

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of October 15, 2019

The six hundred thirtieth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Weiss at 5:40 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Linda H. Green,
Wanda H. Jackson, Bridget Russell, Student Trustee.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn, Edward Powers, George Siberón, Donna M. Tuman.

Also in attendance: President Williams

Vice Chair Weiss 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 Adjunct Faculty Association; 3) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCFT; and 4) 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 DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice Chair Weiss resumed the open meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Present: Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Linda H. Green,
Wanda H. Jackson, Bridget Russell, Student Trustee.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn, Edward Powers, George Siberón, Donna M. Tuman.

Also in attendance: President Williams

Approval of Minutes

1. Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green. Motion defeated 5-0-1 (Weiss).
2. Trustee Russell introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Nassau Community College Board of trustees approves the pending college procurement agreement with Technical Temperature in the annual amount of \$140,000.00, as requested by VP Facilities Management Muscarella. (Funding Source: Operating)

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Nassau Community College Board of trustees approves the pending college procurement agreement with Ingerman Smith LLP in the annual amount of \$250,000.00, as requested by General Counsel Haugen. (Funding Source: Operating)

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Jackson moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green Motion carried 6-0.

4. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

Be It Resolved, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees authorizes the increase in the hourly rate of pay for Nassau Community College student aides and Federal Work Study employees from \$12.00 to \$13.00 effective December 31, 2019 for on- and off-campus employment.

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Jackson moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green Motion carried 6-0.

5. Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Nassau Community College Board of trustees accepts the donation of Fuji FCR Go Portable X-ray Unit Model CR-IR 358RU.

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Russell. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice Chair Weiss 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 Green seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and approves the settlement agreement and mutual general release regarding the employment of a certain employee entered into by Nassau Community College, and be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts the irrevocable retirement of the employee who is subject of said agreement.

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Green. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Williams reported on the following items:

- Attended the College's first theatre production of the year, *Almost, Maine*, a romantic comedy. He thanked the Theatre and Dance Department and Director Professor David Overton for their leadership, and the student cast and crew of about 25 for their dedication to the performing arts.

- The SUNY Student Trustee and SUNY Student Assembly were hosted by the College on October 13th. Their goal is to attend all 64 campuses in the SUNY system throughout the year. They spent the weekend at Stony Brook and then joined NCC for breakfast and a tour. The visit was coordinated by our SGA President Bryce Mack and his SGA team. An elected member of the SUNY Student Assembly, Bryce was appointed that weekend to be the Vice Chair of the Community College division, giving NCC representation at the State level and underscoring our students' extent of engagement.
- He walked around campus on Saturday, October 12th, spoke with students who take one-day 6- or 8-hour courses such as Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 101 and what they termed, "Pronunciation", which should make us appreciate their commitment and reinforce our mission.
- Enrollment census data, compared to last year's, placed us down -5.58%, which is better than projected, as the budget was approved anticipating -7.5%. We will need to examine strategies to improve Winter enrollment that has been decreasing over the past few years, as well as monitor our Spring and Summer numbers.
- On October 18th, County Executive Laura Curran and Chief Deputy County Executive Helena Williams are scheduled for a tour starting at C-Cluster and finishing at newly renovated North Hall to provide a before and after perspective. The County plays an important role in our capital funding and operating costs, and we want to make evident that we are good stewards of public money. Dates are being finalized to invite County Legislators, Assembly members and State Senators for a similar experience, since we rely on their support, as well.
- On, November 1st, the College will host a State Senate hearing on the cost of public higher education. He and a few members of the College have been asked to share public comments, which, after having spoken with SUNY, they will coordinate as a unified panel.
- He thanked Trustee Weiss for helping arrange meetings with Superintendent Quadrants (in Nassau County). Last week he met with the NE Quad. These meetings present a fantastic opportunity to capitalize on bolstering our relationships with school districts. They are eagerly looking forward to partnering with us and are excited about ongoing educational changes at NCC.
- On October 25th, the Leadership Council, a joint effort of the NCCFT, Academic Senate, AFA, Chair of Chairs, and VPs Conzatti and Collins, will hold a Colloquium to introduce dual enrollment and its potential benefits. NCC is one of the three of the 30 community colleges that do not implement dual enrollment. He has met individually with two Superintendents, one of whom buses students to Queensborough Community College and Suffolk County Community College, and he shares their excitement to advance this initiative to leverage the previously untapped opportunity to provide educational access to students in Nassau County.
- Nassau County Legislature's Public Safety and Rules Committee passed an extension last week on the SAFER Grant which offers tuition to first responders. On October 28th, the full Legislature is scheduled to vote on the revised legislation which will provide funding indefinitely to volunteer fire fighters to take courses at NCC and would also expand the benefit to ambulance corps and auxiliary police officers. For Fall 2018 there were 182 students and Spring 2019 there were 134 students who availed themselves of this great opportunity.
- As part of his Learning Journey, he has spoken with more than 260 internal and external constituents, gathering data to make informed decisions in his effort to be responsive to ideas and to act upon a shared vision. A common theme has been to improve marketing at the College. Job openings have been posted for Director of Marketing and Communications to enhance promotional efforts, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement to increase philanthropic opportunities. The Directors of Marketing &

Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Executive Director of the NCC Foundation will report to the latter. The search for the Comptroller and Vice President of Finance are in their final stages. President Williams is grateful for and overjoyed by the support of so many individuals at an institution dedicated to our students' success.

Speaker

Frank Frisenda, NCCFT President, expressed that through October he remains impressed with and appreciates the leadership of Dr. Williams for hearing the faculty's voices and for allowing their participation, open communication and honest discussion with administration.

Vice Chair Weiss announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 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.

Vice Chair Weiss requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Jackson
Secretary Pro Tem