

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023  
GILMAN CENTER, LIBRARY, MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS  
5PM**

Present: Chair Martucci, Dr. Young, Maria Bruni, Charissa Gonzalez, Jessica Hernandez, Tom Hunter, Nick Illobre, Tom Weddell, Karen Mejia

***I. Call to Order – Chair Martucci called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM***

***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 March 15, 2023
- B. Approval of Financial Statements for March 2023
- C. Retirement Memo
- D. Approval of Curriculum Update Memos:
  - a. Deactivated Programs
  - b. Discontinued Programs

**Motion to approve consent agenda N. Illobre, seconded by K. Mejia. Motion carried unanimously.**

***III. REPORTS***

- A. Special Acknowledgement: 2022-23 National Semifinalist NJCAA Division II SUNY Orange Men's Basketball Team
  - Chair Martucci offered a special acknowledgement to our 2022-2023 Men's Basketball Team alongside Coach Tom Rickard and Athletic Director Wayne Smith. Each team member was presented with a certificate of achievement. The team presented Dr. Young with a basketball signed by members of the team.
  - The following season highlights were presented:
    - Won a record 31 games while losing only 3
    - Won 28 straight games to begin the season
    - Won Conference and District Championships
    - Advanced to the Junior College National Tournament for just the second time ever
    - Reached the men's basketball Final Four for the first time in school history
    - Coach Tom Rickard won his 200th game as SUNY Orange coach and was named Region 15 "Coach of the Year"
    - Romeo Aquino was named the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Player of the Year, and was selected as a first-team All-American and was the Region 15 "Player of the Year." He also has been invited to play in the NJCAA All-Star Game in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 20.
    - Romeo also surpassed the 1,000-career points milestone this season. His 784 points this year were the most scored by any men's player, regardless of division, within the NJCAA during the 2022-23 season.
    - Sophomores Darius Boben and Kevin Stein were named to the Region 15 First Team all-star team
    - George Patsalos was named to the region's "Sportsmanship Team"

- Darius is the only player ever at SUNY Orange to have scored more than 40 points twice in his career (including his 42 points against Rockland on Feb. 7)
  - Keon Gill was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Final Four
- B. Special Acknowledgement: Middle States Commission on Higher Education SUNY Orange Self-Study Leadership Team: Dr. Erika Hackman, Dr. Michele Iannuzzi-Sucich and Ms. Christine Work
- Chair Martucci commended the Self-Study Leadership Team for their outstanding work and leadership of our recently concluded two-year Middle States Accreditation Self Study process which resulted in positive feedback from our Middle States Team Chair, Dr. Felicia Ganther. The preliminary report received by Dr. Ganther is not yet finalized until the Middle States Commission Board acts upon the team report this summer.
- C. Special Report: Preliminary 2023-24 College Budget with Tuition and Fees Recommendation – Paul Martland
- Paul reported that the budget will be finalized and approved by the Board in May then sent to the county for approval.
  - Paul offered the explanation of “Contracted Services” to mean services that are not personnel (people).
- D. President - Dr. Kristine Young
- Dr. Young announced that the state has still yet to approved the budget.
  - Tonight is the State of the County address by CE Steven Neuhaus.
  - Dr. Young and Mike Albright will be attending tomorrow mornings State of the County meeting.
  - SUNY Chancellor John King visited our campus on April 18<sup>th</sup> and was accompanied by SUNY Trustee Stanley Litow.
  - Student, Cristopher Cardoza received the Norman McConney award.
  - On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Young will be attending both the PTK and CASE awards ceremonies in Albany in support of our student award recipients:
    - PTK Awards – Ashley Pomeroy, Stephen Davis, Michael Pungello and Scott Sablan. All named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> NY Academic Team ranking
    - CASE Awards – Students Rancelli Burdier and Laurie Atiste are both recipients of the 2023 Chancellors Award for Student Excellence.
- E. Governance President – Liz Carris-Swan
- The Academic Policy Committee has approved an academic policy regarding Orange Connect.
  - Assembly is working on prioritizing initiatives to then forward to Cabinet.
  - Trustee Weddell has asked Liz to collect ideas on how to increase enrollment.
  - Liz asked if she could send a SG rep to attend ETF meetings.
- F. Student Trustee- Jessica Hernandez
- Jessica acknowledged three great clubs on campus: Anime Club, Student Union Club and Rock Band Club.
  - Shepard basement renovations are still ongoing.
  - There was a great turn out at the spring picnic.
- G. College Association – Paul Martland
- The Food Service Task Force is looking into a number of solutions. Pepsi may remain as our vending machine provider. Vendor options for hot and cold foods are being explored.
  - Fall book adoptions are due from faculty at this time.
  - A system issue between Banner and Follett has been identified and is being looked into.
  - Labschool – Nationally there is a collaboration between Headstart & American

College Trustees with a primary focus on evaluating Headstart locations around the country with the possibility of funds to move Headstart programs to community college locations

- Tom Weddell opened up a discussion about an online bookstore opportunity that offers students textbooks for the year for a total of \$160.00.
- Follett does offer E-textbooks however this may not be the best option for all of our students and all courses.

#### H. Foundation Board – Kathy Frommer

- Fundraising: Golf: Sponsorship form and letters were mailed to over 300 local businesses. Event has been created on FB. Please share!
- Leadership: Lauren Rowley has agreed to chair this year's Leadership Event Committee. Event will be held in Kaplan Hall. Committee will have their first meeting at the end of this month.
- Hudson Valley Gives: Met with Student Senate and talked to them about Peer-to-Peer fundraising; they will not be on campus, but can do this from home. Sent out an email to alumni asking if anyone was interested in being a peer-to-peer fundraiser.
- Received two of the five \$10,000 payments from Raymond Leduc for his new endowed scholarship.
- Received a call from Daniel Land, a SUNY Orange alum, who spoke with Sharon and indicated that he would be including us in his will. I returned his call and left a message thanking him for thinking of us.
- Spring annual fund appeal letter has been written and will be mailed early May.
- Scholarships: Deadline for first wave of scholarship applications has passed. We had 383 general applications submitted and 204 conditional applications submitted. College Scholarship Committee has been ranking applications and selected graduating students for awards on April 11th. They will make entering student recommendations on May 2nd and have invited our scholarship committee to join them for training.
- The scholarship portal will open again on May 22 nd and stay open until August 1 st to capture any last minute entering students who have decided to come to SUNY Orange. Postcards are being mailed to all HS Guidance offices and postcards will be given to SUNY Orange Admissions. We will also be part of the "New Start" Program.
- Foundation Updates:
  - Met with Likkia Moody at the Newburgh campus to talk about how the Foundation can have more of a presence there and what that should look like.
- With our New Media student intern, we have filmed videos with two scholarship students and four alum to date. The videos are being edited and will be posted on social media shortly. Working with faculty and college scholarship committee to identify students who will be receiving faculty awards for convocation
- Marketing –Three panel brochure has been distributed on Middletown and Newburgh campuses.
- Marketing Committee met on March 27th to review responses to the Marketing RFP and BBB & G was identified as the top candidate.
- Scholarship Committee - Met on March 14th . Committee reviewed old scholarships that were not in the system and made recommendations for awarding or moving the funds (see attached). Met again on April 2nd to discuss goals and objectives for the committee.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Enrollment Task Force – Gerianne

- Financial Aid system update: We have a contract with Campus Works and Pro-ed – who does verifications.

- The Federal Title IV review was just conducted with a verbal report of no significant findings.
- 987 award packages were assembled 2 weeks ago
- A new “Financial Aid Advisor” position has been created and offers Spanish speaking services.
- Admissions events:
  - High school visitation week, 40 families visited our campus.
  - Incoming Students Day – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: 92 families have signed up so far.
  - SUNY Match Program – 11 applications referred to us with 6 admitted students.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolution No. 3 AY 2022-2023: Resolution to Set Tuition (Academic Year 2023-2024)

**VI. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – Chair Martucci**

- Chairman Martucci thanked all the trustees for completing the self-evaluation assessments that are completed every two years and thanked Christine Work for preparing the comparison analysis. The evaluations will be discussed at May’s Board meeting.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Report Schedule</u>
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Academic and Student Ser	Maria Bruni	October, December, February	November, January, March,
Audit and Finance	Tom Wedde	Monthly	Monthly
Governance and Nominatin	Tom Hunter	June	September
Policy	Flo Hannes	Monthly as called	Monthly as needed
Presidents Performance Re and Compensation	Fred Watsor	May	September

The Academic and Student Services Committee will report in May.  
The Policy Committee did not meet this month, no report.

### VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 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.

#### FCCC Report – Michelle Tubbs

##### Spring Plenary Highlights...

###### SUNY Chancellor Session

- Acknowledged the decline in enrollment at SUNY institutions (we have to figure out how to communicate that there is a place for everyone at SUNY) and that transfer is anything but seamless within the system. The new Senior VC of Student Success is working on a few initiatives to support these challenges
- Our impression so far is that the Chancellor lacks an understanding of the role and importance of community colleges in the system, the student body we serve and how we operate differently than the state-ops, as well as what sound shared governance really is
- When asked about mergers and consolidations, talked about partnerships of CCs and 4-years and opportunities for shared services & programs, but not necessarily reducing the number of institutions
- When asked about the 20% holdback, he said if it comes through in the Governor's budget, CCs will need to develop a plan that communicates an enrollment plan and a long-term financial stability plan

Four major initiatives being managed by the Senior VC of Student Success (Donna Linderman)

- SUNY Match (AKA Cascading Enrollment)
  - Students who are not accepted to the 4-year college(s) they apply to are provided with at least two other options (one 4-year and one CC based on their zip code)
- Employing strategies to fill every Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) Slot
- Auto Admit Initiative (launching soon)
  - Every NYS HS graduating student (except NYC) will be receiving a letter that informs them that they are accepted to their local CC (or provided with CC options nearest to them if there is no local CC)
- CC Auto Transfer Initiative (expected soon)
  - After graduating from a CC, an algorithm based on GPA and some other factors, will be used to determine if a student is then automatically accepted as a transfer to another SUNY institution
  - This is an opt-in program for the 4-year colleges

Updates from Provost-in-Charge

- New investments in SUNY are expected to come through in Governor's budget

- \$200M Digital Infrastructure (Digital Front Door)
- \$75M Transformation Funding (Workforce development, student success, economic mobility, PLA)
- \$53M Faculty Hiring
- \$5M CC Childcare Centers

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

- Beginning implementation phase and plan to send out guidance. Plan to hire a Provost Fellow dedicated exclusively to PLA to assist campuses with their implementation, as there is a desire scale PLA across the system to make SUNY more of an option for NYS students

Additional highlights

- Search firm has been hired for the Provost search, which should be getting under way soon (there is talk that the Provost position will now be a Provost/President of the Research Foundation position)
- There were two resolutions passed at the plenary (that campuses are currently seeking endorsement for)
  - Inclusive Access
    - Calls for student and faculty participation and for campuses to carefully consider "inclusive access" bookstore programs (also referred to as first day complete, box of books, etc) that charge student fees directly for course materials modeled after programs created by book publishers that claim a reduction in overall cost to the student.
  - Support for Academic Freedom
    - Calls for solidarity among all SUNY constituents and actions by the Chancellor to protect and support students and faculty faced with rising ideological and anti-intellectual attacks on academic freedom.

**IX. BOARD DISCUSSION - NA**

**X. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - NA**

**XI. BOARD ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 6:51 N. Illobre, seconded by T. Weddell**

Next Meeting  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5 PM**  
 Gilman Center, Library  
 Middletown Campus