

**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 5 PM  
Via Zoom Technology**

Present: R. Martucci, T. Weddell, F. Hannes, F. Watson, T. Hunter, M. Bruni, K. Pedicini

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martucci called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

The following is a transcript of the recorded board meeting.

Chair Martucci: I will call the January 19, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting of SUNY Orange to order. It is 5:02 PM. Thank you all. Happy New Year to all.

Okay, I will begin with the Consent Agenda. We all have it. We've reviewed it. I will entertain a motion to approve.

II. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Hunter: So moved.

Trustee Weddell: Second.

Chair Martucci: Second. Thank you. Any discussion? Comments? Hearing none; all in favor?

All: Aye.

Chair Martucci: Opposed? Abstentions? Thank you. Carried.

Okay, moving on to reports. Dr. Young, your report please.

III. **REPORTS:**

A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Dr. Kristine Young)

Dr. Young: Great. Thank you Chair Martucci. Happy New Year trustees. The academic semester starts tomorrow, January 20...okay that's where we are...today is the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is the 20<sup>th</sup>. We begin tomorrow so what a, you know, an unconventional start it is to our semester trustees. As you know, the 20<sup>th</sup> has long been posted as our first date of the semester. We did not alter our academic calendar but as you well know, we did alter the way we are approaching our affairs in terms of our in-person return to campus. So, just as a reminder, yesterday, Tuesday, was the first time that we returned most of our campus personnel to campus. So, first I want to publicly salute our facilities and safety and security personnel who were on campus throughout January preparing for most of our return, securing our campus. And, indeed, on Tuesday, all of Staff/Chair, all of Management Confidential and the rest of CSEA

personnel came back yesterday to a beautiful and safe campus. And, tomorrow, the approved, limited, hands-on courses will start in person, while the remaining rest of the academic calendar will start in a remote stance. And that will continue until January 31<sup>st</sup>.

So, it turns out our Emergency Management Team/COVID Response team, which you can imagine, has been attentive throughout that winter break and every day since, continues to monitor the situation...but did an excellent job anticipating the trajectory of the Omicron variant. While no one should take a celebratory lap yet about where Omicron is tonight, the wave is breaking. The number of cases in Orange County is decreasing. The percentage of positive cases is decreasing. So, we seem to have planned our return to campus well. Although we monitor hourly, I salute Orange County Department of Health, which for, as pressed as they are, for how many responsibilities they have and the variety of challenges they have, they do find time to consult with us and advise us in our particular situation. We are an institution of higher education, without residence halls, with a commuter population, with all sorts of different questions, and give us specific advice to our situation. So, they have been brilliant, and we continue to post and inform our college community as rapidly as we can as well.

So, we kicked off our day with Assembly. I am certain Paul Basinski will talk with you about that. And, in my opinion and I hope his, that gave us a chance to talk with our college community, the employee community, respond to their questions in real time, communicate confidence in our approach to the semester, and get things off to a good start.

So, that's where we are as a college community and in terms of enrollment, we'll find out tomorrow, officially where we are and get a head count and FTE count tomorrow. Remember in the middle of all this we had booster requirements come down and so things have been moving all over the place. So, we'll have a little more confidence tomorrow about where we are and through that critical drop add period as students move around between classes.

With respect to enrollment, you know, it may be a good Segway here, is as we continue to work our enrollment management plan, we did have our first family orientation session this past weekend with 19 students/families participating. I saw some social media going on about that and I see two huge smiles from vice presidents right now in zoom land and I think that was a source of joy and satisfaction for them. Gerianne, Erika, would you want to offer any comments about how that went, or any feedback from the students on how that went?

Dr. Hackman:

Sure, I'll just say that it was clear that the students who participated and their families were just so grateful. You know, they had a lot of information that was thrown at them that day and just really impressive in terms of the resources and the supports, that was a very strong message that came through. But the fact that they could also, at the end, just ask the variety of questions that were on their minds, it really provided them some confidence and excitement to get

started. So, I think it was a very successful event. Look forward to continuing to do it.

Dr. Young:

Good. Thank you. Gerianne anything? No. Good. Well, it was a busy Saturday morning, because I know that was happening. I saw that. Meanwhile, Men's Basketball team was back in action and won their 10<sup>th</sup> game of the season which keeps them ranked #10 in the nation. So they are, in the nation, they are first in field goal percentage, first in field goals made, and second in points per game. So, there. It was a big Saturday for SUNY Orange.

I will also tell you, it was a busy day today, because just before board stuff got rolling, of course we had the Governor, this morning, released her executive budget. And, our interim chancellor, right on it, got a SUNY like quick analysis on it. This is fabulous. So, as I'm shuffling papers here, I beg your pardon, but this is really good news for community colleges. So, I offer you a hap hazard critique but a good one. SUNY is critiquing that in the executive budget...so you all know the drill here, right...this is the executive budget. It has to go through a lot of legislative process here, but this is our departure point. Usually, we say this is just the departure point. Like, we'll negotiate from here, but this is where we're starting from this year, and this is very very good indeed. Our governor has started the community colleges out at 100% of the floor. How about that for a change? Oh my gosh, this is kind of fun on zoom. 100% of the floor for community colleges as well as flat per student funding levels at the \$2997 FTE per student. So, I have never seen that before. So, that is brilliant in community college world. What a great starting point for community colleges. So, that seems to be in terms of base operating for all that good news...in terms of base operating aid for community colleges, that is only, it seems a point-nothing % increase in our budget overall in terms of the entire budget for community colleges. But that is fantastic news for us. Interestingly, language to be included allowing for a separate category of tuition rate for high demand certificate programs. I've never seen this before "...upon approval by the chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees, this rate may be set lower than standard rates of tuition and is expected to be leveraged to engage more competitive enrollment opportunities within industry and other areas." So, for the very first time, I'm seeing maybe potential for differential tuition...is the way I'm reading that. Again, this is...I'm doing this on the fly. So, that's very interesting to see, as a potential. Looks like \$5.4 Million may be dropped just into community college world for the expansion of childcare offerings. I don't know that I'm getting hyper excited about that for SUNY Orange because we already have our lab schools. So, this may be just for...I think the spirit may be to make sure every SUNY college has a childcare center, but one never knows. Maybe this will allow us to expand our offerings. But very noble goal to make sure that all SUNY colleges, all 64 of us have childcare centers. But one last thing I'll note that in the community college category...this is a public document, so I'm not speaking out of school that both the Orange County BRIDGES program and the Orange County Simulations Lab...so these are items that in the past that Senator Skoufis and Assemblywoman Gunther has assisted us with, carried over in the executive

budget, so as a departure point, they are both in this so that's interesting that they are there as a departure point. So, we'll continue to monitor their progress and, surely, we will advocate for them in our work. So, a very good departure point for community colleges and for SUNY Orange in this budget. And for SUNY in general there is, in the overall budget, new points of emphasis like never before. Very directed, you can see, toward workforce, in demand jobs, ties, making sure that community colleges are transferring students to our 4-year sister colleges in high demand fields, that community colleges are working with regional economic development councils in new ways, strong emphasis on work force. So, I think we would be wise, as we do our work in the year ahead, that we really look at that second theme in our Strategic Plan and make sure that we are attendant to that and that we are really emphasizing that in our own local work and ready to take advantage of resources coming from state and federal government and being part of what's going on at the state.

So, that is my report for this evening, Chair Martucci. If there is anything else I can respond to, please let me know.

Chair Martucci: Okay, thank you Dr. Young. I'll open it up for any questions.

Trustee Hannes: No questions. One comment. It is so nice to see our president and our vice presidents smiling so broadly. What a great way to start off 2022.

Chair Martucci: Yup. Some positive notes.

Okay, hearing no questions, we are going to move ahead. Governance Report. Paul, please. Is he not on? Is Paul not on Carol?

Secretary Murray: Oh. There you go. You just have to unmute yourself.

Chair Martucci: Oh. Okay. Your report Paul.

## **B. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM (Paul Basinski)**

Mr. Basinski: Thank you Ralph. Good evening trustees and Happy New Year to everyone at the meeting today. Actually, at Assembly this morning, one of the things that was said is the Governor...Hochul, has a very visionary plan for SUNY in her state of the state address. But you gotta show us the money too and it looks like we're off to a good start financially with the state legislature approval pending.

As Dr. Young noted, we did have our traditional kick off of the academic semester with our first College Assembly meeting this morning. One of the things that struck me, the number of folks that felt free to speak up at that meeting about a variety of issues from where they sit, from their perspective. It's enriching to me personally as a president of Shared Governance but more importantly just the way in which ideas were shared this morning. The big idea of course was the discussion we had about Omicron and the revised start if you

will. As I think the board may know, not all faculty will be returning to campus physically to teach until January 31. So, there were a number of opinions, some very strong ones, expressed about the spread of the variant in particular in Middletown and in Newburgh, throughout Orange County. We did have a conversation about that. I have to commend Dr. Young and her EMT team. I think they were all over this one as far as dealing with the emergence of the new variant, having a response plan in place that was efficacious for faculty, staff and of course students as well. Not a 100% compliance or agreement on that plan. There can never be. But I think the right things are being done to have a safe start to the spring semester. So, Assembly went very well today from my perspective.

Assessment Advisory committee was there, and they are preparing a set of Institutional Learning Outcomes which we do not have at that level at SUNY Orange. We have course-based student learning outcomes and programmatic outcomes. This would sort of be the icing on the cake. So, we had a preliminary conversation about that this morning at Assembly as well. And we'll hope to take a vote on that matter and establish institutional learning outcomes for the first time for SUNY Orange at our upcoming meeting.

As Flo will no doubt tell you, I met at 2 PM with the Policy Committee today. Again, just from the Governance perspective, I am so pleased to be in that room and to provide a faculty perspective broadly speaking, an SG point of view, that might not be available to members of the board policy committee. As I migrate out of this president position this spring, I have to tell you how important having a shared governance representative on a board committee no less, is to us as a body and we hope to the Board of Trustees as well. So, I hope we can continue that relationship moving forward when I've left office here at the end of May.

I do look forward, as I must say, with Tom here, to our first meeting of the Enrollment Management Task Force and hearing a little bit about the enrollment figures and what we're gonna do moving forward as always to address enrollment and retention issues.

Trustees, that is my report this evening unless you have any comments or questions.

Trustee Hannes: Well, Paul, as much as we love your presence, your presence is...on the Policy committee, is as a representative of Shared Governance and yes, it will continue, and you are welcome to return whenever you like.

Chair Martucci: Okay. Paul, thank you for that report. Looks like you're off to a great start this spring semester. We appreciate all your efforts.

Okay, our Student Trustee report. Kira.

### **C. REPORT OF THE INTERIM STUDENT TRUSTEE (Kira Pedicini)**

Trustee Pedicini: Hi everyone. I wanted to start off by saying Happy New Year to everyone. I don't really have a report because we start tomorrow. So, I just wanted to say I

am grateful for starting class tomorrow regardless of if it's in person or virtual. Either is very important to me and important to many others that we have College.....going on in general. Thank you, Dr. Young. Thanks guys.

Chair Martucci: Thank you Kira. Does any of the other trustees have any comments or questions for Kira? Okay. Thank you again Kira. Again, we look forward to your report as we move through the semester. Thank you.

Alright. Paul. College Association.

#### **D. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION (Paul Martland)**

Mr. Martland: Okay, thank you. A very abbreviated report this month. Not a whole lot has transpired since we met in December, given the break. I will say however on the financial front, the Association Office is always happy to receive our operating grants. And those are coming in this week. \$83,000 and change for Middletown and \$57,000 and change for Newburgh Lab Schools.

From the bookstore perspective, I think I mentioned last time that the bookstore managers and Erika and her team really worked together to really get the word out to faculty about the importance of getting their book orders in on time. And, that joint effort has paid off nicely. The vast majority of books are on the shelves. We're in a much better position than we've been in any previous semester since I've been here. You know, there may a course or two where there is an issue. There always is one or two. But I think that collaboration resulted in a very good result.

Interestingly, one of the trends we're noticing is that many students are taking advantage of the option to have their books shipped directly to their homes. So, we don't have to have as much traffic through the stores, but they're getting their books which is a good thing.

From the additional stuff on the Lab School, the story unfortunately continues...the theme continues that we've spoken about at previous meetings in terms of both staffing difficulties and really decimating issues with COVID over the last few weeks, in terms of both students and staff being testing or having to quarantine. And the operation of the center has been affected in terms of the number of hours they can run with the stuff that they've had. Gina McCann has done a really good job of staying on top of that. Not only day to day but hour to hour, to keep as much of the centers running through this period. They are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, which is good.

There is...we're waiting...it should be announced tomorrow, if not tonight, the results of the applications put into SUNY for funding for an internship program with the lab school. We applied for both Middletown and Newburgh and we are waiting to hear the results, then I'll be able to update you on that.

Food Services is the only thing of note...because they haven't been open that much since we were last together, is the donation that they made in terms of

the \$10,000 payment was indeed received in person last week. So, they are up to speed. That is my report, Mr. Chairman.

Chair Martucci: Thank you Paul. I'll open that up for any questions regarding the College Association. Okay, hearing none, moving forward. Thank you, Paul. Our Foundation. Dawn, your report please.

**E. REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD (Dawn Ansbro)**

Ms. Ansbro: Thank you Chair Martucci. Happy New Year to everybody. I wanted to start by saying the Foundation is getting back into the habit of having Foundation board members accompany me to the trustee meetings. You'll recall that that was something we were doing pre-COVID and then when we went virtual, it kind of fell by the wayside. So, we are actively doing that again. And so, I'd like to recognize and welcome Ruben Estrada and Marianna Kennedy here to the meeting. Just wanted to let you guys know they were here.

In terms of my report, just to let you know, I got a call today from Lakeland Bank out of the blue, giving us an additional \$2,000 scholarship, which was a very nice call to get. It is part of their golf outing. They do a big fundraising event and then they divvy up the money between various schools. We were apparently not on their radar even though John Rath does work there. And John is long time support of the organization. So, it was very nice to get that call and a nice way to start.

We are also working with Mike Doehla who you may recall was our leadership and business honoree in October. He is an entrepreneur, an alum of the College, started a company called Stronger "U" Nutrition, recently sold it. We're working with Mike to establish a health and wellness scholarship really aimed perhaps at our exercise science students. I want to thank Sheila Stepp for giving me some information to share with Mike to try and get that off the ground. So, exciting.

Oh, I want to mention too that the Foundation did complete its audit as per the College's request. The Foundation Board met for a sort of a...I don't want to call it an emergency meeting, but it was certainly an out of calendar meeting in December just to approve the audit so that we could get it to the College by the end of the year. So, that was accomplished, and all was good. We're very happy to report, we got a clean opinion.

We applied to the Rowley Fund for Women and Children for a grant. Madeline Torres-Diaz I know is not here. She and I worked pretty closely on this grant application. We actually did not get the grant, but I did speak with Rich Rowley after the fact. They had about \$500,000 to award and about \$2 Million in grant requests to review. So, it was a very difficult decision. And, as we know the Rowley Foundation supports the College and the Foundation in many many different ways. So, Rich and I are talking about funding the project in another way. And really the project is taking our student emergency fund and sort of elevating it maybe to a more comprehensive program, where we're also

providing some other wrap around services in addition. So, it's not things...they're really things that the College is already doing but we're just pulling them together into a single place and giving them a common name. So, things like mental health wellness, financial literacy....we partnered with the Hudson Valley Credit Union to provide some financial literacy training for those students who are requesting this kind of assistance. The Shoprite gift cards and the food pantry. So, just trying to provide sort of a one-stop if you will for students in need. And I'm still very excited about it. I know Madeline is too. And she and I will be presenting the idea to the Foundation Board in...no, we'll be presenting it to the Executive Committee in February.

And I can't recall if I told you about the gift that we received from Mary Franza. Mary is a very good friend of Helen Richards out in Colorado. And Mary gave us a \$35,000 gift just shortly before the holidays. We are using \$7,500 of that gift to cover one of our presidential scholarships and then the rest of it is going toward the William and Helen Richards Scholarship. But it was a very significant gift. We greatly appreciate Mary and her husband for continuing to think of us every year. And that is my report unless anybody has any questions for me.

Chair Martucci: Any questions for Dawn? Wow, all good news to start off the year Dawn. Thank you very much. And I'd like to welcome Marianna and Ruben and we appreciate all your hard work and everything you do for the Foundation.

Okay. Alright. We have old business. Trustee Weddell, would you like to give an update on the Enrollment Task Force?

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Report of the Enrollment Task Force (Trustee Weddell)**

Trustee Weddell: Well, we didn't meet since our last meeting and we'll meet before the next meeting sometime, so we haven't had a meeting, but I don't know if....Gerianne, do you have any secrets to tell us yet about any success rate or loss rate yet? I know classes start tomorrow.

VP Brusati: Yeah. Classes start tomorrow so nothing secret to share. Perhaps one thing to say is that through SUNY we partnered...SUNY has partnered with a national organization that basically looks at enrollment and enrollment trends to do what they call strategic enrollment management. And Tom...I probably...I haven't even told this to Kris yet...but we'll be meeting with their consultant. I'll be meeting with them on Friday just to talk about the plan that we put forward out of the task force already and to invite their feedback and their comments. So, that's just a nice opportunity for us because it gives us some outside, at least outside critique and hopefully some good directions to go in. So, more to come at our next enrollment task force meeting for sure.

Trustee Weddell: Alright. Great. Thank you. I have nothing else to report Ralph.

Chair Martucci: Does anybody have any questions regarding the enrollment task force. Okay, hearing none we'll move on to new business. We have a motion to approve our



policy manual, our sections 1 and 2. And, at this time, I'll turn it over to Trustee Hannes.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to Approve Policy Manual Sections 1 and 2

Trustee Hannes: You caught me off guard. Well, I am incredibly pleased to report at the progress that our Policy committee is moving along with. Just to review, we go over the policies, we consider their appropriateness, their application to what is...to present times, and then we make recommendations and pass it on to Bond...to legal counsel. Sara is our specific legal counsel that reviews it. And, I know I say this at every monthly meeting, but I cannot say enough. The amount of work that Mike Albright and Iris put into this is...I glide as chair of this committee thanks to Mike and Iris' input. So, thank you both as well as the committee. Paul brings a wonderful perspective from the needs of faculty and the general college community. Tom and our Chair, Ralph, bring great insight as well. I think you will be very pleased with where we are heading.

And, you have Sections 1 and 2 that we have given you for review. I would like to make some corrections to that as you are reviewing it. In Section 2.2 there is a reference to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and we have changed that since we gave you that copy to "contact appropriate vice president." Just so that you know that that is a minor but an important change since we no longer have a vice president for Institutional Advancement. I will stop for a moment, pause and tell you, that is the detail with which the committee and Mike's proofreading it and the legal proof reading are addressing. So, we are....Ralph, Tom and I are incredibly pleased at what is brought back to the policy committee on how we address...and make sure literally that we cross every t and dot every i.

The other change, minor, but to make you aware. Board Policy 2.6, there is a line with contact information. That should have been taken out. We will ultimately put that in specifically who that will be, who will be included and needing to contact. Minor changes to the document for Sections 1 and 2 that you have in hand. I will stop for a moment and ask if you have any questions about those changes, or anything in Sections 1 and 2...for your nighttime pleasurable medicated reading.

Trustee Weddell: From what I received in my packet; those are the changes that are different?

Trustee Hannes: Yes.

Trustee Weddell: Or should I have received those already?

Trustee Hannes: No. No...this is...we were informed of those changes at our committee meeting today and I am letting you know that. Mike...I have not had...Mike sent me the exact wording which I can send on to the entire board. I have not had a chance to do that since we spoke earlier.

Trustee Weddell: You mentioned the first one was in Section 2.2 but then the other one was 2.6? And what did you add to that?

Trustee Hannes: Well, there is a line that says, "with contact info" and it has empty parens. That should have been taken out.

Chair Martucci: That should have been deleted. Okay. Any other....

Trustee Hannes: Go ahead Mike...or Ralph.

Chair Martucci: Mike Albright?

Mr. Albright: Yeah. That was...it was actually...Flo, just to correct you....2.16 was the policy.

Trustee Hannes: Oh. 2.16

Mr. Albright: Yeah. And it was just...we had a line in there that was gonna reference a contact person at the College for that policy and we needed to...we just had forgotten to take that out and we're gonna move it to the procedures. Yeah, both of the...the two changes that Trustee Hannes is talking about were minor clerical things that we saw in our proof-reading process this past week and/or even as late as today so...as we were planning the website and some other materials for any changes. So minor stuff but we wanted to make sure that the board was understanding that what you got in your packet wasn't reflective of the exact wording that you voted on.

Trustee Hannes: Because having said that, the chair of the policy committee is about to make a motion to approve the included updated versions that we just spoke about.

Chair Martucci: Section 1 and 2 with those two minor revisions.

Trustee Hannes: No, it would be Sections 2.2 and 2.16. Thank you for the correction, Mike.

Chair Martucci: Okay, thank you. Flo, we have that motion on the table. Is there a second?

Trustee Hunter: I second.

Chair Martucci: Thank you Tom.

I will open it up for any other discussion or comments or questions?

Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Chair Martucci: Opposed? Abstentions? Carried. Thank you, Flo and thank you Mike and Iris for all your hard work.

Trustee Hannes: I would just like to add one other item. We will be...we are presently working on Section 3. We will be ready to send that out to the board for review, for the February meeting. And then, your review leading to an approval vote at the March meeting. And we are moving along. Bond Legal and Sara specifically who is working with Mike and Iris, have been absolutely incredible in terms of our...the way...the process, we look at it, we ask questions. Mike and Iris take that to Sara at Bond. She offers suggestions back or says yay or nay to what we

are suggesting and then we moved forward with that. So, we are...I am so pleased to say what an incredible team this Policy committee is and looking at all aspects of how policy changes will affect the college community, the Administration, the staff. So, we're taking all of that into consideration. And finally, with Paul, who has provided great insight and suggestions from Shared Governance, of course in the name and the sake of transparency we will continue with whoever takes Paul's place. But we want you to continue coming. And that concludes Policy committee report.

Chair Martucci: Okay. Alright. You upstaged me on that, but you don't have another report at the end of the committee reports. Thank you for all your work there, Flo.

## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:**

Chair Martucci: Okay. Chairman comments. Really two brief comments.

February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> is the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington DC. And just to let everyone know we have an exciting and a great team will be attending from SUNY Orange. We have Dr. Young. We have our Student Trustee, Kira; Trustee Weddell, Trustee Watson and myself. So, we're really looking forward to it and we....like I said, we have a strong team there representing SUNY Orange so that's great.

And the only other item is just to let everybody know, we don't have an Executive Session for tonight's meeting, so we'll be finalizing everything as soon as we get done with the last couple items.

So, with that, I'll move to committee reports. Our Academic and Student Services Chair Vacca is not available tonight, but I think Maria you have a report from your committee.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Academic and Student Services: Trustee Bruni**

Trustee Bruni: Yes, thank you Chairman Martucci. Nice to see everybody. Happy New Year.

The Academic and Student Services committee met on January 5 and Trustee Vacca asked me to share some notes from that evening.

Thank you, Erika and Gerianne, for making a presentation regarding the first-year experience and the first semester course. And they gave us some historical perspective along with goals and outcomes of the first-year experience. And course goals is to develop institutional awareness, identifying the difference between high school and College. And, then to teach students College survival skills, procedures, problem solving and also to promote the purpose of higher education and the value of liberal arts course work writing

and communication skills. The desired outcomes are retention and completion, sense of belonging, students to become capable of navigating their experience, financial literacy, study skills, and students becoming capable of advocating on their behalf. This ties in with the Title V grant...the strategy ties in...which gives the opportunity to leverage funds, showing that we're leveraging funds, strength and connections of students with diverse backgrounds and career goals. So, the next steps are...in Academic year 2021-22 will be the design year for the program and to launch the pilot program in the fall 2022 semester. So, that's pretty much what we went over, and I ask Erika and Gerianne if there is anything more to add or you know if I missed something along the way. And thank you for your guidance also on this and your work on it. That's it unless anybody has any questions.

Chair Martucci: Okay, great. Good report. Thank you, Maria. We appreciate all your help. Great report. Audit and Finance, Trustee Weddell?

**Audit and Finance: Trustee Weddell**

Trustee Weddell: Yes, we met just prior to this meeting today and I'm glad to say that after 4 months of operation, we're right on budget, right where we had planned to be at this point in time. So that's really all I have to report.

Chair Martucci: Okay. Does any of the other board members have any questions for Audit and Finance? Hearing none. Thank you for that report, Tom.

**Policy: Trustee Hannes**

Flo, you gave a great report so thank you for that and we're gonna move right along to our comments from the public. We do have Michelle Tubbs who will be giving us a brief report but before I turn it over to Michelle, I'm going to recognize anyone else from the public who would like to make any comments tonight. If you could just raise your hand and Carol will unmute you once Michelle is done with her presentation. Again, a reminder is, please keep your comments to two minutes only. So, with that, Michelle?

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Secretary Murray: Chair Martucci, Michelle is not here this evening, so Paul Basinski is going to give some comments.

Chair Martucci: Okay.

Secretary Murray: Okay, thank you

Chair Martucci: Go ahead Paul, the floor is yours.

Mr. Basinski: You know, I just saw the draft from Michelle that she sent along...the state news that she presented to us at Assembly this morning. So, rather than me sharing here haphazardly, if the board permits, we'd like to send that information along to you and you can peruse it at your leisure.

Chair Martucci: Yes, Paul, each month when Michelle gives a quick summary of her report, then she sends her full report to Carol and Carol includes it in the board packet to the trustees.

Mr. Basinski: Very good.

Secretary Murray: I have it, so I'll make sure it's there.

Chair Martucci: Okay, thank you Paul. Thank you, Carol. Okay is there anyone else Carol? Carol, any other comments from the public?

Secretary Murray: I do not see anyone else with a hand raised.

Chair Martucci: Okay. Thank you for that help.

Secretary Murray: Except for Tom Weddell. It looks like he would like to make a comment.

Chair Martucci: Alright, we're gonna move on to board discussion. I'll turn that over to you Tom.

## **IX. BOARD DISCUSSION**

Trustee Weddell: I do have a question. I am concerned about Shared Governance in this respect is that Paul has been pretty active on enrollment and seems like he's been pretty active on the policy committee. And I'm concerned that he is no longer gonna be president. And I want to...would like to know who from Shared Governance would be on the Enrollment committee, who is gonna be on the Policy committee and actually I'm surprised nobody is on Bill Vacca's, the Academic Student Services committee from Shared Governance to be part of that committee. Would it...I don't know...is it that we...right now, Paul if you're gonna be off the committee, I'd like to know who the new person is so they can start to include them in these meetings with us in enrollment so they can get brought up to speed sooner than later. And I don't know how policy feels about that, but I have appreciated Shared Governance being part of the enrollment committee. So, is there any plan Paul or is there any thoughts on how that transition is gonna take place?

Mr. Basinski: Yes, absolutely Tom and thank you for those encouraging remarks and I can assure this board that we are in the midst of our transition as we speak. I announced at Assembly today that our Executive Committee meets next Wednesday to essentially certify the process by which we'll elect our new leadership later this spring term. We will begin soliciting nominations for our

campus-wide positions of shared governance president, vice president as well as the delegates of Faculty Council, an alternate delegate. That's currently Michelle Tubbs position, serving as our delegate. We'll hold those elections later in the spring. I believe it's either at the March or the April Assembly. And again, if it pleases the board, certainly, I'd be happy to present our new leadership to this group prospectively as early as your May meeting. That's our transition process in a nutshell.

Trustee Weddell: Alright, but you're no longer the president. Are you still gonna remain on the enrollment committee and the policy committee or...?

Mr. Basinski: Ah, no, I will have no official positions. My attachment to this group is through my election as Shared Governance president. As I'm finishing up that second 3<sup>rd</sup> year term, that would end the official connection.

Chair Martucci: Well, Paul, maybe your last report in May you might have that opportunity to bring your new leadership team and introduce them to the board.

Trustee Weddell: I have high expectations.

Mr. Basinski: Pleasure. Tom, you've always been all over it. It's a pleasure working with all of you. Tom in particular at those Enrollment Management meetings, he's tenacious. Because like all of you, he believes so much in the future of this institution and making sure that we have a continuing flow of students through the door. Sure.

Trustee Hannes: Oh sure, you're playing favorites. You like him better than you like me.

Mr. Basinski: Where has the politician gone in me? We'll be so pleased to let you know who our new leaders are as soon as our College Assembly has elected them later this year.

Chair Martucci: Great. Well, we certainly appreciate all the leg work that everybody does. And really this is a collaboration. We're all a team here and we all have one mission to accomplish and we're working hand in hand and that's critical. Thank you for everything Paul. Okay. Any other board discussion.

Trustee Watson: Chair Martucci, I was muted earlier when Dr. Young finished with her comments. During her presentation, she mentioned our interim chancellor. And I would like for her to tell the trustees about our interim chancellor, and she might have some tidbits to add and let us know what to expect.

Chair Martucci: Great. Great. Thank you, Fred. Dr. Young?

Dr. Young: Absolutely, let me tie back to this previous conversation first. First, I'll join in the board's praise of Paul Basinski as we start. I guess a long salute of Paul's leadership, but you know to the board. You have included Shared Governance

in your committees, in your deliberations. That's been your choice, so certainly wise to look to the president of Shared Governance but you know, you can reach to anyone in the faculty ranks or the College ranks for their voice. So, I think you're wise to select the president for certain functions but if you like Paul to continue in any way, that's a choice, or other people in Shared Governance as well. There's nothing constitutional, I think in your committees, that says it's Paul. So, just want to relieve you of that, as you're thinking about that.

As to the question of the interim chancellor, it is Dr. Deborah Stanley, who has been a long-time president of SUNY Oswego and I believe about 25 years of leadership. She was appointed by the SUNY Board of Trustees to be the interim chancellor. I did not...I was not aware of a finite period to her contract although I have heard that the board, you know may be looking for a permanent chancellor as soon as maybe the next academic year. So, maybe the fall. They have promised a national search for the chancellor. I probably don't have to remind you that that was a constant point of tension particularly with faculty and to some extent academic Die hards within the system that to do a search for a chancellor you should do a national search and vetting for a chancellor and include a search committee inclusive of faculty and staff within the system to vet that person. So, that they will do a national search has been assured. So, the new chancellor, you know I've been in the same room with her for these 6 or 7 years and I have been impressed thus far with the way she has conducted the one president's meeting that we've had together and her communications here about COVID management and budget have been exceptionally timely, exceptionally thorough and exceptionally transparent. I think...I've felt it's been a very very good information flow. So, I'm impressed so far and grateful. Just gives very good confidence at this tricky time.

Trustee Watson: Thank you Dr. Young.

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Chair Martucci: Okay. Thank you. Any other board discussion? Any items of concern or questions or anything that any of the trustees might have. Okay, good. Alright hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

XI. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Weddell: So moved.

Chair Martucci: Second?

Trustee Weddell: Raise your hand, Fred.

Trustee Watson: Okay. Tom's second. I thought I made the motion.

Chair Martucci: Okay. Alright. Motion by Fred. Second by Tom. We're adjourned. Thank you everyone. Have a great evening.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully transcribed and submitted,

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