

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of November 12, 2024

The six hundred eightieth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the College Center Building Room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:02 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Donna M. Tuman, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Elliot Conway, Lynne D'Agostino, John R. Durso,
George Siberón, Kathy Weiss, Jordon Groom, Student Trustee.

Absent: John A. DeGrace, Wanda 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 purposes: 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 Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 6-0-2 (Conway, Weiss).

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement with Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp. and Roadwork Ahead, Inc. in the annual amount of \$200,000, as requested by Phillip Cappello, AVP Facilities Management.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D'Agostino. Motion carried 8-0.

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 did not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Durso seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

3. First Reading & Discussion: Amendment to Policy 7100: Use of College Facilities

Trustee Weiss stated the purpose of this policy is to describe the rules governing use of Nassau Community College facilities by students, employees and groups, as well as non-college individuals and organizations. During a review of the policy, it has been determined that our rates compared to other similar institutions are low. The intent of amending the policy is to optimize the use of resources and develop good public relations and ensure that the revised schedule of fees is applied. Two other revisions: 1) *college use of all facilities that has been previously reserved has priority over outside organizations*; and 2) *the college reserves the right to require deposit upfront before authorizing the facilities*. The policy will go before the Board at its next scheduled meeting for a second reading and adoption.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- Homecoming was on Oct 26th at Mitchel Field. Sixteen faculty nominated by student athletes that have positively contributed to their academic success were honored. Congratulations to the Nassau Lions on their win against Hudson Valley, 21-7.
- The Math Department hosted the accrediting body accreditation visit for our Electrical Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology programs on Oct 28th and 29th. It was a successful visit with minor findings. One(1) in CET program and three(3) in ELT program. Corrective action is already underway. Congratulations to Chair Kaplan and the faculty involved.
- There was a site visit with our Middle States Team Leader Dr. Quentin Bullock on Oct 30th. The visit was productive as he provided feedback to various groups on the purpose and process of the Spring visit and a review and suggestions on our draft report. Our Middle States visit is scheduled for March 9 -12, 2025.
- Strategic Planning Updates

Full implementation of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan is underway. Our new strategic plan serves as an anchor for assessment activities and will guide resource distribution and prioritization. The Strategic Plan is a living document and as such we can update the document as necessary to respond to external mandates. During November's IPC meeting one set of updates will be discussed based on new SUNY mandates pertaining to: basic needs and sustainability. New master plan goals focused on retention and AI will also be discussed.

- Assessment and Program Review

Reports on academic year 2023–2024 assessment activities are now available on Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning's (OIESP) website. Academic departments are meeting with OIESP to review previous year's assessment activities and closing the loop on findings and continuous improvement. Administrative departments have created and/or updated their mission statements, and outlined their goals and outcomes for the 24-25 academic year, which were aligned to key performance indicators in the strategic plan.

After 17 years the Liberal Arts AA and AS programs have been reviewed. The site visit was held on October 28 with reviewers from SUNY Purchase, Manhattan College and New York University. We anticipate receiving the reviewers' report in the coming days.

- NCC received a SUNY High Needs Nursing Funding for Campus Simulation Support Grant for \$77,000. The grant will allow for the purchase an anatomage table, which is a digital human "cadaver".

Speaker

Izolda Maksym, Chair, Art Department, received a letter from Dr. Kelly Nixon, Director of Music and Art, East Meadow UFSD, commending Professors Carolyn Monastra and William Shillalies of the NCC's Art Department for recently having sponsored a professional development day for East Meadow art teachers.

She thanked all who attended the ongoing Art Gallery faculty exhibition, for which the closing reception on December 12th will be linked to a Kwanzaa celebration and book signing for Dr. Rodney Patterson-Shabbazz.

The performance, *Working, A Musical*, from Dec 6 – 15, with eight performances, plus one streaming, for which 1K – 2K visitors are expected; and for Black History Month, various performances have been planned, with six different jazz, orchestra, and chamber ensemble concerts, some under the direction of Benjamin Anderson.

Trustee D'Agostino asked how the East Meadow professional development day arose. Chair Maksym replied that she had received an invitation to one of the high school art shows and the idea evolved through networking. The department is preparing four or five more projects to bring more high school students to the College. Past programs with BOCES, such as a workshop last Spring for 50 students, resulted in several enrolling in NCC on the spot. She also acknowledged Lauren Pankratz for her great promotional efforts on social media.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 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 Conway moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Weiss
Secretary Pro Tem