

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of May 9, 2017

The six hundred seventh meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 7:10 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Edward W. Powers, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green, Michael Hilt, Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson, Donna M. Tuman.

Also in attendance: President Keen

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 negotiations involving the Nassau Community College Administrators Association; 2) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCFT; and 3) of reviewing 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. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 8:35p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Edward W. Powers, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green, Michael Hilt, Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson, Donna M. Tuman.

Also in attendance: President Keen

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 6-1.

1. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,148,609.00 AND, BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE COLLEGE OPERATING BUDGET BY THE

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

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

2. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISHES A TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 WHEREIN THERE SHALL BE AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF \$274.00 IN FULL-TIME TUITION AND \$12.00 IN PART-TIME TUITION COMMENCING WITH THE FALL 2017 SEMESTER. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE IN THE TECHNOLOGY FEE OF \$55.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND \$25.00 PER SEMESTER FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE OF \$20.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND \$2.00 PER CREDIT FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FEES (FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION) COMMENCING WITH THE FALL 2017 SEMESTER. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE IN THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10.00 PER ACADEMIC YEAR AND OF \$5.00 PER FALL, SPRING AND SUMMER SEMESTERS, AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FOR APPROVAL.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Chair Gardyn asked if there were any discussion or comments. Trustees Cornachio and Hilt were opposed to any tuition increase, and Trustee Weiss felt the proposed increase was high but some increase is necessary, and asked Trustees Cornachio and Hilt if a compromise could be reached. After a lengthy discussion amongst the Trustees regarding the tuition increase, Trustee Weiss requested a motion to amend the resolution to be an annual increase of \$234.00 in full-time tuition and \$10.00 in part-time tuition, and an increase of \$3.00 per credit for part-time students in extra-curricular activities fees (Faculty Student Association) commencing with the Fall 2017 semester. Trustee Hilt seconded the motion. Chair Gardyn asked if there were any further discussion on the amendment. Motion Defeated 5-2 (Cornachio, Powers). Trustee Powers gave a brief summary of his opposition to the amendment decreasing the initially proposed tuition increase. It his belief that the Fund Balance should not be used since it has taken 3 years to rebuild the Fund Balance to a level required by Middle States. He also indicated there are a number of unknowns with this budget, and not having the proper reserves to make those adjustments within a budget the Board passes is going to be a big problem with Middle States. He added that it would be an injustice to the students by not coming to a compromise, so he suggested that he would be comfortable at \$234. Trustee Cornachio stated that he was opposed to any tuition increase. After another extensive discussion amongst the Trustees and reaching a compromise, Dr. Gardyn requested a motion to vote on the following amendment offered by Trustee Weiss and Trustee Hilt:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ESTABLISHES A TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018 WHEREIN THERE SHALL BE AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF \$234.00 IN FULL-TIME TUITION AND \$10.00 IN PART-TIME TUITION COMMENCING WITH THE FALL 2017 SEMESTER. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE IN THE TECHNOLOGY FEE OF \$55.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND \$25.00 PER SEMESTER FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE OF \$20.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND \$3.00 PER CREDIT FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FEES (FACULTY STUDENT ASSOCIATION) COMMENCING WITH

THE FALL 2017 SEMESTER. IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE AN INCREASE IN THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10.00 PER ACADEMIC YEAR AND OF \$5.00 PER FALL, SPRING AND SUMMER SEMESTERS, AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS TUITION AND FEES SCHEDULE BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FOR APPROVAL.

Seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 6-1 (Cornachio).

3. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING, RETAILING & FASHION FOR AN AS DEGREE IN MARKETING AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

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

4. Trustee Powers introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING, RETAILING & FASHION FOR AN AS DEGREE IN SPORT MARKETING AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

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

5. Discussion of Second Read of Policy 1800: Acceptance of Gifts

Trustee Grace described the policy's general guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the College provided they are made within the statutory authority granted to colleges and have received the approval of the Board of Trustees. He then asked if there were any comments from the Board and Dr. Keen. Dr. Keen certified and recommended the approval of Policy 1800 by the Board of Trustees.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that did not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Powers seconded the motion. Dr. Gardyn asked if there was any further discussion on Policy 1800; there being none; motion carried 7-0.

Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017, FOLLOWED BY TWO READINGS OF THE POLICY BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADOPTS POLICY 1800: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND THAT THE SAME BE SUBSEQUENTLY INCORPORATED INTO THE POLICY MANUAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

Trustee Weiss commented that upon reading the Senate package she is very impressed to learn that the College will be offering a Cisco Certified Entry Network Technician (CCENT) Certificate program, appreciating future needs in the technology field absent the necessity for an Associate's degree for employment. She is likewise excited by the Board's approval of two AS degrees that could lead to careers that do not require Bachelor's degrees. She has also felt privileged to attend the Student Showcase every year since having become a Trustee, and continues to be amazed by the quality of the work and by the professionalism of both the students and the faculty who support them. The NCC Board met with the SUNY Board last week, and she wished to share some of Student Trustee Michael Hilt's extemporaneous remarks. "I would like to talk about the difference between looking at NCC on paper and actually being on the ground seeing firsthand how special the situation is. Yes, we must change, because the world is changing, but, even hurt, this 'Lion' roars. At NCC, possibilities become opportunities, and dreams become plans."

Chair Gardyn followed by remarking that over the past year he has witnessed Michael Hilt develop from a wide-eyed student to an interactive and engaged Trustee. With this completion of his "final exam", the representation of idealism v. realism has served a very effective lesson. He bestowed a certificate on behalf of the Board to thank Michael for all his work.

Stefan Kromprier, AFA President, awarded Student Trustee Michael Hilt with the AFA President's Award for Excellence since Michael was unable to attend the AFA Spring Conference.

President Keen introduced and welcomed the new Student Trustee Thérèse Russell, whom he identified as an outstanding member of the NCC Speech, Debate and Acting Team that has won many national awards.

President Keen reported on the following items:

In the past few weeks, he has attended various student events; a Theatre performance, the Student Art Show, the Spring Fashion show, the reading of select papers in the Honors Program, and a review of the Music program during its evaluation for national accreditation and has been impressed by their high quality. He also cited the Vignette as amongst the best student newspapers he has seen on any campus. He has worked with members of the Student Government Association leadership, including Trustee Michael Hilt, who are dedicated to serving their fellow students and the institution. Many other students excel in additional areas and their achievements likewise honor the College. He noted that these students were supported by outstanding faculty mentors.

The ongoing work of the Institutional Planning Committee is an important component of the College's longer term future and its immediate efforts to make a strong case to fulfill Middle States standards of accreditation when we submit our next report on September 15. A draft of the report should be available by the end of June in time for the Board meeting. The progress is a great tribute to the many people who have worked on various aspects of this project.

The feedback was very positive from the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees meeting we hosted (two weeks ago). The guests felt that the College represented itself well and provided an excellent program. We owe special gratitude to Anne Brandi for her service as our liaison.

Throughout the year he worked extensively with the Academic Senate, which had just held its last regular meeting of the semester, and would be holding a special ratification meeting (on proposed revisions to its By-Laws). He expressed thanks to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and to its leader, Dr. Evelyn Deluty, for their countless hours in discussion to effect changes in the By-Laws. He also recognized the other members of the Governance Review Task Force for their great work on these changes which should serve the institution well in the future: Frank Frisenda, Lynn Mazzola, Stefan Kromprier, Valerie Collins, Maria Conzatti and Donna Haugen. He congratulated Professor Anissa Moore on the trust in which she is

held by her fellow faculty who elected her as the next Chair of the Academic Senate, and looks forward to working with her.

He provided an update on comments made during the May public session regarding The Regional Community College Councils Bill (S2103) pending legislation that would impose a requirement on community colleges to work with the State Labor Department and local business and industry before proposing academic programs. Adding this condition to the process would add a substantial burden on community colleges. The legislation is opposed by New York Community College Association of Presidents and SUNY, and he has written to our politicians to encourage its rejection. The bill did pass the Senate, but he has been informed that it is likely not to pass the Assembly.

Speakers

Lynn Mazzola, ACCT/BUS ADMIN Professor, Chair of Chairs, announced that after 24-1/2 years as Chair of her Department and 14 as Chair of Chairs, she is stepping down on August 19, 2017. She wishes to thank everyone, asserting that, through the ups and down, and arguments, and, though still in trouble with Middle States, we all have learned from each other and are in a better place.

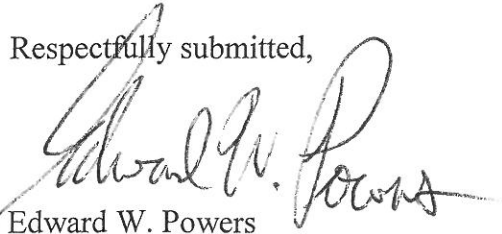
Frank Frisenda, NCCFT President, stated that the New York State United Teachers lobbied strongly against S2103, and, although it passed the Senate, he is confident that it will not pass the Assembly. Recognizing our accomplishments as we near the end of the academic year, he thanked: 1) the NCCFT Executive Committee for all its work to support him; 2) the negotiating team for standing with him to help maintain his sensibility; 3) ASEC for its work and commitment to shared governance; 4) Stefan Krompiew and Lynn Mazzola, along with Dr. Keen and his Cabinet, for their work on the GRTF to craft the Senate By-Laws resolution that passed the Academic Senate and has gone to ratification vote; 5) Dr. Collins and Pat Lupino for their incredible job with the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) by successfully pulling together faculty, staff and administration, all of whom he is proud to call his colleagues; 6) Inna Reznik, for her amazing hard work and transparency in crafting the budget under such trying circumstances; and 7) Lynn Mazzola, his "confidante, conscience and go-to person" who will be sorely missed in her capacity as Chair of Chairs. He congratulated Anissa Moore on having been elected the new Chair of the ASEC, and assured her that she will start with a clean slate in September to receive full cooperation to help make the Senate a successful body. He expressed confidence that, with this administration, faculty and staff under Dr. Keen's guidance and supported by the Board of Trustees, Middle States will reaffirm our accreditation, and the College will once again regain its status as a jewel in Nassau County.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 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 Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Powers. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward W. Powers
Secretary