

**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021, 5 PM
Via Zoom Technology**

Present: F. Watson, R. Martucci, F. Hannes, T. Hunter, T. Weddell, M. Murphy, M. Bruni, C. Warren

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

The following is a transcript of the recorded board meeting.

Chair Watson: Good evening everyone.

Trustee Hannes: Good evening.

Secretary Murray: Good evening.

Chair Watson: Secretary Murray, do we have a quorum?

Secretary Murray: We do. We don't have Trustee Vacca tonight. I'm just watching for Trustee Hunter. There he is. So, you have a quorum Chair Watson.

Chair Watson: Excellent. Thank you.

Secretary Murray: You're welcome.

Chair Watson: This meeting of the Orange County Community College Board of Trustees will now come to order. Secretary Murray, would you please call the roll.

Secretary Murray: Okay.

Secretary Murray: Chair Watson?

Chair Watson: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Martucci? Where's Ralph?

Trustee Weddell: He's got to be unmuted.

Secretary Murray: There he goes.

Trustee Martucci: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Hannes?

Trustee Hannes: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Murphy?

Trustee Murphy: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Hunter?

Trustee Hunter: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Weddell?

Trustee Weddell: Present

Secretary Murray: Trustee Bruni?

Trustee Weddell: She needs to be unmuted.

Secretary Murray: There you go.

Trustee Bruni: Present

Secretary Murray: And Trustee Warren?

Trustee Warren: Present

Secretary Murray: And I'll just remind the trustees that we have you unmuted so if you mute yourselves, we have to ask you to unmute. So just watch your screen if you do that and we'll watch you. Thank you.

Chair Watson: Thank you Secretary Murray. Next order of business is the Consent Agenda. There are four items in the Consent Agenda. If any trustee wishes to move an item from Consent Agenda for discussions, we will act according to the agenda.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Watson: So, the Chair will now entertain a motion for approval of the consent agenda.

Trustee Martucci: So moved.

Trustee Weddell: Second

Chair Watson: And, seconded. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Chair Watson: Opposed? Consent agenda carries.

Chair Watson: Next item on the agenda are reports. We will begin with the report of our president, Dr. Kristine Young. Welcome. You need to be unmuted Dr. Young.

III. REPORTS:

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

Dr. Young: Great. Thank you, Chair Watson. Good evening Trustees. Four items for you this this evening.

First, acknowledging the State news you probably saw earlier this week and that is that Governor Cuomo announced on Monday that all SUNY students would need to be vaccinated for COVID-19 before appearing for on-campus classes in the Fall 2021 semester. A...quickly, follow-up caveat that is important, however, is that that direction is contingent on the vaccinations gaining the full approval of the FDA. And trustees you probably realize that all three vaccinations that you're familiar with Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccination are all still on emergency approval. So, I just wanted to acknowledge that this evening; that we are well aware of this announcement. There is nothing to do exactly, immediately, because of that emergency status other than to prepare. And I assure you we are preparing communications, tracking. Certainly, we're going to have to be ready to prompt our students who are registering about their vaccination status. Those who are already registered, we may have to re-register for on-campus versus remote. So, a side bar about the readiness that we have about the robustness of both the on-campus and remote offerings we do have so we have flexibility for students at this time. So, we will be paying

attention. SUNY has been excellent as you know for these fourteen or fifteen months in communicating and offering guidance. Orange County Department of Health has been extraordinary. We will come up with our communication plans. We will stay in close contact with our bargaining units, our Shared Governance units and we will be ready to respond once it is abundantly clear what we need to do. But, in the meantime, we will be getting ready in the background. So, just wanted to acknowledge that to you tonight, publicly, that we are paying attention to that development.

Second, news that I got today, by email, because we often talk in this space keeping you updated about the various accreditations we have on campus. So, I wanted to compliment, specifically, our Dental Hygiene program. They've learned today that their accreditor, CODA, which stands for Commission of Dental Accreditation, approved their Interruption of Education report for the Class of 2021, which means that our Dental Hygiene program was very formally asked to report on how did Class of 21 meet the standards that CODA holds up for them, for the excellence of their program despite that class, over their two-year program, sometimes not being allowed on campus, sometimes having a delay into the clinical setting and various other unanticipated barriers to the traditional dental hygienist educational journey over the past two years. So first, a tip of the cap to our Dental Hygiene faculty and staff, Academic Affairs, Erika Hackman, Mike Gawronski, for making sure that that our standards are kept, and our students are on track and they will graduate. But that also reminds me to acknowledge that even for our programs that didn't have to be so formal in filing those reports, they all had to keep up their standards. The many programs of health professions that carry accreditations and all of the College, Middle States and keeping up with SED, State Department of Ed, for being report; that it's been yeoman's work this year in keeping the Academic enterprise running with integrity and generating evidence throughout. That we were doing what we were supposed to be doing on behalf of our students and students meeting those marks, even though, we had to communicate to them, like we're gonna do this, not that, to meet those marks. So, congratulations to Dental Hygiene but congratulations to everyone in Academic Affairs, students included, on this news.

So, it's my pleasure this evening, for the first time increasingly publicly, to acknowledge the 20-21 Chancellor's Award winners. You'll recall last month I acknowledged our very own president's award winners. Chancellor's award winners are the highest awards that the State University of New York can award to its employees. And, our Shared Governance enterprise, this year, the committee that makes those recommendations to my office about who to submit to the Chancellor; this is the first year that we're really executing and on a new scheme that says those things that we put up, these really are career recommendations, this is, you know, the peak of what we should be doing at SUNY Orange. So, these are very very special awards that I share with you this evening and they are regular attendees at board meetings and both of our awardees are here tonight.

So, it is my special pleasure to present for the first time publicly the Chancellor's Award winner for Excellence in Faculty Service. You may know him as the Shared Governance President, but Chancellor Malatras knows him as Professor of Political Science, Paul Basinski. Paul, congratulations on being the Chancellor's Award winner for 20-21. The other award, as prestigious, outside of Faculty excellence, recognizes Professional Service makes the world go round in higher education. The Chancellor is recognizing for professional service this year, in our midst, since 2006, Mike Albright. Mike, I saw your name here, I know you're here tonight so Mike Albright, please accept our congratulations on also being a Chancellor's award winner for Excellence in this most uncommon of years. Congratulations to you both. Both fine, fine award winners will be recognized at Monday's Assembly. They received a medallion that I hope you'll both wear Monday, maybe? Okay, Paul will. Okay Mike you too? Excellent. They'll both wear Monday at Assembly and then it's theirs to wear well I guess whenever they want but certainly at Commencement from here on out. So, this is fabulous. I work with both of you very very very closely so my special pleasure to get to share this celebration with you.

And my fourth and final note; I suppose it's a celebration but darn it, it's bittersweet. Sister Peggy, this is your last board meeting with us and with Chair Watson's permission, I know you'll be recognized by your colleagues later in the meeting and certainly I'm sure others will share their good wishes, but as part of the president's report, I wanted to share a few words as well. Over the past few weeks as we've been having meetings on campus, I've been mentioning that, like, you know, Sister Peggy is retiring from the board. And I want you to know that there is universal love, appreciation and respect of you and your service from faculty, staff and all the employees in Administration at the College, from everyone, everyone that I've mentioned this to and especially from those who've worked very very closely with you, Erika Hackman and Gerianne Brusati, chief, chief among them. All of them speak so highly of your constant allegiance and understanding of students and your advocacy for students, how you understand the faculty role. Indeed, how you understand, appreciate and value the role of everyone who works in the community college. It is noticed and it is appreciated by everyone at this College. And, as for me, all of those things as well. And, if I may, those who know me, know I don't like to hug, I don't like people in my body space, so transition to New York continues to be devastating for me. But, you Sister Peggy, you do this thing, where you take people's hands and you hold them, right? And the transference of confidence and love and energy and genuineness through this time that I have shared with you has meant everything to me and has sustained me personally and given me energy in moments for this College and for myself, when I thought, like, I'm so done. And I will miss you as a member of this board. You are a giver, but it is time that you give to yourself and for that I am very very happy for you. So, thank you for your 15 years to our students and to this College. And God speed Sister Peggy.

Trustee Murphy: Thank you. Thank you so much Kris. Thank you.

Dr. Young: And that concludes my report Chair Watson.

Chair Watson: Thank you President Young for that report. Moving forward, next on the agenda is Governance President, President Basinski. And he is our new Chancellor's Award winner for Excellence. Congratulations sir, and welcome.

B. REPORT OF THE SHARED GOVERNANCE PRESIDENT (Paul Basinski)

Mr. Basinski: Thank you, Chair Watson. Good evening Trustees. Let me just say one thing. If I deserve that award, I earned it in service to my colleagues and my College and their respect means the world to me, so it just encourages me to work harder and do better. So, I am honored to receive the Chancellor's Award.

And I have a report as well. On behalf of Shared Governance, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for literally holding the line on tuition and fees for the coming Academic Year. I understand that a series of factors came together to contribute to that decision but the ultimate beneficiaries of that decision on the part of our trustees will be the students coming to join us at SUNY Orange for the next academic year. So, thank you very much for that folks.

I know you will hear in detail from Trustee Hannes regarding the Policy Committee meeting that we had earlier this afternoon. So, I won't steal Flo's thunder, but I will just say that I am looking forward to working with the Policy Committee this summer to review our legal firm's edits to board policy and in effect, providing a Shared Governance and faculty perspective on that ongoing process. It is very important work and I and certainly the committee, that Flo ably runs, takes it very seriously.

We have a final College Assembly this Monday and an Executive Committee Retreat, such as the Zoom meetings, our retreat at mid-week next week. As always, I will use our last meeting, our College Assembly on Monday, to thank all our committee chairs, in particular my Executive Committee and our general membership for the work that Governance has done throughout this academic year on behalf of our students and the College. I'm 5 years into this as I think some of you at this meeting know and I remain amazed about the level of work, the dedication, persistence, commitment, however you want to describe it, that our Shared Governance members put into the process of doing their work on behalf of SUNY Orange; so much they accomplish in such a short time, it's exceptional. And I just wanted to give a public shout out at this meeting to them as we finish up this academic year, imminently. Chair Watson, that is my report for this evening sir.

Chair Watson: We thank you for that report. Moving forward, next

C. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE (Christopher Warren)

Trustee Warren: Good evening folks. As always, great to be here. We've had a busy week. Had a lot of interactions with trustees and it's great that I can kinda focus my efforts towards this and now that the semester is over, we can take advantage of our

remaining time together. Fortunately, we have a new trustee coming forward and I'll talk about that a little bit later in my report. As always or I should say in accordance with my previous two reports, I'll start with some specifics on various portions of our community, and then I'll talk about our SUNY Orange students as a whole. In addition, or I should say, as an add on to President Young's recognition of Sister Peggy's contribution to our community, I just want to say that our students, not only myself and those here currently, but those of SUNY Orange of the past, are beneficiaries of the culture you've helped to create here. And we really appreciate that and I'm sure the...I suppose I should say, we hope those who step into your shoes will fill a similar role.

On campus, our Board of Activities, over the past month, held our Drive-in movie which I spoke about last week. It was a success. And, also in true fashion of the COVID times, we hosted a stress-free kit pickup so basically students could come by and pick up Mask decorating activities. And then basically it was a way for students just to, to cope with the dealings of COVID-19. So, as we transition to a more in-person environment in the fall, I still hope to see some of these and the community hopes to see some of these activities, that just help people deal with our new normal, as everyone has been describing it.

Phi-Theta-Kappa has hosted their Induction ceremony, yesterday actually, so we're excited our top-performing students were able to get acknowledged for their efforts. In the coming weeks and days, SAGA will be holding their Lavender Graduation on May 15th and as I mentioned at the last Board of Trustees meeting, on May 18th at 7 PM, we'll be holding our annual Awards Convocation. So, Trustees, if you are available, we'd love to have you join us and celebrate our students.

I was surprised that this hasn't been mentioned quite yet, but I know that our students are really excited about a relationship that has formed between SUNY Orange and Aspen University. I will just read an excerpt here so that I'm not speaking ad hoc, "SUNY Orange and Aspen University have established an agreement which will offer SUNY Orange graduates with an RN license the opportunity to be pre-approved for acceptance into Aspen University's ten course Bachelor of Science in Nursing.... Program." I've actually heard some students specifically mention their excitement about this, so I thought it was worth mentioning.

In the Student Senate, we've made some accomplishments in our remaining time this semester. We held some elections so you may remember the name of Vanessa Wellhausen. She was our recently elected treasurer, but she will serve as the interim chair. So, we've developed quite a trajectory and maintained some momentum, so she'll help carry that torch forward into the next semester.

We've also continued on our promotional video, which I mentioned, which helps re-brand Student Senate, lets folks know, hey we're here to support one another; it's not folks who are just trying to bolster their resume and you know become our future politicians. So, Chris Thurtle is well deserving of his president's award; he's really bent over backwards for us and helped us make this happen. So, in the next month or so, we should see this coming to fruition.

And, Student Senate also added verbiage to the bylaws which will help us ease our transitions each year. We always struggle in our transition from one community of student senators to the next. So, hopefully this will help strengthen our transition.

And, as I mentioned, we're excited to announce that we have a new student trustee for next year, Kira Pedicini. I may have said her name wrong, but she is motivated, and she reached out to me to discuss how we can make this transition a smooth one. She's a mother, a local business owner and Vice President of the Business club and I think she will serve you well.

The vice pres...I should say the Student Veteran's of America, we hosted that video game tournament I mentioned last week. It was, it was actually quite a success, and it was just a reminder that we need to keep adapting and changing our methodologies. So, hopefully that will continue as we move forward, and we adopt this new normal as everybody has decided to speak of.

Also, just student accomplishments that are worth noting. We had three students selected for the back to summer program, which allows for first generation students to see what it may be like to transition to a higher learning education at a liberal arts school like Vassar. So, that's exciting. Enrique and Bethany, were all selected so that's exciting to hear and hopefully that opens the door for some other folks next year.

Now on to the student body as a whole. I know that I've come with some strong words in the previous iterations of our meetings, but this is a little more exciting to hear. Students are excited that the Administration has been so receptive of our re-definition of blended and the Student Senate and other students will continue pushing on this as the semester goes forward. But as I mentioned, the Administration has been really receptive to this, so all is well. And, in addition, I joined student leaders here about three weeks ago, maybe two and a half weeks ago, where we met with the Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Valerie Dent, and we discussed how SUNY has handled the pandemic. Students spoke from all over the place, we were talking about what worked, what didn't, and I made sure to talk about how much we appreciate some of the autonomy and ability for community colleges to make their own decisions, but how we often hoped for more guidance or perhaps quicker guidance from SUNY so that we could make our own decisions. So, we made sure to talk about that. And that started conversations about how students really think that it's important to talk about how well we did. You know there's a lot of talk about statistics on the number of cases, the positivity, but as a community we have much less positivity, higher cases...or lower cases, I should say, then the rest of our surrounding communities and it sounded like students like to acknowledge that so perhaps that's worth using here in the fall. Yes, of course, encouraging students to continue masking up but maybe doing so with encouraging language. It seemed like folks really appreciated that and obviously we want to make this as successful as possible as we transition back into an in-person environment.

I would like to reiterate that I think it's important that we keep in mind students should be at the forefront of our focus. Every decision we make should be with a lens focused on our students. We should provide them and the people of Orange County, the taxpayers of Orange County, a return on their investment. I grew up here. I'm a third generation SUNY Orange student and I'm very proud of what this school and what this community does for all of our SUNY Orange and greater Orange County community. So, let's keep our students at the forefront of our focus. There's light at the end of the tunnel. I know there's gonna be some challenging conversations regarding our vaccination protocols as Dr. Young alluded to. But let's recognize that the students that I've talked to highlight our ability to adapt to an online environment and are now excited to use that ability to adapt to our new, new normal. And, of course it won't be quite like it was before, but it's going to be unlike that of our previous year, which was a struggle for most.

That concludes my report. Thank you again, Chair Watson, and fellow trustees. It's been a pleasure serving with you and I look forward to taking advantage of our remaining time together.

Chair Watson: We thank you for that report, Trustee Warren. I also want to thank you publicly for volunteering of your valuable time at NYCCT. Most of the trustees probably know that NYCCT is going to have one of its sessions that's going to revolve around our students, and they needed a student perspective from students throughout the state. And, through communications, I know that you had volunteered of your time sir, and it is greatly appreciated, to represent SUNY Orange in that way, and we are confident that you will deliver an accurate perspective so thank you once again.

Alright, next on the agenda is College Association, Vinnie Cazzetta.

D. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION (Vinnie Cazzetta)

Mr. Cazzetta: Thank you Chair Watson. Good evening Trustees. I have a short report for you tonight. First, want to tell you the Bookstore has a new manager and they're very excited about the person they put in this position. Brings a lot of experience and they feel good about him making a long-term commitment to SUNY Orange.

Number two: still on Bookstore issues, the Follett company is finalizing their year end report and they will present to the College Association Board at the June meeting.

The Budget Committee of the Association was going to meet this Monday and review the budget and had some glitches with Zoom. So, everybody's schedule was conducive for next Monday so we will reconvene again and review the budget and present it to the board for approval at the June 21 meeting. And that brings me to my second to last comment.

The board meeting for the Association, their final one of the year will be June 21st at 8 AM via Zoom.

And, lastly, I would just like to congratulate Mike Albright and Paul Basinski for being named Chancellor award recipients. Outstanding, outstanding accomplishments. Well done fellas. And that concludes my report.

Chair Watson: We thank you for that report. Moving forward, Foundation Board, Dawn Ansbro, Foundation Board, Dawn Ansbro. Welcome Dawn

E. REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD (Dawn Ansbro)

Ms. Ansbro: Thank you Chair Watson. Good Evening everybody. It's nice to see you all. I wanted to start my report by talking about scholarships. I believe in one of the last meetings, I mentioned to all of you that the Foundation was...had looked again at it's spending rate policy and made adjustments so that we could actually increase the amount of scholarships that we were giving from our endowed funds. So, I will say that I am not the mathematician in the group. I did a little back of the napkin calculation for you guys. I am happy to report that in this current academic year, we awarded approximately \$400,000 in scholarships. For next academic year, with the new spending rate policy, it looks like we'll be at about \$445,000 in scholarships, which we're very pleased about. So, I wanted to share that news with all of you. The graduating scholarships have already been selected. Some of the entering scholarships have already been selected. We do want to publicly thank the College scholarship committee for working with the Foundation to reserve a few extra entering scholarships for the summer session. We did reopen the scholarship portal for entering scholarships alone. That happened on May 3rd and the portal will be opened from July 24. So, if there are any students who are making some last-minute decisions, wanting to come to SUNY Orange, we do have scholarships available. And those will be looked at by the Foundation Scholarship committee with oversight from the College Scholarship committee. But we enjoy that working relationship and appreciate the collaboration that we have with them.

I wanted to also mention, where are we...Hudson Valley Gives. I would be remiss if I didn't remind everybody that the Foundation is participating in Hudson Valley Gives which is a regional day of giving, on May 19th, next Wednesday, a week from today. Last year, you may recall that we raised about \$30,000 on this day. The money that we raise here does go to support...it goes to our unrestricted fund, but those unrestricted funds do...are used to support things like presidential scholarships, student ambassadors, which I hope will be back on campus soon, the summer EOP program, and many other programs here at the College. So, if you have a moment to join us or to give at Hudson Valley Gives. The link will be on our webpage. It will be on our Facebook page. We'll be sort of promoting it throughout. We'll also be emailing it to everybody so we certainly encourage all of you and appreciate all of you participating in that regional day of giving.

And I just wanted to also...I wanted to mention that we did this last year and we're doing it again this year. The Foundation started a Kudo board for our 20-21 graduates. So, it's really sort of an online opportunity for people to put messages of encouragement and congratulations to our graduates. I'm happy to share the link. I believe I shared it with Cabinet the other day and I'm happy to share the link with all of you if any of the trustees would be interested in posting a note of congratulations and encouragement to the graduates. Last year, what we were able to do is...with Steve Hedderton helped us, take all of those notes, and combine them into a booklet which we printed and mailed to all of our graduates during the summer with a note from Jen D'Andrea, our Alumni Director just welcoming them to the Alumni family with their Alumni pin. So, we hope to do the same thing and perhaps some of you would take the time to write a little note in that. That would be terrific.

And then just a reminder that golf is still coming up. We are doing that on June 17th at the Otterkill Golf Club. Thank you to those trustees already have signed up for that. You know who you are. And I look forward to seeing many of you on the golf course at Otterkill on June 17th. That's my report tonight unless anybody has any questions.

Chair Watson: Hearing none, we thank you for that report Dawn.

Ms. Ansbro: Thanks so much. Have a good night.

Chair Watson: Next, under reports, we are going to hear from our Middle States Self Study team. They will give us an update. Christine Work, Dr. Whipple, and Michele Iannuzzi. Welcome.

F. MIDDLE STATES SELF-STUDY UPDATE

(Christine Work, Michele Iannuzzi-Sucich)

Dr. Iannuzzi-Sucich: Good evening everyone. Unfortunately, Dena Whipple had a last-minute family emergency, so she is not going to be joining us this evening, but Christine and I are prepared to give your presentation for you. So, this is going to be a follow up from the April meeting during which we discussed the Self-Study preparation visit with our Middle States liaison, Dr. Paul Starkey. Next slide please.

So, as you recall from last month, Dr. Starkey overall felt that our Self-Study Design was in very good standing. And, as you all know, the Self-Study Design serves two purposes. One is that it is a road map for us at SUNY Orange to follow as we undertake the self-study over the next two years. And it also serves as a source of information for the members of the visiting team that come to our Institution to review our self-study and offer their feedback and commentary on our standing with regard to the Middle States standards. So, the road map portion of our Self-Study Design met with a lot of approval from Dr. Starkey. He did ask us to slightly enhance the informational portions of the design that will be reviewed by the members of the team. And, as you know

those were the portion that refers to our Institutional profile; who are we as an Institution. And, then he also asked that we provide more detail with regard to peer institutions and aspirational institutions. So, during that...since Dr. Starkey's visit, during the time that has passed, in collaboration with the Middle States Steering committee, Dena, Christine and I worked to make the revisions that Dr. Starkey requested. And so, the Institutional profile that describes SUNY Orange for the visiting team, was enhanced with steering committee feedback and input from both Dr. Young and Dr. Hackman and we thank them for their collaboration in improving that portion of the Self-Study Design. And, then also in collaboration with President Young and Dr. Hackman we enhanced the list of institutions. As a brief reminder, the peer institutions are those institutions that we feel reflect some of the characteristics of SUNY Orange and therefore, members of the visiting team should be from institutions like these peer institutions. We would be best to have members from institutions such as those listed here.

So, the institutions that we selected have in some cases, similar demographics to SUNY Orange, perhaps Hispanic serving, they may have similar programming in terms of unfolding a SUNY Orange Experience type program or Guided Pathways. With regard to the aspirational institution, these are institutions that, take for example, Monroe Community College has been at the forefront and a leader in Guided Pathways, one of the programs that we are in the process of unfolding. So, we added these lists. In addition, Dr. Starkey asked us to include our list of top enrolled programs at SUNY Orange. So, all of these revisions were made to the Self-Study Design at which point it was submitted back to Dr. Starkey on April 30th and he accepted the Self-Study Design on behalf of Middle States. And so now it is official, and the Self-Study Design is found on the College website in the employee portal, and we are also working to have it posted on the forward-facing portion of the College website so that it is accessible to all members of the community. So, we will now move forward with this self-study design serving as our roadmap for the self-study over the next two years and we look forward to keeping you updated in regard to our progress there. Next slide please.

And so, our working groups have begun in earnest, their work, and the process of submitting their Spring 2021 reports is underway. So, the work that they did this spring is going to be reflected in both the cover sheet and an Evidence and Analysis table. This spring's work focused primarily on gathering evidence that exists to demonstrate that SUNY Orange is in fact meeting the seven standards as outlined by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Next slide please.

Ms. Work:

Thank you. Good evening everybody. Again, this slide is serving to show again that we have seven standards of accreditation and for each of these standards our working groups had, over the spring term, identified evidence. And when we say evidence here is just like an example of some of the information that exists at this institution that they're identifying that they want to dive into in the fall term to be able to understand whether the information...how we describe ourselves, our policies, procedures, our data through surveys, through reports,

whether this information is sufficient to demonstrate compliance within these standards. So, this is where the process begins in looking at our information. And then in the fall term we're going to really dive into this to make sure that we're in compliance and if we're not, what are those early gaps that we have identified so that we can move forward and work with all the stakeholders across the College to be able to fill those gaps. Tom, did I see your hand up? I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I thought I saw Tom's hand up.

Okay, so I just wanted to pause for just one second on this little cartoon here. And it says, what most people think academics do all summer. And then the second cartoon block says what most academics actually do all summer. And it says, yay I can finally work. So, this is really the epitome of what our co-chairs are planning to do in conjunction/collaboration with the Administration at the College. And again, I mentioned that the first deliverable is really the identification of information. So, as you know, I mean, there is a vast amount of information available and what we're going to be doing is a little bit of housekeeping to be able to gather that...gather that evidence, make it accessible and create what we're going to...what you'll be hearing, you know, from here on out; an evidence inventory, a library, a catalog, a repository of all of that information and categorized by standard. So that is really what our work is looking like for this summer term.

And last, but not least, just to give you a little bit of a look to what the fall is going to include. Again, in preparation for that fall term, the co-chairs and working with Administration are going to be able to gather what evidence and information we do have. But we do recognize that there probably is information that we don't have at that point. So that is when we are going to then reengage with our steering committee and working groups and identify early what those gaps are. And so, part of the data gathering process at that stage also will include you know potentially focus groups with students, interviews with administrators, maybe even an interview with the Board of Trustees members just to be able to answer some of the questions, fill in the gaps, and be able to move forward again in determining that compliance. And so that, really, that is the analysis part. And by the end of the fall 2021 semester, our next deliverable from the working groups really is an analysis of that data. Where do we stand in regards to compliance? And then we'll be working forward again to address those gaps. And, then I'll just pause here, if there's any comments or questions about this process. And I just again want to thank several people, my co-chairs are amazing, Dr. Young and Dr. Hackman, who couldn't be more supportive and engaged in this process, and thanks again to all the board members who are listening and understanding this self-study process month after month, and we thank you for that, and then also our steering committee members and working group members, including our students. Everyone's really come together and pulled together to do a lot of work already in the spring term, given that we've had, you know, a crazy semester, and a new normal. I'm quite proud of all we have accomplished. So, thank you.

Chair Watson: Well, we thank the co-chairs for that report, and we also thank you for all your efforts that you've put in over the past months, working remotely. So, we're excited and again, we thank you.

Dr. Iannuzzi-Sucich: Thank you very much.

Chair Watson: Alright. Next, under special reports, Paul Martland is going to discuss our 2021 and 2022 budget. Paul, welcome.

G. **2021-22 BUDGET** (Paul Martland)

Paul Martland: Okay, thank you. I think back to a year ago when I first arrived at the College and the budget crisis that we were facing at that time, and the amount of work the trustees and the administration put in to weather that particular storm, and create a budget, and modify a budget that we could live with, and live within our means. It was a tough year.

And, I am pleased to say that as we sit here proposing a budget for fiscal year 21-22 the situation is far less dire. As everyone is aware we have benefited greatly from the federal....in addition to our own, you know, belt-tightening processes that we used during the fiscal year, so, that we are going to end this year strongly in the black. And that we...to the fund balance and we have the ability to use the second round of federal funding, the so-called CRSAA funds to both assist in our budget process to keep us on budget, but also to have expenditures that we can spend strategically in support of our Strategic Plan to help us in the long run. So, it's a balancing act between, you know the short-term necessity to help our budget process and the long-term necessity to become the College that we need to become once the pandemic is behind us. So, I would like to thank President Young and my colleagues at the vice-presidential level and Agnes Wagner in particular for the work that we did on the Administrative side to put a budget together and in particular the Audit and Finance committee members. You have given generously of your time to help us look at new ways of reporting financial data and new ways of thinking about budgeting and I think we've forged a very good working relationship and I believe that that is reflected in the budget.

So, the budget, as was submitted to the trustees in your packets, calls for a balanced budget with revenues and expenses of \$62,958,098. And the highlights of that budget as you already know, there was no tuition or fee increases and we were able to benefit on the state support side from a recently initiated floor that was approved for community college funding. So, that meant we did not have to follow the normal FTE calculation that would have hurt us this year because of declines in enrollment. So, that was a strong positive. Again, because of the situation with the federal funds, we did not have to ask the County for any increase in their funding level this year. And, on the salary side and expense side, you know, the budget reflects not only the salary increases that are contractually due for folks during this upcoming fiscal year,

but also reflects some hiring during the year. As everyone is aware, the last couple years have been focused on cutting, and we need to bring some positions back or create some new positions in support of the Strategic Plan.

So, I am very comfortable that the budget that has been put together is reasonable and is achievable and I would entertain any questions you might have.

Trustee Weddell: I make a motion that we pass the budget as presented.

Chair Watson: I'd like to move that motion to later on in the evening, under new business, Trustee Weddell.

Trustee Weddell: Okay, that's fine with me.

Chair Watson: Thank you. Paul, we thank you for your work on the budget and we will take it up under new business.

VP Martland: Very good.

Chair Watson: Next, Trustee Weddell, moving to old business and a report from the Enrollment Task Force.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Report of the Enrollment Task Force (Tom Weddell/Gerianne Brusati)

Trustee Weddell: We didn't meet but maybe Gerianne can update us a little bit of where we stand with Enrollment and what the task force or what the...actually Administration has been working on.

VP Brusati: Thank you Mr. Weddell. So, we haven't met but we've been moving ahead I think pretty well with some of the items that we had talked about. So, we have posted a position announcement for an Admissions Recruiter. And that was something that we had talked about in the task force pretty early on and we have our search committee together. I think we have another maybe two weeks before that search closes. So, our goal is to get somebody in place before the summer is too far ahead of us, to help with our recruitment efforts for this fall, but more importantly going forward.

The other thing that we've done is that we are reaching out to all of our non-returning students. That was another item that was discussed in terms of how can we try to regain or recapture some of the students who we feel may have stepped out last semester since the pandemic started, because maybe they were a little uncertain about how remote learning would work for them, letting them know about our fall...letting them know about our fall plans and the

opportunities that they'll have both for in-person courses and also continuing on line if they choose to do that. So, that was another one.

And, embarrassed to say there probably is at least one more. But the other thing I will say is that our plan is to have a presentation for the board retreat that goes through everything that we've done and highlights some of the targets that we'll make for ourselves going forward. So, we are pretty anxious to get back on campus and I think one of the first groups to be back will be our Admissions team so that we can actually use the summer, June, July, and August to bring some of our incoming students and some perspective students to campus so that they have a flavor for what they can actually experience at SUNY Orange in the fall. That covers most of it.

Chair Watson: Well, we look forward to the report at the retreat coming from the Enrollment Task Force. We thank you for that update. Are there any questions, Trustees? Hearing none, we move from old business to new business.

V. NEW BUSINESS: N/A

1. Motion to Approve 2021-22 Budget

Chair Watson: First order of business is the Chair will entertain a motion for the approval of the 2021 through 2022 budget.

Trustee Weddell: I'll make that motion.

Trustee Warren: Second.

Chair Watson: Moved and seconded, Trustee Warren. Is there further discussion on the 21-22 budget? Questions, comments? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion, indicate by saying "aye."

All: Aye.

Chair Watson: All Opposed? Motion carries. Next Resolution Number 4:

2. Resolution No. 4: Resolution to Acknowledge the Dedicated Service of Trustee Margaret Murphy.

Chair Watson: Resolution Number 4. Resolution to acknowledge the dedicated service of Trustee Margaret Murphy.

Reads as follows:

Orange County Community College Board of Trustees: Resolution acknowledging the dedicated service of Trustee Sister Margaret "Peggy" Murphy.

Whereas, the Orange County Community College Board of Trustees recognizes Trustee Sister Margaret Murphy for her longtime commitment to the College

and its community of students and employees, as well as the Board of Trustees and the citizens of Orange County; and

Whereas, Sister Peggy was appointed to the board in 2006 and has served as a trustee for 15 years, including seven years as Board Secretary and two years as Vice Chair; and

Whereas, Sister Peggy has quietly invested her time, energies, and expertise to help the board advance its mission of the College with her unwavering focus on enhancing the overall student experience and ensuring that all students were supported wholly and equitably along their academic journey at SUNY Orange; and

Whereas, Sister Peggy has long been committed to enriching the lives of her students and her neighbors through her volunteerism and teachings; has been an advocate for higher education by having served as a professor, administrator, and Trustee at several institutions in the greater Hudson Valley; and has been a champion for compassionate student support by calling on her trainings as a Dominican Sister and counselor; now

Therefore, be it resolved that, upon the occasion of her final meeting as a Trustee with the Orange County Community Board of Trustees, and the conclusion of her exemplary 15 years of service, the Board of Trustees hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Sister Margaret "Peggy" Murphy for her commitment to this Board and her support of Orange County Community College.

Chair Watson:

So.

Trustee Murphy:

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Chair Watson:

I didn't know exactly how to do this. I was going to yield during the Chairman's Comments, but I think I'm going to yield here Sister Peggy. We would very much like to hear from you if you are willing.

Trustee Murphy:

Oh, I'm happy...I'm happy to, a final quick time, hopefully not too long. But thank you Fred, thank you everyone. You know in the 15 years I've seen tremendous growth and maybe my greatest happiness about the board has been the image in the Orange County community has grown so professionally and compassionately through the work of everyone here. It was mentioned that I've worked closely with Gerianne and Dr. Erika Hackman, extraordinary professionals. I think they just...they personify the genuine holistic ideal that we want, that adults like ourselves and more experienced people would take into their hearts and their consideration, the whole student, the whole person. It is done admirably here. I actually mentioned it in my resignation letter. I don't think Governor Cuomo actually reads those but just in case someone will be reading it, I wanted to make sure that I wrote that...that Academic Services and Students Services...I think an exemplary example of cooperation that's needed in all levels of society today, is manifested here. I also mentioned Chair Watson in my letter, President Young in my letter. I realized as I was doing it that...I, we...in the sacrament, like the coming-of-age sacrament in Catholicism you

know we have confirmation. We have our kids write to the Bishop. So now Bishop Lagonegro, our local Bishop gets you know a couple of hundred letters. I don't think he really reads them all either. But we would tell the kids, it's for you, the fact that you are going to be asking for the sacrament. It's not your grandparents said to you or your grandparents said to you. So seriously it helped me to outline for him...I hope someone looks at it, to understand.

I've worked with these extraordinary Chairs, Helen Ullrich, Joan Wolfe and now Fred. And I just wanted...I mentioned this to Carol the other day when we met. I don't have opportunity to be with undergrads now you know since the COVID, but I did attend one thing at the Mount, and I wanted to say it to all of us. It was very revelatory to me. I was somewhat surprised. The theatre program, the theater professor had kids write some of their own thoughts or little vignettes. It was like a reader's theatre, you know, and some faculty read, and students read, their attitudes and it was early on in COVID. And I found it so, so, almost startling that you know the depth of the anger and the sorrow that these young people had about their lives now. You know, it was almost that they were jaded...not jaded but certainly angry. And you know, no prom, no senior year activities for younger people. They are young and it was good for me because I could feel how they had suffered. And after it we were able to talk on zoom and I think it mattered, because I said to them...I was so proud to say to them, listen I serve on a board, you are not alone in this. You know, these...people like Boards of Trustees, like what does that even mean? I'm proud to tell you that these are not just bankers or retired teachers or accountants that come and kind of rubber stamp. They genuinely deeply care. And I told them you know that this board met weekly during this crisis. This is not funny. People care deeply about your futures. They give their energy. They give their time, their talent, their treasure. And I'm.... a few kids spoke back to me...that it helped. I am actually telling my neighbors that, you know my own family says, what is a trustee anyway? You know, and I'm proud, I mean it sincerely, of everyone here to say the genuine dedication you know to the future. So, Carol Murray, I told her the other day...and she just...you know representing all staff, always, always going the extra mile, always, whatever help is needed. I mean, it enabled Kristine and President Richards before her to make these extraordinary changes. This kind of support people make that possible.

Just finally, when we were doing the search committee following President Richards leaving, I...we were also doing the search committee for a president at Mount Saint Mary. So I spent like four different Saturdays for 11 hours a day at the hotel at Stewart Airport, you know? So, we were kind of like tramped in there for a very long time. And the search committee for SUNY Orange was enormous in my experience. I had not seen that before. It was 28 people or something, but it was very well run. And you know of course it had people from the community, faculty, staff, legislators, everyone was there. Here comes everybody as we say. And I'm proud to say that I still meet those people in Shoprite or anywhere in town. We say, we did good, we did good, wow. We really did good with that one. And I mentioned that to the Governor as

well...that we have been blessed with an extraordinary young person, woman, you know obviously that is leading us, you know.

So, I'm happy, I've lived through the Strategic Plan and accreditation with SUNY Orange, seeing this tremendous growth. I just think, finally, when I was sitting in the front, on the stage at the installation of President Young, I found it very moving to see her parents, her aunt and uncle...just the totality of just wonderful family, hard-working people that we represent, that we draw from. You know listening to Trustee Chris Warren tonight...this is a sacred work. And I remember that Kris' undergraduate Professor, she mentioned him, as present there. And in the sharing, they spoke about the unbelievable change that came from the GI bill and what it meant for a young person hearing that, what it meant for a nation, what it meant for all of our families, for everything that we honor and live for and sacrifice for in this country. And I believe COVID will be another one of those that will be...alter higher education, alter our, our society maybe, truly forever. But I meant what I said to those young people. You are surrounded by caring, decent, generous people and that's what we pray happens for you as well. And we are seeing that in our young people. And, so just thanks to everybody. It's been a wonderful, fun, and enriching, blessed time. So, thanks everybody.

- Chair Watson: Thank you Sister Peggy. The Chair will entertain a motion for approval of the resolution.
- Trustee Hunter: So moved.
- Trustee Martucci: So moved.
Second.
- Chair Watson: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor?
- Chair Watson: All in favor?
- All: Aye
- Trustee Martucci: Congratulations
- Trustee Hunter: Congratulations Sister Peggy. Well done.
- Trustee Murphy: Thank you. I almost became Gert. I could've been close to 100, you know. I mean, and I'm not gonna make it and I'm probably not gonna get married. God Bless Gert, she did it all.
- Trustee Weddell: Sister Peggy I'm worried about myself. I have an angel there always checking my behavior to make sure I behave myself.
- Trustee Murphy: Well, you have your grandson. He gave you that scripture homework so you're gonna be okay Tom.
- Trustee Weddell: I hope so.
- Trustee Hannes: I have a special...and we can only do this because we're zoom. I have a special tribute to Sister Peggy from somebody who has accompanied her many years

ago at...what was the name of the school that you and Andy worked at when he was Medical Director?

Trustee Murphy: Oh, Pius, Pius XII. Oh, thank you Flo.

Dr. Andrew Hannes played "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" for Sister Peggy

Trustee Hannes: And that is our tribute on behalf on the Hannes's.

Trustee Murphy: Thank you. Thank you very much. Beautiful. Thank you.

Chair Watson: Well, thank you everyone for that. Sister Peggy I would be remiss if I did not comment in some way about your leaving. You will truly be missed, so I am saddened by the occurrence but I'm also...that means you're moving on to do other things, to touch other people in your special way. And I believe I said this to the trustees at the last meeting when I announced that you would be leaving, retiring from your trusteeship, is that I believe that what I will miss most is your stories which...that any one person can be that funny Sister Peggy. I've enjoyed your stories tremendously.

Trustee Murphy: Thank you. Thank you.

Chair Watson: And I've also enjoyed your songs.

Trustee Murphy: Aw, good. Thanks.

Chair Watson: My term as trustee has allotted you time to sing at different occasions, joyous, and some otherwise, but they have been most enjoyable. I also publicly want to thank you for your prayers I'm sure that you've sent up for our Institution at times.

Trustee Murphy: You're welcome and they'll continue, they'll continue.

Chair Watson: And also, for the prayers that I know you've sent up for myself and members of my family. It's very much appreciated Sister Peggy. I wish you the very very best in whatever you decide to do, wherever you decide to go, whatever you decide to say or sing, I just wish you well and God Speed.

Trustee Hannes: And thank you for mentoring me into the Board and for being there with loving compassion as I wove my way through the mass of what do I do. Thank you, my dear Sister Peggy.

Trustee Murphy: You're welcome.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Chair Watson: Okay, continuing on with my comments. I too want to once again congratulate our Chancellor Award winners, Professor Basinski and Mike Albright. We've been spending a tremendous amount of time with Mike Albright as he's extending his touch on different things. He's been at the Enrollment Task Force and doing different things, so we greatly appreciate it. And Paul I always enjoy

hearing you speak about our students, about our institution and this award is well received by you also. So much future success to the both of you.

Next, I would just like to say to the trustees, that by now you should have received information from NYCCT directly regarding our new website and involving the trustee portal. Hopefully, you will take time over the next weeks or so to visit the website, become familiar with it. And as I stated at the last meeting, I believe that this particular group of leadership at NYCCT is doing a tremendous job. We're seeing our advocacy reach out in different ways. I explained to you how the Chancellor had come, recognized...and in my estimation, offered an olive branch to NYCCT which we definitely plan to follow up on.

So, that said, I am going to keep my comments brief tonight. So, we will move into our committee reports. Bill Vacca is not with us so there will be no report from the Academic and Student Services committee, unless someone else plans to make a report. Hearing none, moving on to Audit and Finance. Trustee Weddell.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Student Services: N/A

Audit and Finance: Trustee Weddell

Trustee Weddell: Well, we meet every month. Everything is on budget which is good to report to everybody, that we're living within our budget and we should end up the year successful with that. We met last week with the County Exec and his right-hand man, Harry Porr, and we also met with the County Legislators later that week to go through our upcoming budget. Everything seems to be fine with that and we approved that tonight so that's going well. And that's really all I got to report unless there's any direct questions. I think we've got a good budget for next year so I'm looking forward to that.

Chair Watson: Any questions, Trustees? Hearing none, I did want to mention the Governance and Nominating committee. We are looking for a report in June. The membership is Trustee Hunter, leadership, Trustee Martucci and I was wondering if there were any other trustees that might want to serve on the nominating committee.

Trustee Hannes: I will Fred.

Chair Watson: Okay, thank you Flo. Much appreciated. So, I will continue to sit in on that as ex-officio and we will add Flo. Speaking of Flo.

Trustee Hannes: I had a feeling, yes.

Chair Watson: Policy Committee and you're up.

Policy: Trustee Hannes

Trustee Hannes: So, let me begin by congratulating the two luminary Chancellor Award winners, Paul Basinski and Mike Albright, who I have the pleasure of working on this Herculean task that parallels we found out today, a Middle States Assessment. Not quite, but some degree. So, congratulations and thank you both. We know Paul for all of his work is well...has well...is well deserved of this award. And, Mike, personally for all that he has done to help me understand policy. He has been the policy writer, overseer of policy for the last, I'm gonna guess, 12...as long as he may have been here, many, many years. So, thank you for that and well deserved.

So, the Policy Committee has an update on the first round of feedback and thank you to Iris for bringing in this very workable user-friendly, so far...we'll tell you after we start reviewing their edits. But the law firm that has come in has returned with the first round of feedback which is terrific for us because we have been waiting for that. And they have reviewed Chapters...Sections one and two of six sections of a policy. There are approximately, I found out today, 107 approximately, policies divided into six sections. The first section...I'm not gonna go through all of them folks, I'm just giving you an overview of this. The first section has to do with bylaws. There were minor edits. They have returned Section One to us.

Section Two has 45 policies and deals with general Administration. It is the most in-depth. And they have reviewed. There are extensive, some minor errors...edits, some extensive edits. And just to remind everybody this is to protect our statement of policies, to strengthen what we have, to make sure that it's legal. And it comes at an incredibly timely, incredible timely period as we are going through Middle States. I have competition behind me. As we go through Middle States, because as Fred and I know and as the entire Middle States Steering Committee knows, that this involves Section Seven of the Middle States review involves Governance, Policies, and the Board of Trustees part of it. And so, they want to know that the Board knows and is aware of policies and that the policies match the running of our institution.

So, with that in mind, we are going to go through the changes, the reviews.... Tom and Fred because you missed the meeting, you'll get your packet too, sent to you. But our plan as of right now is for Paul, Mike, Iris and myself and we will send it to Fred and Tom, who are members of the committee to review. We are going to go through a first draft reading of these two sections to see what changes. We will meet in two weeks and we will then formulate a plan and a timeline for how to proceed. The purpose reading it first...what we have, is to get a sense of what are the changes like, do we have any questions, that Iris will then take back to the legal firm. We will develop some sort of criteria or rubric for assessing what the changes are, why they were needed, and if we have any questions for the law firm, again. What we will then develop, when we have gotten an idea of what we're doing, and how we're going to do it...is then prepare a timeline of how we will share this with the Board. For...certainly

anybody on the Board who would like to read all 107 policies and the changes as they come, you are more than welcome to join this. But we...the four of us, as I said, Iris, Mike, Paul, and I will take the major responsibility of reviewing and seeing what changes there are. And then we will present it. And as we receive the ...and the timeline really will be dependent on legal counsel. As they return their suggested edits, we will then review. We have a lofty goal to be finished by November and we'll have a better sense of that after we go through the first two sections and review the cross outs, the additions, the suggestions.

But we want this...obviously we want this all to mesh with Middle States and to be able to provide to the team that has Section Seven on the Middle States anything they may need from us. So, I think I have covered that. If I haven't, pop in Paul, Iris or Mike. And any questions? Really. I wouldn't know what to ask now either so hang in there until...you will have more questions. So, we are excited to do this. Everyone is...you know that sounds bazaar...excited to do a review of standards, but it goes with what Sister has been saying. It is for the commitment of our institution and so that we can truly be the best on paper and reality that we can be. So, we will do this carefully and slowly and poor Mike Albright will no longer be burdened with being the keeper of the policies.

Chair Watson: Flo, we thank you for that report. I just want to mention to you that in discussions that I had with the Executive Team at NYCCT, I happened to mention that we had a Policy Committee. And they were very surprised by that. So, it leads me to believe that they don't have one. And it leaves me to believe how.

Trustee Hannes: Well, thank you. My report's not over. I have another to report.

Chair Watson: Oh, you're still going? You have more?

Trustee Hannes: No that's okay. It's a whole different thing. I mean, that had to do with Policy review and that was a two-part of policy review. And I'm running out of juice.

Chair Watson: You're gonna have to say it all over again Flo.

Trustee Hannes: No. The next one's real brief, really...I'm trying to do...alright, I'm plugged in. No, the next one's real brief.

Chair Watson: Alright, go right ahead.

Trustee Hannes: The next has to do with a board policy, one of the 107. And it has to do with Board Policy 2.13, having to do with College branding. I mentioned it last week and what this is...this used to have, this policy related, excuse me, to Vinnie's previous position for VP for Institutional...well, what this now, as the times have changed and we have changed an incorporated social media and more branding of our school, this policy which we will present for a vote. The committee approves, will approve, and then bring it to the June meeting for a vote. It's basically to strengthen the consistency across campus of our branding, of our logo, how it's used on clothing, how it's used on Social Media and to streamline an appreciation, understanding and guidelines for using it. And thank you to

Mike for the re-write on that one. And we will present it. And, drum roll, now I am finished.

Chair Watson: We thank you for that report. If there are no comments, we will move forward. There are no other committee reports that are due this evening. Before we move further...and we have no reservations for the public comments section and if that has changed, Secretary Murray you will have to let me know that.

Secretary Murray: Yes, it has Chair Watson. Yeah. Michelle Tubbs has a report tonight, an FCCC Update.

Chair Watson: Okay, before we move on to that report, I want to mention to the trustees that we do have a matter that we need to discuss tonight in Executive Session. So, after we hear the report...the comments from the public, we'll have whatever board discussion and then move into Executive Session. We will discuss matters that lie in the area of collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service law. I will mention that again before we go into session.

So, with no further ado, Michelle Tubbs, we'll hear your report. Welcome.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Tubbs: Okay, now I'm unmuted. Thank you. I'm actually gonna start a little bit, by piggybacking off of Flo's first half of her policy committee report. And if she's comfortable doing so, I just want to first point out, I know you've been informed. You may not remember that, myself as well as Donna Frazer, who is here with us tonight, who incidentally is now serving as the Chair of the OTA program, aka, Flo's successor, and myself are co-chairing Standard Seven workgroup for Middle States Steering Committee, which as Flo mentioned is focused on Governance leadership and Administration. Boy, I'm glad my other working group members are not here to hear that there are a total of 107 policies that they really will probably need to be taking a look at over the course of the fall semester. But we are very happy to hear that the Board is undertaking kind of a thorough review and assessment of these policies. So that was music to our ears. And I do know our working group members are looking forward to learning more about how the Board works and conducts its business to satisfy its responsibilities to the College and gathering the information that we are going to need and the evidence that is there to show our compliance with Standard Seven. So, we certainly feel that this institution is probably over compliant in this area. So that's...that's good to hear.

I don't have much to share with respect to updates from the Council. It's been a bit quiet on the FCCE home front. You know the faculty at all community colleges in the SUNY system right now...we're just kind of stretched beyond measure this semester and wrapping up a very demanding spring semester is something that we are all very happy to be doing at this point.

Looking ahead to next year, a little bit. I will be continuing as our campus's delegate to the Council and Katie Sinsabaugh will also be continuing as our

alternate delegate.... We will start off the 21-22 academic year with many meetings in August. We always have summer committee meetings just before the fall semester starts. And then winter committee meetings just before the spring committees start...ah spring semester starts. We are hoping and planning for this to be an in-person event. So, hoping again to get ourselves back to some sort of normalcy.

And then lastly, I want to thank you for the opportunity once again to report and share what I learn in here as our council delegate with our Board and for the Board's continued support and respect of Shared Governance at SUNY Orange. It's one of the many reasons that we were awarded that Shared Governance...ah, SUNY Shared Governance award six years ago now, while I was Governance President back in 2015.

And really lastly, I just want to give a big thank you to Sister Peg for your steadfast service to this institution and support of SUNY Orange in so many different ways. You're gonna be sorely missed. You're leaving very big shoes to fill for the trustee that follows you. And, like Chair Watson, mentioned, I will miss your stories. I'm also gonna miss your smile and your sense of humor. So, I wish you the best in your retirement.

Chair Watson: Michelle, we thank you for that update.

Before we move into board discussion. I was remiss in not mentioning that we have a graduation that's coming up next week on the 20th. So, I'm reminding the trustees. Hopefully, you will all be able to listen in and of course, it's going to be remote. We regret that but we will suffer through and hopefully next year we will be back on Alumni Green to celebrate the graduates. So, next week I believe the starting time is 4 PM so 4 PM on the 20th. We look forward to that.

Secretary Murray: It's actually 5 PM.

IX. BOARD DISCUSSION

Chair Watson: Thank you Secretary Murray. So, alright, board discussion. Any of the trustees, board members like to introduce anything at this time?

Hearing none, I'm going to request that the breakout room be prepared and that trustees be moved over for Executive Session. Once again, we are going to Executive Session to discuss Item E, under the Conduct of Executive Sessions which is Collective Negotiations pursuant to Article 13 of the Civil Service law. Secretary Murray, please.

Trustee Martucci: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move that we adjourn the trustee meeting and go into Executive Session.

Secretary Murray: Thank you Trustee Martucci and second Trustee Weddell?

Trustee Weddell: Yes.

Secretary Murray: Okay and I'll just remind you that I'm going to unmute everyone now so that when you go into the breakout session, you will be unmuted and you know, try to stay unmuted, so that we don't lose you.

Dr. Young: And, since I'm unmuted, Chair Watson, I just wanted to remind all those gathered. The Executive Session...the Board is permitted for the reasons that you outlined, but if the Board were to take any action, that has to be done publicly so the Board will come back into this room and if there is action to be taken, they will do that publicly. But at a minimum, the Board will come back in and adjourn as per the agenda. That has to be done publicly as well. So, we will return to this space at some time after the discussion is completed.

Secretary Murray: Just checking to make sure we have you all unmuted and I'm gonna open up that breakroom, so we'll see you in a little while.

Chair Watson: Did we take a vote to adjourn to Executive Session? Did we take a vote on that?

All: Aye

Secretary Murray: Okay, thank you all. See you in a little while.

Chair Watson: Yes.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:30 PM and returned at 7:09 PM

XI. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hannes: Those of you who left early, you have to go back. You didn't vote to leave the Breakout room.

Chair Watson: Alright, is everyone...all trustees back? It appears to be so.

Secretary Murray: Yes, I believe so. I'm looking for Sister Peggy.

Dr. Young: She often leaves at 7.

Secretary Murray: Yes, she probably left. I don't see her Chair Watson. But otherwise, I think you're all back safely.

Chair Watson: Alright. If there's no other business to come before this Board, the Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment.

Trustee Martucci: So moved.

Trustee Hannes: Second

Chair Watson: And second. All in favor of the motion?

All: Aye

Chair Watson: No one opposes? We are in adjournment. Goodnight Trustees. Thank you very much.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully transcribed and submitted,
Carol A. Murray
May 25, 2021