

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of December 12, 2017

The six hundred twelfth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:45 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair  
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair  
Edward W. Powers Secretary;  
John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green,  
Donna M. Tuman, Thérèse Russell Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson

Also in attendance: President Keen, VP Collins

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; and 2) 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 Tuman. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair  
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair  
Edward W. Powers Secretary;  
John A. DeGrace, Linda H. Green,  
Donna M. Tuman, Thérèse Russell Student Trustee.

Absent: Wanda H. Jackson

Also in attendance: President Keen, VP Collins

Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017. Trustee Russell moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Weiss).

1. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED FOR THE USE OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM IN THE COLLEGE CENTER BUILDING FOR THE

PURPOSES OF INTERAGENCY COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AGENCIES, INC. (IAC) TO CONDUCT ITS LI REGIONAL EVENT ON DECEMBER 19, 2017 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 Green. Motion carried 7-0.

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 does not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, EILEEN FISHER TINY FACTORY, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT 50 SOUTH BUCKHOUT STREET, IRVINGTON, NY, HAS OFFERED TO DONATE RECYCLED GARMENTS TO THE FASHION CLUB OF THE MARKETING, RETAILING, FASHION DESIGN AND INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND;

**WHEREAS**, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE DONATION IS APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,700.00), AND;

**WHEREAS**, THE MARKETING, RETAILING, FASHION DESIGN AND INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS DONATION WILL ENRICH THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND GREATLY APPRECIATES THIS DONATION, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE DONATION OF RECYCLED GARMENTS FROM EILEEN FISHER TINY FACTORY.

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

Dr. Keen reported on the following items:

At the Middle States Annual Conference on December 6-7, 2017 in Philadelphia he, Dr. Collins and two faculty members (Rosemary DeRiso and Nicole Simon, who are also Assessment Fellows) attended sessions on the new Standards, now consolidated into seven(7), although dense with compliance requirements. He believes that the College is ahead in terms of what we need to accomplish in the next 7–8 years until our next evaluation. On November 16, he received a call from our Middle States liaison (Dr. Christy Faison) that the Commission had accepted our submissions and had removed us from probation. For the Middle States Annual Conference in 2018 she and the Commissioner would like us to prepare a presentation describing our process to address our probation. The next day, he received a call from the President of a New Jersey college recently placed on probation and by whom the Middle States staff recommended that he call us for insights into our work. Dr. Keen expressed amusement that we scheduled a meeting at which this President, six staff members and his Chairman of the Board of Trustees spent more time describing their problems than seeking our advice.

He related this story as an indication that NCC is getting attention from both the higher ed and accrediting communities on our accomplishments.

Chair Gardyn stated that, upon listening to these accounts from Middle States, he was reminded that not so long ago in the “Board of Trustees world”, we were infamous for our previous dysfunction, and he is certain that now we will be equally famous for how we have improved our operation and will be admired for our innovation. In this short time he is able to count on one hand the instances when we have had no speakers, and he perceives their nonappearance as a testament to how well we are doing, as the number of speakers can be used as a gauge of the amount of ongoing issues. The College is running well, and our job moving forward is to operationalize what is on paper. He expressed confidence in our team of administrators, faculty, and union and ASEC leaders, and looks ahead to great things. On behalf of the Board he wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah and joy at all other seasonal celebrations with family, friends and colleagues, because we are a true community.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 Powers moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward W. Powers  
Secretary

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