

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of April 12, 2016

The five hundred ninety-sixth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:40 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, John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green  
Wanda H. Jackson, Donna M. Tuman, Jennifer Borzys, Student Trustee.

Absent: Edward W. Powers

Also in attendance: Interim President Dolan

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) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and 2) to interview candidates for the position of president of Nassau Community College and, if appropriate, selecting a president of Nassau Community College, and recommending a selection to the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York for its approval. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 9-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 10:15 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, John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green  
Wanda H. Jackson, Edward W. Powers, Donna M. Tuman, Jennifer Borzys, Student Trustee.

Also in attendance: Interim President Dolan

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2016. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 9-0-1(Cornachio).

1. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF FOUR (4) ROCKET BLACK/WHITE ROUND SEATING

ARRANGEMENTS WITH BUILT IN CHARGING USB AND 110V OUTLET + 10-FOOT CORD FROM THE FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION, INC. OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Cornachio moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Trustee Borzym introduced the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF THE WIDE FORMAT 45” HOT/COLD LAMINATOR FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LTD.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 10-0.

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 10-0.

3. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, THEORY, LOCATED AT 416 W. 13<sup>TH</sup> ST. NEW YORK, NEW YORK, HAS OFFERED TO DONATE 1500 YARDS OF VARIOUS DESIGNER WOVEN WOOLS, SHIRTINGS, ETC. AS WELL AS VARIOUS KNIT FABRICS TO THE MARKETING, RETAILING, FASHION BUYING MERCHANDISING, INTERIOR AND FASHION DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND

**WHEREAS**, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE DONATION IS APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6000.00);

**WHEREAS**, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS DONATION WILL ENRICH THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND GREATLY APPRECIATES THE DONATION.

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF 1500 YARDS OF VARIOUS DESIGNER WOVEN WOOLS, SHIRTINGS, ETC. AS WELL AS VARIOUS KNIT FABRICS FROM THEORY.

Motion carried 10-0.

Dr. Dolan reported on the following items:

1. He attended the SUNY Student Chancellor’s Awards ceremony in Albany on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at which NCC was well represented by 9 of its 12 nominees, whom he congratulated: Jennifer Borzym, Elizabeth Buccheri, Frank Cutrone, Julianna Dijkstra, Kayleen Freyre, Caitlyn Gaffey, Tianna LaRosa, Sarah Mael, Stephen McMahon, Jilian Pallone, Randy Perez and Edwin John (E.J.) Rodriguez.

2. Congratulated Prof. Trent Webb and the NCC Speech, Debate and Acting Team for having placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the country at the Phi Rho Pi National Community College Championship and that arrangements are being made to have the students attend the May 10, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting.
3. He addressed the findings of the March 16, 2016 Middle States Team's oral report that the College is not in compliance with 7 of 14 standards.
  - Just as he had reassured students at a meeting on the day prior to the Board meeting, he spoke insistently that the College "must" remain accredited.
  - On or about April 19, 2016 the College will receive the report's formal recommendations and requirements offering a pathway to accreditation, of which the College has already been largely apprised in a draft returned to fix a few factual errors. At that time the report will be uploaded to the portal for discussion to make any corrections (or unlikely objections) and to affirm the College's commitment to restoring compliance. The formulation of an institutional response will be a primary focus of the General Faculty meeting rescheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016.
  - He distributed an "action plan" to the Board of Trustees to tackle some of the concerns raised by the Middle States Tem, and all were receptive to its implementation without delay.
  - He conveyed personal gratitude to SUNY representatives Dona Bullock and particularly Johanna Duncan-Poitier for being invaluable resources for guidance.
4. He acknowledged and looks forward to the Day of Service on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 and commended its intent to help students achieve a lifetime of service.

#### Speakers

Paul Rosa, Academic Senate Vice Chair, conveyed thanks to the Board of Trustees from Evelyn Deluty for allowing her to speak at the earlier Academic Affairs Committee meeting. He also mentioned if a new College President has been chosen that he expressed looking forward to welcoming the selection and to operating in best practices of a shared governance model, with hopefulness that SUNY will assist in securing the College's accreditation.

Richard Cohen, Prof. of Physical Sciences and co-coordinator of Honors Program, spoke of likening the College community to a family beset by dysfunction, he suggested that the Board of Trustees' consent to allow Dr. Deluty to speak at the earlier Academic Affairs Committee meeting in advance of a vote on the General Liberal Arts AA and AS Degrees resolution signified the potential for change to work together for the common good to resolve problems in the best interests of the College and of the students. He emphasized that her inclusion to voice faculty concerns allayed some previous anxiety that the Trustees would be conducting "business as usual" with input from "professionals" consisting solely of administrators. He consequently perceived the Trustees' consideration of Dr. Deluty's remarks as a feasibly contributing factor in the tabling of the resolution – recognition that he hopes will herald a new era of collaboration amongst all members of the College.

Thomas Bruckner, Chair of Physical Sciences department, spoke of his concerns relating to the copies of letters he received that next year several temporary lines across campus may not be renewed, including two in his department, already cut in half following last year's mass retirement of over 100 Full-Time faculty countered by merely 21 replacements, he cautioned against the further reduction of Full-Time lines. He emphasized that these individuals are not mere statistics, but are valued instructors about whom he cares. He cited Dean Melanie Hammer's frequent statement at meetings that a 1% reduction equates to a loss of a million dollars in aid. He

admittedly inconclusive data comparing the number of students who either fail or receive a W or UW in classes taught by Full-Time faculty and Adjuncts. His preliminary figures suggest a three times higher failure rate with Adjuncts. He theorizes that the difference is attributable to office hours – a hypothesis that he believes at least merits further analysis.

Arnold Drucker, Co-Chair of Presidential Search Committee reported that a decision for the position as permanent President of Nassau Community College was not reached.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 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 Cornachio. Motion carried 10-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arnold", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arnold Drucker  
Secretary