

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of September 8, 2015

The five hundred eighty-eighth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:30 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Anthony W. Cornachio,
Edward W. Powers, Donna Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: John A. DeGrace, Arnold W. Drucker, Wanda Jackson.

Also in attendance: Maria P. Conzatti, Kenneth K. Saunders.

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 to discuss matters relating to the AFA collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:50 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Arnold W. Drucker, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, Wanda Jackson,
Edward W. Powers, Donna Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: John A. DeGrace

Also in attendance: Maria P. Conzatti, Kenneth K. Saunders.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2015.

Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015.

Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2015.

Trustee Jackson moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2015.

Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

1. **Facilities**

Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR USE OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX FOR THE 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK, LONG ISLAND REGION FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015 AND BE IT

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

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 8-0.

2. **Facilities**

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 Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

Trustee Drucker 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 ON MITCHEL FIELD) TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BE RENOVATED TO ESTABLISH A CULINARY PROGRAM, AND

WHEREAS, THE NCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICIALLY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THE PROPERTY TRANSFER OF 108 DUNCAN AVENUE, AT THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 BOARD MEETING, AND

WHEREAS, NASSAU COUNTY INCLUDED THE APPROVED PROJECT IN THEIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PROJECT No. 70109) FOR A MAXIMUM VALUE OF \$2,000,000, AND

WHEREAS THE NCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED OF THIE PROJECT IN ITS APPROVAL OF THE NCC CAPITAL PLAN ON DECEMBER 9, 2014, AND

WHEREAS, NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS OBTAINED APPRAISALS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WITH THE LOWEST OF THE TWO BEING \$910,000, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE NCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES OF A PROJECT BEING APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,820,000, HALF OF WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE PROPERTY AND \$910,000 IS SUNY MATCHING FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING.

Motion carried 8-0.

3. Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College conducted a vote for election of officers during the public session. No trustees garnered the necessary six votes for the office of chair and vice chair. Trustee Drucker was elected as Secretary with a vote of 8-0. The vote for Vice Chair: Trustee Tuman 4; Trustee Drucker 4 and the vote for Chair: Chair Gardyn 3; Trustee Weiss 4; and 1 abstention. There will be a revote for Chair and Vice Chair at their next scheduled Board meeting.

Ms. Conzatti reported on the following items:

1. Welcomed all to the Fall Semester.
2. Thanked all for their time and support while she was Officer-In-Charge.
3. Reinstatement of Distinguished Faculty awards.
4. Reinstatement of Service Pins for years of service; a ceremony is planned for the Fall.
5. The Express Success Program between NCC and LIU that Dean David Follick is leading which will mean more money for our students towards graduation.
6. Letters are out for committee members for the Vice President for Academic Affairs search.
7. Middle States report is currently in draft form and will be out to the College Community within the next few weeks for review and comments.

Speakers

Phyllis Kurland, Director, Student Activities, reported that the student orientation program was a huge success, 1800 students attended and it had to do with the annual cooperation of the 55 volunteers from the full time faculty, part time faculty, and administration, who volunteered their time to speak to the freshman students on how to be successful in the College classroom as well as outside the classroom. Parent orientation is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th.

Lynn Mazzola, Chair of all Chairs, thanked Maria Conzatti for all she's done and the great job she did as Officer-in-Charge. She welcomed Dr. Dolan and invited him to the first meeting of the Department Chairs. She then read the following statement:

The Chairs are concerned about the advertisement and search for the Academic Vice President as we haven't had an Academic Vice President for over 5 years:

WHY NOW?? The ad appeared on NCC's website on Aug. 19, the same day the BOT discussed at a BOT meeting the appointment of an Interim President.

WHY NOW?? When we have such severe budget problems, why are we hiring an Academic VP now?

WHY NOW?? The BOT has stated that we will have a permanent president for spring 2016, and that president should be involved in the search for the Academic VP.

WHY NOW?? The pool of candidates for the Academic VP will be poor at best as it is widely accepted that when a new/permanent president is appointed, the first administrator to go is usually the Academic VP.

WHY NOW?? The administration did not discuss this advertisement or search with any of the faculty leadership, which is established shared governance procedures.

WHY NOW?? Is there something (or someone) that we are not aware of?

Frank Frisenda, VP NCCFT, welcomed Dr. Dolan and looks forward to working with him. Thanked Maria Conzatti and will miss her when she goes back to student services.

Shoel Cohen, Prof of Psychology, thanked Maria Conzatti and appreciates the good job she did filling in these past few weeks as Officer-in-Charge. He also congratulated Dr. Dolan and hopes that he will be active in working with the faculty to create an atmosphere of cohesiveness and cooperation because NCC needs some leadership and it's going to go far even if Dr. Dolan's tenure here is by design.

Dr. Gardyn spoke on behalf of the Board, thanking Maria Conzatti for stepping up as Officer-in-Charge and for always stepping up to do the right thing for the institution in times of need. He asked all to give a round of applause to Maria. He also welcomed Dr. Dolan to Nassau Community College and the Board looks forward to your tenure at NCC.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 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 Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Drucker
Secretary