

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
GREAT ROOM, KAPLAN HALL
NEWBURGH CAMPUS
5:00 pm**

Present: Chair Weddell, Dr. Kristine Young, Peter Bambino, Flo Hannes, Eli Hart, Tom Hunter, Ralph Martucci, Karen Mejia

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Weddell called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

- A. *Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. *Moment of Silence*

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Items A through D)

Note: Consent Agenda items held for discussion will be moved to Item E

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024
- B. Approval of Retirements
- C. Tenure Recommendations

Motion to approve, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Tom Hunter. Passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. President - Dr. Kristine Young

- ❖ Dr. Young congratulated the newly tenured faculty.
- ❖ Dr. Young introduced an invitation to SUNY Orange's AI Agility Keynotes with Todd McLees scheduled on the Middletown campus on January 14th and 15th.
- ❖ Dr. Young reported that NYCCAP continues to collaborate with NYCCT on a \$100 million advocacy platform. The joint government relations committee has brought it to countless senators and assembly members as well as executive officials. We've responded to data requests, such as showing support from other NYS agencies. We continue to receive warm feedback on a double message of equity and workforce, and some in addition give us pointed advice about how to advance and who to talk to which the committee follows up on. This does include NYSUT, the major faculty union. We will be advocating in local offices in late January and early February.
- ❖ In athletics:
 - Men's Basketball: 9-1 (4-0 in Mid-Hudson Conference play)
 - Team has won five games in a row. SUNY Orange is averaging 89.1 points per game to rank 26th in the country among Division II teams.
 - Jabari Phillip leads the team in scoring at 20.6 points per game, ranking 32nd in the country.
 - Sophomore guard Daniel Lans ranks 6th nationally in steals and 12th in assists
 - Women's Basketball: 2-6
 - The Colts have now won two of their last three games.
 - Defeated Borough of Manhattan Community College 59-41 last night.
 - Defeated Suffolk CC in overtime last Thursday; Adrianna Vasquez had 28 points to lead the Colts.
 - Sophomore guard Victoria Harrison was Mid-Hudson Conference Player of the Week for the Week of Nov. 18-25. In a loss to Herkimer, she scored a career-high 24, and also grabbed 8 rebounds

B. Provost - Dr. [Erika Hackman](#)

- ❖ Dr. Hackman thanked the trustees for the tenure approvals.
- ❖ We had a full Open House event on Saturday, November 23 where we welcomed over 100 new students and their families. Congratulations to the Admissions office.
- ❖ Dr. Hackman announced that the Mother Cabrini grant to support the Rad Tech program expansion has come through. A meeting with Mount Saint Mary has taken place to partner with Middletown high school.
- ❖ Winter session enrollment continues to be strong.
- ❖ Spring enrollment up 8.46% & head count up 8%.
- ❖ Dr. Hackman reported that we are in year five of our \$3M Title V grant and just recently submitted our report.

- C. VP for Administration & Finance – Paul Martland
 - ❖ Paul announced that Cynthia Rolon has been hired in Purchasing she has been reviewing our processes with external assistance
 - ❖ We have our 2025 Health insurance rates. This year individual rates are only going up 2.3% & family rates are going up 71 cents. On the retiree side; percentages remain the same.
- D. VP for Workforce, Strategy & Innovation - Dr. [Jean Leandre](#)
 - ❖ **IPAR: Strategic Planning Team** - The co-chairs, along with Dr. Leandre and Dr. Young, met with our community panel representatives. During the meeting, we provided an overview of the strategic planning process, emphasized how their involvement will shape our plan, and facilitated an engaging conversation about campuses, programs, resources, and partnerships.
 - ❖ **SUNY Orange Plus: Film Production Program** - Our partnership with Choice Films to implement a Film Production program curriculum focused on lighting, stage support, and costumes successfully concluded on November 19th. Twelve students completed the program, earning their OSHA 10 Certification, on-the-job experience in film production, career readiness training, and a \$750 stipend. This initiative was supported by ESD funds. Planning for the second cohort is underway for Spring 2025.
 - ❖ **GED Testing Center** - Through Youth Empowerment Grant funds, the college is gearing up to launch its first GED testing in January /Spring 2025. Currently, staff training is ongoing, the test schedule is being finalized, and the required technology and equipment are being installed.
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- E. Governance President – Liz Carris-Swan
 - ❖ The last Executive Committee meeting of the semester was yesterday.
 - ❖ The Credit for Prior Learning ad hoc Committee, chaired by Dana Salkowsky has discussed policies and have a draft of our Implementation Plan to be submitted to SUNY.
- F. FCCC Report - Michelle Tubbs
 - ❖ Candice Vacin will be meeting with NYCCT, George Cushman, Dr. Young, President of NYCCAP and Dr. Hackman, President of the CAO's to continue building relationships with these groups.
- G. Student Trustee - Peter Bambino
 - ❖ Izabella Matos has been elected as the new Student Senate President.
 - ❖ Student senate would like to create a new Public Relations position within Senate.
 - ❖ The Student Senate is looking to revise their constitution.
 - ❖ The Senate will be discussing the student activity fee.
 - ❖ The Senate plans to advocate on behalf of SUNY Orange to high school students.
 - ❖ The Student Senate is discussing office hour offerings
 - ❖ Student Senate has discussed the idea of a “Meet the Senators” event.
- H. Foundation Board – Dawn Ansbro
 - ❖ Rich Murcurio has gifted \$12,000 for the Computer Science program.
 - ❖ The annual appeal has gone out.
 - ❖ The Foundation lost it's finance manager in mid-November and is currently recruiting a replacement.
 - ❖ The Foundation provided funding for the AI Agility Keynote with Todd McLees.
 - ❖ The Foundation will offer support of the Lab School for the next fiscal year.
 - ❖ The audit has been finalized and Agnes has a copy of the audit report.
 - ❖ A grant application has been submitted for the Dyson Foundation for a \$150,000 grant.
 - ❖ The Foundation Board has approved a 6% spending rate for scholarships for next year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS - NA

V. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- ❖ Chair Weddell reminded all trustees that the County Board of Ethics Financial Disclosure form must be sent back to the county.
- ❖ Chair Weddell reported that he was involved in a great conversation with the NYCCT Executive Committee regarding advocating for needs and asks.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Report Schedule</u>
Academic and Student Services	Karen Mejia	October, December, February, April	November, January, March, May

Audit and Finance	Ralph Martucci	Monthly	Monthly
Enrollment and Retention	Maria Bruni	Monthly	Monthly
Governance and Nominating	Tom Hunter	June	September
Policy	Flo Hannes	Monthly as called	Monthly as needed
Presidents Performance Review and Compensation	Ralph Martucci	May	September

Audit and Finance Committee, Ralph Martucci, Chair:

- The November and December Financials will come to the January meeting.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

- A. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Each member of the public wishing to address the Board will be granted 2 minutes to speak, at which time, the Board will ask you to have a seat to allow others to speak.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION - None

IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to enter executive session at 6:18 pm, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Flo Hannes. Passed Unanimously.

Executive session began at 6:31 pm and ended at 7:45 pm.

X. BOARD ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Karen Mejia. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
 Wednesday, January 22, 2025
 Great Room, Kaplan Hall
 Newburgh Campus