

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Kaplan Hall, Great Room
Newburgh Campus**

Present: Chair Joan Wolfe, Vice Chair H. Ullrich, Secretary M. Murphy, T. Hunter, F. Watson,
G, Mokotoff, A. De La Rosa
Absent: D. Benson, R. Krahulik, S. O'Donnell

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

Ullrich/Watson
Unanimous

At 5:15 the board re-convened for the regular board meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Wolfe requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of regular minutes from January 14, 2014
- B. Approval of special minutes from February 7, 2014*

*Chair Wolfe noted that after seeing articles in the newspaper regarding a SUNY Orange trustee, she convened a special meeting and Executive Session on February 7, 2014 (minutes included as Item B) She read the following statement from the board as follows:

“The SUNY Orange Board of Trustees met on Friday, February 7th. Following a thorough review of the facts surrounding recent allegations involving trustee Robert Krahulik, the board determined that Mr. Krahulik should continue serving in his role as a trustee for Orange County Community College.

- C. Approval of Petty Cash Reimbursements and Financial Statements for January and February 2014
- D. Approval of Retirements

<u>Name</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Linda Stroms	Professor Assistant Department Chair English Department	38 (Full-time)*	5/2014

*At the same time, the board granted approval of the status of Professor Emeritus for her 38 years of dedicated service to the College.

Kenneth S. Hirschel	Professor Mathematics Department	27 (Full-time)*	5/2014
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A motion was made to accept consent agenda for approval.

Ullrich/Hunter
Unanimous

III. President's Report:

- The joint dinner with the Board of Trustees and SUNY Orange Foundation Board will be held this evening to prepare the boards for the upcoming Middle States visit.
- A publication on "Sustainable Gardens at SUNY Orange" was distributed containing information about the gardens. President Richards thanked both the Sustainability committee, chaired by Joe Zurovchak and Sustainability Coordinator, Kirsten Gabrielson, for their great work. Contracting for services to complete the Middletown Devitt Gardens at the Middletown Campus over the summer is in process.
- On April 10th, the Foundation Leadership Awards will be held and award will go to very deserving individuals.
- The SOARS conference will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

IV. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM – Michelle Tubbs

- The College Assembly, the primary public forum of shared governance at SUNY Orange, has been having thoughtful discussions and deliberations with respect to the following items:
 - The 2014 Commencement Pilot
 - Student Housing at SUNY Orange
 - Seamless Transfer

At the Feb 17th Assembly meeting:

- Changes in practice and policy that will be implemented with the commencement pilot were presented and the Assembly approved the one-time deferment (or modification) of certain academic policies pertaining to graduation participation so that the commencement pilot can be implemented as intended and a fair assessment of the commencement pilot can be made.
- In support of the agreed to rationale for shared governance at SUNY Orange, as stated in the Governance Constitution & By-Laws, the Assembly overwhelmingly approved the following statement:

"We respectfully request that the Board of Trustees table further discussion on Student Housing until the Assembly has had time to prepare a formal resolution on this issue."

Although the comments of a few faculty and staff have been shared with trustees, the Assembly feels that further deliberation is needed and it is necessary that a resolution that represents how the Assembly feels about this issue as a shared governance body be created. A task force of faculty and staff has been convened and they have drafted a resolution that speaks to the concerns, questions, uncertainties, etc. that the college community has regarding the addition of student housing to our campus, as well as the expectations we have regarding the process for input. This draft resolution will be presented to the College Assembly at their meeting next Monday, where endorsement is expected, perhaps with some revision. Once a resolution is endorsed, it will be sent to trustees.

- The Assembly endorsed with overwhelming approval the following statement regarding the recommendation from administration to eliminate the PE graduation requirement:

"Regarding the proposal put forward by the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs to eliminate the Physical Education graduation requirement at SUNY Orange, we, the members of the Curriculum Committee, find we cannot in good conscience offer our endorsement, our great respect for our VPAA Heather Perfetti notwithstanding. The designated responsibility of the Curriculum Committee is to "examine, evaluate and make recommendations on all changes in the curricula offerings of the college." Having

examined and evaluated the proposal, we do not feel that the suggested change serves the best interests of the college curriculum nor of the health and well-being of the college community. The Assembly also worries that it creates a troubling precedent for outside interference in our policies and programs. We believe that it is extremely valuable and critically important for SUNY Orange to preserve local control of its curriculum and policies and to respectfully resist outside interference of the kind at issue in this case.”

Regardless of whether the Board of Trustees vote to approve the administration’s recommendation to eliminate the PE graduation requirement or not, the Assembly also respectfully requests that the board convey to the SUNY BOT their concerns, and, if they wish, displeasure with essentially being forced to relinquish local control of our policies, programs and curriculums so that we can satisfy mandates being imposed by the SUNY Seamless Transfer Initiative. The Assembly feels it is important that SUNY be receiving the same sentiments and messages from all different levels of the institution (the students, the faculty & staff, the administration & the BOT).

- With a renewed focus on facilitating events to contribute to the socialization of the SUNY Orange faculty & staff, the Social Committee has planned a trip to the city on Saturday April 5th that includes round trip transportation, lunch at Carmine’s and tickets to Jersey Boys.
- Governance President Tubbs, Tom Giorgianni and Diane Bliss (our local delegate & alternate delegate respectively to the Faculty Council of Community Colleges) will be attending the FCCC’s Spring Plenary hosted by Ulster County Community College April 3-5.

V. **REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE – Alex De La Rosa**

Collaboration between Campuses:

- Both Campuses have formed constitution committees for BOA and Senate in order to create a more unified Student Activities. Both sets of organizations will be finished with the constitutions before the end of the month.
- The spring semester COLT Night will be on March 15th. The Club and Organization Leadership Training Night is an event put on once a semester by the Student Senates. All of the clubs on both campuses delegate representatives to attend COLT Night and report back to their respective club. Members will be informed on how to better communicate with members, deal with recruiting and retention issues, work more effectively as a team and much more. Bob Mullins (Business Adjunct Professor) will be the guest speaker.
- Both Boards of Activities will be sending representatives to NACA Festival on March 21st through the 23rd. The National Association for Campus Activities provides students with the unique experience to see potential performers, speakers and product providers live and bring them back to their college. NACA also puts on workshops for promotional ideas, event ideas, leadership training, networking and much more.
- Both Senates will be sending representatives to represent SUNY Orange at the SUNY Student Assembly this April 4th, 5th, and 6th. The Student Assembly of the State University of New York is an organization comprised of student leaders elected by their peers from across SUNY’s 64 campuses. Students attend various workshops to make them more effective student leaders and professionals, while voting delegates voice their schools opinion on state wide initiatives such as Seamless Transfer and Open SUNY.
- Newburgh and Middletown Senate have created a Resolution on Eliminating the Physical Education Graduation requirement. The Senate feels that the Physical Education requirement is an essential part in a student’s experience at SUNY Orange. “Although some students may sulk their way through the requirement, others make permanent changes to their life style; such as starting an exercise routine, implementing a healthy diet and quitting smoking”.

Student Senate:

- Middletown Student Senate is working on a resolution to create open gymnasium hours.

- Middletown Student Senate has ordered three new microwaves and they have been installed in The Shepard Center, Harriman Hall and The Biology and Technology Building.
- Newburgh Student Senate is working on a library hour resolution. Currently they are gathering information from students to better the library service.
- Newburgh Student Senate and other students met with Dan Bloomer, Paul Broadie and Madelyn Torres- Diaz to discuss the food service issue on the Newburgh campus. The Senate feels that great progress was made for both long and short term solutions. They also support meeting with administration to discuss issues such as this.
- Both Senates reviewed club budget request forms.

Board of Activities (BOA):

- Allison Reid, Amanda Quintana and Jasmin Flashman attended NACA Nationals in Boston, Massachusetts this February.
- Newburgh BOA is working on exposing more community programs to the college.
- Middletown BOA Athletic Committee is working on ideas to promote the upcoming spring sports.
- Both Boards will be walking in April for Habitat for Humanity. They will fundraise for the event and reach out to other clubs to make a SUNY Orange team.
- Both Boards will hold the annual Club Adviser Recognition Night on April 25th. The purpose of the event is to show appreciation to all the advisers for their hard work and dedication.

VI OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Ullrich and Student Trustee De La Rosa gave a summary of their recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Legislative Summit. They met with fellow trustees from around the country and aides to our representatives, making the trip a successful endeavor. Trustee Ullrich suggested that due to the expense of the summit, it might be better to attend the NLS every other year.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 27: Resolution to change Name of Medical Laboratory Technology Program: Change from Medical Laboratory Technology to Medical Laboratory Technician.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 27

Mokotoff/De La Rosa
Unanimous

Resolution No. 28: Resolution to Eliminate College-wide Physical Education Requirement

Chair Wolfe allowed for comments from the public and both Adjunct Faculty member, Gary Dross and Student Senator George Panzoni expressed their objections to eliminating the PE requirement, requesting that the board consider the ramifications prior to voting. Chair Wolfe noted that the board understands the concerns of some faculty and staff however the SUNY Seamless Transfer initiative is a mandate from SUNY and therefore, SUNY Orange must comply with the new guideline of 64 credits for transfer.

President Richards expressed appreciation for the thoughtful comments noting that further work will be done internally to meet the requirement. Chair Wolfe thanked Mr. Dross and Mr. Panzoni for their comments noting that the discussion will continue at the next board meeting in April.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No 28

Ullrich/Hunter
4 yes/1 Oppose/2 abstain
Not approved

Tuition and Fees for AY 2014-2015

A motion was made to approve Tuition and Fees for AY 2014-2015

Ullrich/Hunter
Unanimous

Auditor's Report for AY 2013-2014

Tom Kennedy and Leslie Tillotson, of O'Connor Davies Audit Firm, distributed financial reports and gave a summary of the academic year's financial status, noting that there were no weaknesses found in internal control. They issued an "unmodified opinion" meaning that the College's financial statements present fairly.

A motion was made to approve Auditor's Report for 2013-2014

Mokotoff/Murphy
Unanimous

VIII. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS – N/A

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS – N/A

X. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Dr. Frank Traeger thanked the board for approving the naming of a room in the new Rowley Center for Science and Engineering in tribute to Faculty and Staff Association.
- He also noted that the Staff/Chair and Faculty Associations are engaged in discussion with the VP for Academic Affairs regarding promotion and tenure at the College.
- Lastly, he suggests that he supports the College looking for a means for maintaining a strong presence of Physical Education aspect at the College.
- Dr. Kathleen Malia noted that there is no negotiation currently and there has not been any for several months. It has been slow
- Dr. Malia also noted that 3 faculty members lobbied in Albany of February 26th attempting to get a \$250 increase per FTE.

XI. BOARD DISCUSSION: N/A

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Held at beginning of meeting (see above)

XIII. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 PM, a motion was made (Ullrich/De La Rosa) to adjourn the meeting.

Dinner with the Foundation Board followed the board meeting and VP Perfetti, Ms. Work and Dr. Michele Iannuzzi-Sucich gave an informative update on the Middle States visit, reviewing the process and schedule for the upcoming team visit. A schedule was distributed noting details for the reception dinner (4/6) and luncheon for the Board with the Middle States team.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Murray
Secretary to the Board

***NEXT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Music Room, Morrison Hall, Middletown Campus
5 PM***