

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of April 11, 2013

The five hundred fifty-seventh meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 11, 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, John A. DeGrace, Edward W. Powers, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

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

**Absent:** Anthony W. Cornachio, Arnold W. Drucker, Jorge L. Gardyn

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 leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion or removal of the President, Acting President, Academic Deans and certain other ungraded administrators; and 2) to discuss the Presidential Search. Trustee Donnelly moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Prime resumed the open meeting at 8:15p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Geoffrey N. Prime - Chair;  
John P. Donnelly - Secretary;  
Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace,  
Edward W. Powers, Faruque Amin, Student Trustee.

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

**Absent:** Jorge L. Gardyn, Arnold W. Drucker

Approval of Minutes

Chair Prime requested a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2013. Trustee Powers moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 7-0.

1. a) Trustee Donnelly introduced the following expenditure:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES approves and authorize requisition # 61232 in the amount of \$518,302.00 as requested by CIO/ITS to provide IT network hardware (Juniper Switches) for our Data Centers in the Library and Building G as part of the overall network upgrade effort. This is Phase III of a three-phase project. **(Funding Source: Student Fee)**

Chair Prime requested a motion. Motion made by Trustee Donnelly and seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 7-0.

- b) Trustee Donnelly introduced the following expenditure:

Requisition # 61234 in the amount of \$77,760.00 as requested by CIO/ITS to purchase 160 HP Compaq Elite 8300 Ultra Slim Desktop PC's for the Library Computer Lab. This is a cumulative fiscal year expenditure. A total of \$91,370.41 has been expended for this commodity this fiscal year, not including this proposed expenditure. Requisitions in the amount of \$185,025.92 have previously been approved by the Board of Trustees for the purchase of computers College-wide this fiscal year at the 12/18/12 meeting. **(Funding Source: Student Fee)**

Somal Emin, Library staff, expressed his concerns against the approval of this expenditure. He explained that the cost of replacing the current Virtual Infrastructure system being used in the Library with PCs would cost the College nearly \$233,000.

Hamilton Lazado, spoke on behalf of Rich Lawless, CIO, recommending the replacement of the Virtual Infrastructure with a PC based solution since PCs do not require specialized training or certifications and specialized mounting hardware which is costly to the College. The cost of replacing servers for the virtual infrastructure over the next five years nearly doubles to \$400,000.

Chair Prime requested a motion to table item (b). Motion made by Trustee Cornachio and seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 8-1.

2. a) Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM TONYA HOLMES: APPROXIMATELY 60 PIECES AT 5 YARDS EACH OF JERSEY, MESH, VELVET, COTTON, CREPE, LACE AND PATENT LEATHER.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

- b) Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF THE BROTHER-BRAND SEWING MACHINE FROM JUDY YURY.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

- c) Trustee Donnelly introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM BETTY SUE: TWO BOXES OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FABRIC APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS IN LENGTH, AS WELL AS BUTTONS AND NOTIONS.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Amin. Motion carried 7-0.

3. a) Trustee Amin introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR USE OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX FOR THE 2013 NASSAU COUNTY EMPIRE STATE GAMES FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED, SCHEDULED FROM THURSDAY, MAY 30 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 AND BE IT

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT ALL ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE USER.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Prime 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. Motion carried 7-0.

- b) Trustee Amin introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE MARCH 19, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD REGARDING A JOBS/CAREER FAIR SPONSORED BY COUNTY LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 13, 2013 IN THE CCB BUILDING DURING THE HOURS FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. BE RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 10, 2013 FROM 9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee Donnelly moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Prime 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 7-0.

- c) Trustee Powers introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR THE USE OF COLLEGE PARKING LOT WEST 4A, WHICH IS THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL ON SUNDAY MAY 5, 2013 FROM 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M. TO BE HOSTED BY THE NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT ALL ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE USER.

Chair Prime requested a motion. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 7-0.

**Report by the Temporary Committee on the Presidential Search**

Trustee Cornachio read his April 4, 2013 email response to Alana Executive Board member Marilyn Monroe's letter of March 1, 2013. He reported that the firm has received approximately forty applications and the committee is scheduled to meet on April 23 to discuss those applications. He also stated that on April 25 the committee is scheduled to have a conference call with the search firm to finalize questions to ask applicants for interviews which are to be scheduled for the week of April 29. Trustee Amin reported that the website will have a section for those who wish to recommend qualities they feel are essential in NCC's next president.

Dr. Saunders reported on the following items:

1. Establishment of the core group of the Middle States review team which are Genette Alvarez-Ortiz, Tom Fernandez, Jill Burgreen, Maria Conzatti as an ex-officio and Chaired by Janice Grackin.
2. Announced Janice Grackin's appointment as a representative to SUNY Council on Assessment.
3. Review of departmental faculty lines.
4. Conversion of sixteen of the twenty-three spring temporary lines to probationary for the fall.
5. Establishment of seven additional temporary lines.
6. Acknowledged the following events: the Honors Arts and Science Fair held on April 6, The Care for Sandy Cherished Albums Restoration effort held on April 7; SUNY Chancellor Awards program held on April 10 recognizing Jean Hassett for Classified Service, Lyle Hallowell for Faculty Service, Rona Casciola and William Moeck for Scholarship & Creative Activities, and Tonia Payne, Rachel Rojas and Deborah Tyler for Teaching; and the Prom Boutique scheduled for April 13.
7. Welcomed all to attend the NCC 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on July 29, 2013.
8. Announced that he has applied for the position of President

Chair Prime read the following statement:

"This Board is well aware of the various concerns of the various constituencies groups on campus. We are very respectful of those concerns and as a board we try to make sure those concerns are heard. There's obviously no greater issue going on this campus presently than the search for our next president. That person is going to lead this institutional for many years to come and we want this president to be mindful of all those concerns of this campus just as we are. Every voice is important in choosing our next president and as critical as it is to include as many of the voices as possible there is also the unfortunate reality that every campus group cannot be represented. We struggled with this decision because we know that it is not a popular one, we also know that our ultimate goal is in choosing a president in the most inclusive and expeditious matter as possible. Our mission is to move this school forward in a positive matter. The men and the woman on this Board have pledged to do so. With that in mind I am confident that the search committee will uphold the value of diversity in looking for our next president and the president will be a great leader that this College deserves. I know the passion that all of you have for this great institution and it's that passion that makes this College a great one. I ask that you all not temper that passion but to please trust that this committee will do the right thing by this school and respect the principles of diversity that you all hold so dear. Thank you."

**Speakers**

Elaine Soffer, LINCC faculty, spoke of the LINCC program and the dedication the LINCC faculty have for their students.

Cathy Fagan, English Department, spoke of a new course just approved by the Curriculum Committee, English 100, which will benefit those students who just missed being placed in a credited English course.

Jason Gorman, Art Department, expressed his concerns regarding four specific policies from the previous administration that he believes are still in effect: 1. Foundation's lack of transparency; 2. Tech Fund committee was dissolved; 3. Reassigned time has not been fully reinstated; and 4. Middle States evaluations has a lack of faculty input. He also mentioned due to the lack of transparency with the NCC Foundation, he and three others have not contributed to a scholarship that was formed in their names.

Dr. Saunders commented on each of the issues presented by Jason Gorman: He stated the every one of the issues have been addressed in one format or another and has been done in a manner to embrace the shared governance process and yet, meeting after public meeting, they are presented by some individuals as if they haven't been addressed. He also stated that being engaged in active and vigorous debate doesn't necessarily mean that the final result will be what was requested; it should be some outgrowth of the discussion.

Jason Gorman commented that as a Senator, he knows of no such correspondence of a general announcement to the Senators about the Foundation and a delay in a meeting. He also added that he is not commenting on shared governance as it stands today; he is asking for a direct reversal of these policies.

Kimberley Reiser, Senate Chair, read her Chair's report of March 19, 2013, regarding her position on the issue of the NCC Foundation which is inconsistent with Dr. Saunders. She mentioned that the Senate Executive Committee has scheduled a meeting with the Foundation Board. She also expressed her concerns with the lack of faculty input with Middle States.

Marilyn Monroe, ALANA, read an email written by Trustee Cornachio that she and the ALANA membership took issue with and found objectionable.

Anissa Moore, ALANA President, read a letter address to the Board of Trustees expressing her concerns and requested that the Board appoint a faculty member of color to be a part of the search committee.

Joseph Volker, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, expressed his concerns in support of an independent person of color from ALANA being represented on the search committee.

Sylvester Wise, ALANA, expressed his displeasure with Trustees Cornachio's email since he was referred to in that email.

Faruque Amin, Student Trustee, read a statement from a student who could not be present expressing his concerns that the Top Flight food truck is allowed to park in the fire zone in the circle outside Building G while when the food truck the Student Organization of Latinos parked in the same location, Public Safety asked that it be removed.

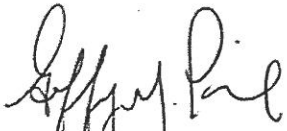
Paul Burros, Senior Observer, expressed his disappointment that tuition-paying students are displacing senior citizen observers from courses who can take NCC courses on a non-credit base free of charge if there is space available. His personal feelings are that this is a form of age discrimination and asks that the policy be revised.

Chair Prime announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Chair Prime requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Powers moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Adams. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey N. Prime".

Geoffrey N. Prime  
Secretary Pro Tem

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