

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011, AT 8:30 AM
IN MUSIC ROOM, MORRISON HALL**

Present: Chairman A. Anthonisen, Vice Chair G. Mokotoff, Secretary M. Murphy,
V. Boucher-Parisella, T. Hunter, R. Krahulik, J. Wolfe, R. Calderin, H. Ullrich,

Absent: S. O'Donnell

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Anthonisen called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

II. Oath of Office – None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda items A – G. Ullrich/Murphy
Unanimous

Joan Wolfe requested that Item G be held for discussion at the March meeting.
All were in agreement. Item G will be moved to the Consent Agenda for March, 2011.

A. Approved the regular Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2010 (no meeting held in January.)

B. Approved Petty Cash report for December 2010, in the amount of \$15.47; and January 2011, in the amount of \$9.70.

C. Approved Staff and Chair Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Patrice Henry	Director of Payroll, Grade III	1/29/11
Susan Mansueto	Interim Director of Student Accounts (Title Change), Grade III	1/3/11
David Jiang	Simulation Technician, Grade I	1/3/11
John P. Rion	Math Resource Coordinator, Grade II	1/18/11
Angela Romano	Associate Registrar, Grade II (Title Change)	1/3/11

D. Approved Faculty Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Maria Abbate	Instructor, Department of Nursing full-time, tenure-track, Year 2	Spring 2011 Semester

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Jeffrey Doolittle	Instructor, Department of Global Studies, full-time, temporary, Year 1	Spring 2011 Semester
Betty Ann Easton	Instructor, Department of Nursing, full-time, temporary, Year 2	Spring 2011 Semester
Dr. Mercedes Ebbert	Instructor, Department of Biology Full-time, tenure-track, Year 1	Spring 2001 Semester
Stephanie Herfel	Instructor, User Services Librarian Newburgh Campus, Year 1	2/14/11 for AY 2010-2011
Dagmar Strenk	Instructor, Department of Nursing Full-time, tenure-track, Year 2	Spring 2011 Semester

E. Approved Faculty Sabbatical Request

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Diane Bliss	Professor, Department of English	Fall 2011 Semester

F. Approved Management Confidential Appointment

Carol Murray	Executive Assistant to the President	1/31/11 – 8/31/11
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IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- William Richards

- In the fall semester, Greg Wyatt, a preeminent sculptor gave scholarships to two of our students: Meghan Maney and Evan Schlomann. They worked with him for eight weeks at his foundry in New York City. Mr. Wyatt has invited Meghan and Evan back this spring, along with another student from Columbia. Their finished product, the Bronze, is currently on display at the National Academy of Arts, and will then go to New York University, and finally here to the College in April.
- A flyer noting the New York Community College Presidents' Lobbying agenda was distributed. The only item being requested of the Legislature is a restoration of our reimbursement rate to \$2545 per FTE in the next cycle. This is opposed to Governor Cuomo's proposed budget in which we will lose an additional 10% of our operating expenses. In three years, we have lost a total of about 22% in operating funds.
- Mike Albright, our Director of Communications, has been selected as a finalist for "Feature Writing" by the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations. This is quite an honor and well-deserved on Mike's part.
- Next September is the 100th anniversary of the first cross-country flight by Cal Rogers in 1911. Mr. Rogers flew from Sheepshead Bay to Pasadena, California and crashed 16 times, narrowly missing the Morrison mansion on one occasion. There will be a celebration next September to commemorate his first flight and our Engineering and Science Department may build a replica for display in our new science building.
- The spring schedule for Continuing Education was distributed and it was noted that two of our students did a great job creating the cover. They not only saved the College money but have now been hired as interns.

- Spring enrollment is flat and may be a sign that the county is recovering a little bit and more people are working. The # of FTE's is down slightly.
- In the fall semester, we had 827 Dean's list students, and 43 students achieved a 4.0 GPA.
- For the second year in a row our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter has received a Pinnacle Award for a membership enrollment of at least 5% greater than last year. Linda Fedrizzi is the faculty advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and she is doing a marvelous job.
- SUNY Orange windbreakers were distributed to Board members.
- The March meeting is a joint dinner meeting with the Foundation Board, who will do a presentation for the trustees.
- On January 16th, SUNY Orange hosted the Inauguration ceremony for newly elected Congresswoman Nan Hayworth in the Orange Hall Theatre and Senator Schumer attended.
- Again this year, we had an overwhelming vote by our CSEA union members, in favor of the 4-day summer schedule. Summer hours will begin at the end of May and go through end of July. We expect the savings in energy this summer to be more than \$100,000.
- We have hired a new Alumni Relations Coordinator, Mary Roth, who comes to us with a lot of experience. She is already planning an Alumni gathering in the state of Florida for next winter since many of our alumni reside there.
- A survey of the 30 community colleges was reviewed and it was noted that our contributions from local sponsors increased by 2.5% but many others on the list had zero contributions. The survey will be distributed at the March meeting.

V. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM – Robert Misiak, President

- There was no formal report, as the January Assembly and Executive Committee meetings for January were canceled due to snow. The committees continue to meet but have not had an opportunity for formal votes to be submitted to the President.

VI. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE – Vicki Boucher-Parisella

Student Senate

- Elections were held on February 3rd, 4th and 7th. There were ten candidates who ran for six open positions on Senate. The new senators are Nicole Kolvenbach, Jessica Floyd, Dorthea Bryant, Brent DeJoseph, Stephanie Dobson, and Jarrett Price. Senate will be meeting tomorrow with the new senators in attendance, and nominations will begin for the open positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Wolfe noted that the steering committee for the new buildings met on January 20th. The Science and Engineering building budget came in at \$35.8 M which is under what we had budgeted for. Stacey Moegenburg, Frank Traeger and John Wolbeck were recognized for their input and for working above and beyond to bring ideas from the faculty.
- Trustee Wolfe also noted that the Lab School budget came in at \$3.3 M which is above budget. A review of possible cuts identified the Infant Unit as a possibility and while two common areas were planned, there will now be just one. The President is investigating solutions for keeping the Infant Unit as there is a great need for this service.

- Trustee Wolfe distributed and reviewed a summary of the Newburgh Armory project. Mr. Kaplan gave her a tour of the building and he is very excited about the recent upgrades done by Habitat for Humanity. Jim Dutcher's report indicates that the Armory has decent electrical and network infrastructure which will make the site more useful immediately. This is a very positive effort on behalf of the board that has been formulated which includes Mr. Kaplan, Father Mackin, Dr. Richards and other community members. They are looking for volunteers and donations of furniture and other items.
- Senator Schumer was at Kaplan Hall recently to remind students that there is a \$2500 tax rebate available to students in private and public colleges. More than 50% of the funds have not been used so we need to get the word out to our students.

IX. BOARD CHAIRMANMAN COMMENTS – Arthur Anthonisen

- Chairman Anthonisen gave an update on the items being discussed by the Trustee Association in Albany. There has been discussion by the Chancellor that there is no need for a Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges. Chairman Anthonisen reviewed a report done in the 90's at the request of the Presidents Association and the Trustee Association. They hired the National Center on Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) to analyze the question of whether the SUNY Colleges should stay within the SUNY system or withdraw and have our own system. At that time, a conclusion was reached that we should stay within the system and among other items, it was decided that there would be a Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges. This was adopted by the Chancellor and the SUNY Board. Our current Trustee Association has reacted against Chancellor's Zimpher's decision and has been very vocal about their stance.
- Chairman Anthonisen discussed a recent request by the Chancellor to our President which indicated guidelines for the evaluation of Presidents by the Chancellor, along with work to be completed. The Chairman notified Dr. Richards that he does not expect him to complete the work identified by the Chancellor, and a copy of this correspondence was sent to Chancellor Zimpher. Trustees from other Community Colleges have reacted to this request with similar concerns. The structure of the Community College system within SUNY has been that the trustees hold fiduciary and policy responsibility, including the evaluation of the President.
- The Presidents Association and the Trustees Association are renewing committees that have fallen to the wayside. Lobbying efforts have been combined with Community College Day and they will lobby for the \$2545 state aid reinstatement. March 8th has been designated Community College Day.
- There was a meeting last week with representatives from the Presidents Association and the Trustees Association at which time they agreed to reestablish a Joint Advocacy Committee.
- Trustees took a position against having someone from the Faculty Council as a member of the SUNY Board. This has not gone forward.
- President Richards noted that when the Chancellor was first here she asked each of the Community College Presidents to send a report of how the Strategic Plan at their College aligned with the SUNY Strategic Plan. The plans do align in many cases, but there is a statute in New York which states that trustees have fiduciary responsibility as well as responsibility for the evaluation of the President. Chairman Anthonisen asked that there be a resolution by the Board stating that this is the will of the Board. The President noted that a resolution will be drafted for the March meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no committee reports scheduled for February.

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

XII. BOARD DISCUSSION

- Trustees Wolfe and Ullrich both noted that they recently toured Kaplan Hall at the Newburgh Campus and it is beautiful. The students are excited about the campus and the parking garage. The green aspects are fantastic and the esthetic aspects are breathtaking as well.

At 9:30 AM a motion was made (Wolfe/Ulrich) to enter into Executive Session.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

During Executive Session, the Trustees discussed a potential litigation matter. No action was taken. At 10:00 AM the Trustees exited Executive Session by unanimous consent.

XIV. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 AM, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Murray
Interim Secretary to the Board

THE NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, MUSIC ROOM, MORRISON HALL.