

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of June 11, 2024

The six hundred seventy-seventh meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:13 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

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

Absent: Lynne D'Agostino, Wanda H. Jackson

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

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 purpose 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 Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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

Absent: Lynne D'Agostino, Wanda H. Jackson

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024. Trustee Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution as amended at committee meeting:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College adopts the Revised 2023-2028 Nassau Community College Strategic Plan which includes the Institutional Effectiveness Plan, Key Performance Indicators, and a fourth Institutional Priority with the Board's recommendation to include benchmarks and timelines for all KPI's included in the Strategic Plan.

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

3. Trustee Siberón 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 pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers, and upon the recommendation of the college-wide promotion and tenure committee and the college administration, the faculty members named herein are hereby granted promotion and/or tenure at Nassau Community College effective September 1, 2024.

Tenure & Promotion to Assistant Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department as of 9/1/24</u>
Jolie Zangari	Accounting/Business
Leonardo Falcon	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jacquelynn Taylor	Allied Health Sciences
Nicole Schiffmacher	Allied Health Sciences
Qi Wang	Allied Health Sciences

Tenure and Promotion to Administrative Assistant II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department as of 9/1/24</u>
Mikyung (Julia) Lee	Academic Advisement

Tenure and Promotion to Technical Assistant II

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department as of 9/1/24</u>
Allison O’Neill Parlante	Accounting/Business

Tenure

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department as of 9/1/24</u>
Orval Jewett	Social & Behavioral Sciences

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 (2)two items that did not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Durso seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer of the College and the Chair of the Board of Trustees to execute the settlement agreements and general releases to cause the implementation of the terms set forth therein, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts the irrevocable letters of resignation of the employees who is the subject of said agreements, subject to receipt by counsel to the College of the letters of resignation.

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

5. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS New York State is known for its welcoming embrace of refugee populations; and

WHEREAS SUNY has a history of responding to populations in need by designating the citizens/residents of locations devastated by natural or manmade disasters as New York residents for tuition purposes; including students from New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005; students from Haiti after it was designated for Temporary Protected Status following devastating earthquakes in 2010; and students from Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2019; and

WHEREAS the United States Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security is authorized to designate a foreign state (or any part thereof) for Temporary Protected Status upon finding that extraordinary and temporary conditions in the foreign state prevent its nationals from returning safely, unless permitting the foreign state's nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States; and

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees wishes to extend the benefit of resident tuition to students who are nationals of countries that have been designated as Temporary Protected Status as a humanitarian response which acknowledges these students' inability to return to their home; now; and

WHEREAS on March 5, 2024 the SUNY Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to amend the State University of New York Guidelines on Residency for Tuition Purposes to, within the confines of New York State Education Law, make graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the State- operated institutions of the State University of New York, who are attending these institutions on non-immigrant visas and are nationals of a country that has been granted Temporary Protected Status, to be considered eligible for resident tuition for the 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 academic years; and

WHEREAS on March 5, 2024 the SUNY Board of Trustees urged that the boards of trustees of the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York, to take actions to support students from Temporary Protected Status nations consistent with the spirit of this policy; and

WHEREAS SUNY is extending the resident tuition rate to support students from Temporary Protected Status nations for the 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 academic years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees authorize the NCC administration to amend residency requirements for tuition purposes to students that have been granted Temporary Protected Status, who would not otherwise qualify based on any other established NYS residency requirement. The amendment would apply to current students with non-immigrant visas, making them eligible for Nassau County resident tuition for the 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 academic years.

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

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- Congratulations to the Nassau Community College esports program, winning two SUNY Esports championships in Valorant and Super Smash Brothers.
- Congratulations to NCC Graduates, there were 1,000 students and over 4000 guests in attendance.

- Children's Greenhouse Annual Ice Cream Social is Friday June 14, 5 pm - 8 pm.
- SUNY has awarded NCC a \$11,400 transformational grant for the Nursing program for full-time and adjunct faculty to receive certifications as Certified Academic Nurse Educators and Certified Academic Clinical Nurse Educators. The faculty involved will reap the reward of education that can be applied directly to a better healthcare system that addresses all those in our communities honoring the diversity equity and inclusion needed to live healthy full lives.
- Wished Ed Koeppel who announced his retirement well in his future endeavors. Ms. Tiffany Harvin will be the new Consulting Acting AVP in the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Speaker

Richard Ginsberg, Chair, Theatre & Dance department, highlighted troublesome happenings in the department since becoming Chair, from witnessing nine full-time faculty be reduced to four, soon to be three this August, to overseeing two eye-opening 5-year reviews of the department's AA degree programs on how to create a better environment in a very old building. One reviewer suggested the creation of a niche program and new facility ASAP and the need for digital recording training and musical theater. Three times over the last 40 years the department has been told to prepare for a new theater. Prof. Ginsburg requested that the rehearsal room, W-08, be named in honor of the Theatre & Dance departments former Chair, Victor Abravaya.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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 DeGrace. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Durso
Secretary Pro Tem