEE OF THE MINORITY CAUCUS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE; AND DEBBIE O'CONNELL, WHO WILL REPLACE DENISE GUNN, AS THE DESIGNEE OF THE CSEA, AND IT IS FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE, THE CHAIR OF THAT COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AND TO APPOINT THE MEMBERSHIP OF SUCH SUBCOMMITTEES

Seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 9-0.

Report on the Temporary Committee of the Presidential Search

Trustee Cornachio reported that the committee met on Monday, January 28. The RFP subcommittee recommended and awarded the contract to Witt/Kieffer. The committee discussed procedures, rules, confidentiality and the time-line. He thanked the Procurement department and the College Attorney for their efforts in getting the contract completed so quickly. The subcommittee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on February 5, 2013 to discuss (a) a document listing the characteristics/qualities (the profile) for the new President and (b) the contents of an ad to be placed for applicants. Trustee Cornachio is hopeful that the search firm will be available by telephone conference on February 5. He explained that the search firm guaranteed that they will do the search again if there are no suitable candidates or if the candidate doesn't work out within three years. The Search committee will launch a link on the NCC home page with updates.

Dr. Saunders reported on the following items:

1. Welcomed Trustee Powers to NCC and looks forward to working with him.
2. Welcomed Interim Deans Dean Kevlin as Dean for Social and Behavioral Science and Jerry Kornbluth as Dean for Nursing and Allied Health Services.
3. Thanked Professor Anissa Moore and Dr. Judith Bennett-Murray for their outstanding service they have provided.
4. The challenges facing NCC in the Spring semester and beyond: six executive level searches; responding to SUNY Educational Mandates (realignment of credit hours necessary for graduation); preparing for the decennial Middle States review process; NCCFT Contract Negotiations; and 2013-2014 Budget Preparations.

Dr. Saunders read the following statement:

“As far as the State budget, last week the Governor submitted his proposal to the State Legislature. His budget calls for retaining the current level of State support per FTE - \$2,272.

SUNY had earlier proposed to the Governor an increase of \$260 per FTE as part of the multi-year effort to achieve a level of State support equal to one-third of the community colleges’ operating budgets. We have been informed by SUNY that it will continue to advocate before the Legislature for an increase in State support, and I know that various segments of the campus community will be joining in that effort.

As you know, last month the NCC Board of Trustees joined its voice to those of the Community college Trustees, the NCC Academic Senate and the SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges among others in support of the “Rational Revenue Plan.” Earlier this month, I met with 8 members of the State Legislature and the staff representative of another on campus. And at that time advocated for additional State aid. I assure you that my efforts will continue, including mobilizing students for visits to State Legislators in their local offices, and I am sure that these efforts will be joined in by all segments of the campus community.”

Speakers

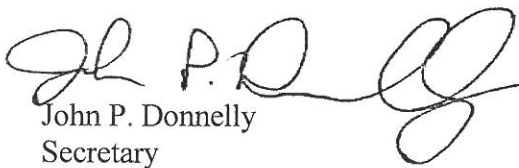
Kimberley Reiser, Chair of Academic Senate, welcomed Mr. Powers, to Nassau Community College. She commented on the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presidential search committee. She is hopeful that the search for an Academic Vice President will commence immediately after a new President is appointed. She also spoke of her concerns regarding safety on the NCC campus. Dr. Reiser thanked the Board for honoring the recently retired distinguished faculty with the title of Professor Emeritus.

Chair Prime announced the next Capital and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Full Board meeting. The Board will open the public session at 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Amin.  
Motion carried unanimously 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John P. Donnelly  
Secretary