

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of April 17, 2023

The six hundred sixty-fifth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 17, 2023 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:20 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John R. Durso, Secretary Pro Tem;
John A. DeGrace, George Siberón, Donna M. Tuman, Aniruddh Patel, Student Trustee.

Absent: Lynne D'Agostino, Wanda H. Jackson, Ronald J. Rosenberg

Also in attendance: Acting President Conzatti, VP Kornbluth, Acting VP Alvarez-Ortiz and Langdon

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 purposes: 1) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCFT; 2) to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof and 3) to review 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 Patel moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 7-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
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John R. Durso, Secretary Pro Tem;
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1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023, March 13, 2023, and March 14, 2023. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Patel. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Trustee Siberón introduced the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the contract between Nassau Community College/Nassau County and New Style Contractors, Inc., the Board hereby declares New Style Contractors, Inc. in default of its agreement with Nassau Community College/Nassau County, effective April 18, 2023, without prejudice to any right or remedy which Nassau Community College/Nassau County has pursuant to law or a contract.

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

3. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Personnel, Affirmative Action & Labor Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees, hereby approves that the following named faculty members are hereby granted sabbatical leave as indicated during the 2023/2024 academic year to pursue appropriate educational or professional activities to enhance their professional competence and/or service to the college.

One Half-Year Sabbaticals – Fall 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Appt. Date</u>	<u>Previous Sabbatical</u>
Consuelo Arias	World Languages & Cultures	Associate Professor	9/1997	Spring 2017
Valerie Fasanello	English	Assistant Professor	9/2015	None
Heather Huntington	MAT/CSC/ITE	Professor	9/2007	AY 2013-2014

One Half-Year Sabbaticals – Spring 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Appt. Date</u>	<u>Previous Sabbatical</u>
Thomas Emmerson	Art	Professor	9/2003	Spring 2017
Donna M. Hope	Marketing, Retailing, FBM, Fashion & Interior Design	Professor	9/2005	Spring 2015
Emily Hegarty	English	Professor	9/1998	Fall 2007

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. 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.

4. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NYU Langone has requested that discussions occur with Nassau Community College regarding the building of facilities on the campus of Nassau Community College;

WHEREAS, the College and Board of Trustees are interested in exploring the possibility of such occurrence, which is seen as being beneficial to the College, students and administration as well as NYU Langone and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees authorizes the president and/or her representative to enter into discussions with the NYU Langone regarding the location and details of the project and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any further agreement between the College and the NYU Langone has to be reviewed and accepted by the College Board of Trustees.

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

Trustee Weiss remarked on the positive opportunities partnering with NYU Langone will provide for our students in the Allied Health professions.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

Enrollment

- Application numbers for both freshmen and transfers are significantly higher than those from last year. We are still in the process of testing many of our new students. We continue to communicate with this population by phone, email, and texting.
- Last week, the admissions office hosted two in-person student information sessions for admitted students and their families. We had 54 students attend the Wednesday session, and 61 students attend the Friday session. Offices that participated were Academic Advisement, Athletics, Dean of Students, Financial Aid, the Honors Program, Student Financial Affairs, and Student Personnel Services. This was the first time in more than 8 years we hosted an admissions event for newly admitted students, and the feedback was very positive. Thanked all who were involved.

Middle States Liaison Site Visit April 26, 2023

The campus community is invited to participate in the Middle States site visit open session on Wednesday, April 26 from 12:15 to 1:05 p.m. in CCB Room 252-253 when Dr. Bonfiglio will present the accreditation process and is expected to comment on our Self-Study Design draft.

Public Safety

The campus administration invited Commissioner Pat Ryder of the Nassau County Police Department to meet with the College’s Emergency Preparedness Team to ensure that our Public Safety efforts are coordinated with the best practices of the Nassau County Police Department, including the County’s newly announced “Over Watch” program in local neighborhoods. Due to the event last week, we are assessing our communications plan, educational programs, and other measures to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community. Lockdown procedures are currently underway across campus.

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association will hold its annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Jericho Terrace. Congratulations to the honorees:

- Michael G. McGinty, Class of 1973
- Catrina Rhatigan, Class of 2022
- Ariyanna Simmons, Class of 2017
- Robin Williams, Class of 2005
- A.J. Wynder

Presidential Awards Ceremony

May 8, 2023 from 5 to 8 pm at the Nassau County Police Department’s Center for Training and Intelligence.

Commencement, May 24, 2023

The 63rd annual Commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Nassau Coliseum. Almost 2,300 students will be graduating with an associate degree or certificate.

Athletics

- NCC Wrestling Team, 2022-2023 won the NJCAA National Champions, Division III
- Four student-athletes placed in the top 10 in the country: Adam Busiello, 3rd; Kristopher Ketchum, 3rd; Kevin Lopez, 6th; and Joseph Russo, 8th
- Sophomore Adam Busiello received the Bruce Traphagen Award – “Most Falls in Least Amount of Time” in the National Tournament
- Head Coach, Vougar Oroudjov was named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year, Men’s Wrestling Non-Scholarship Division
- Sophomore Adam Busiello, NJCAA All-American, Third Team
- Freshman Kris Ketchum, NJCAA All-American, Third Team
- NCC Men’s Wrestling has 10 NJCAA Men’s National Championships
- NCC Men’s Basketball Head Coach, AJ Wynder was named 2022-2023 Region XV Coach of the Year.

SUNY Students Chancellor Award Recipients:

Gabriel Bauer
Amy Lin
Aniruddh Patel
Elizabeth Stemmler
Albert Vathapally

Trustee Weiss reported that she had the privilege to attend the Annual Honor’s Colloquium on April 4, 2023 and was impressed with the students who presented. She thanked the Honors Program Coordinators George Frost, Elizabeth Hynes-Musnisky, and Virginia Hromulak for an event well done.

Speakers

Thomas O’Beirne, Counselor, Admissions Office, commented on the success of the Admissions Admitted Students events, section 36-5 of the NCCFT full-time faculty contract, and contract negotiations for which the Board wants the faculty to agree to a two-year contract that includes no raise in year 1, 1% in year 2, and paying 20% of health insurance costs.

Allison Bremmer, Professor of English, addressed the Board on the decisions regarding contract negotiations and the effects of these decisions on faculty and students, and assessed the style of leadership of the Board and Administration.

Suzanne Kaebnick, NCCFT Secretary/Professor of English, asked the Board to support a fair contract and to immediately end section 36-5 of the NCCFT full-time faculty contract.

Mary Lannon, Professor of English, spoke of the value and dedication of the faculty to students and asked the Board to rescind the unnegotiated enactment of section 36.5 of the NCCFT contract.

Faren Siminoff, NCCFT President, addressed the Board, stating that she hopes the Board listened to what her colleagues had to say. She pleaded with the Trustees to stop inflicting financial burden on this dedicated faculty and to rescind section 36.5 of the NCCFT contract when they enter executive session.

Ariel Lann, NCC Student, addressed the Board with her displeasure that it has been an entire year without a contract for the full-time professors, and about the financial burden of section 36.5 of the NCCFT contract and

the College not receiving an increase in funding for 15 years, and demands the five candidates put forth by the search committee be considered.

David Stern, NCCFT VP Classroom Faculty, asked the Board and pleaded to Trustee Durso to introduce the resolution Prof. Stern drafted to end the section 36-5 paycheck cut which has caused severe stress for the faculty and which is impacting our students.

Tracyann Ayala, Professor of Finance & Economics Dept., congratulated Trustee Patel for being a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor Awards, spoke of the burden of section 36.5 of the NCCFT contract, and implored the Board to add faculty promotions and tenure to the agenda for the May meeting.

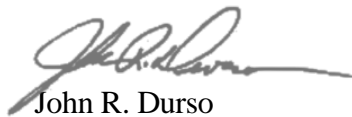
Virginia Sanchioli, Biology Technical Assistant, cited the low morale on campus due to the decision to enact section 36.5 of the NCCFT contract and pleaded with the Board to reconsider this decision.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. It is anticipated the Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. Durso
Secretary Pro Tem