

MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006, AT 7:00 PM, MUSIC ROOM, MORRISON
HALL

Present: Chair J. Wolfe, V. Chair B. Hodge, Secretary M. Murphy, A. Anthonisen, J. Boyce, R. Calderin,
H. Gareiss, D. Mirro

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:45 pm, the Chair Joan Wolfe convened an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters according to Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officer Law, and no action was taken. At 6:00 pm the Trustees closed the Executive Session by acclamation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 pm Chair Joan Wolfe called the meeting to order.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda
Items A – E as presented.

Murphy/Hodge
Unanimous

A. Approved the Minutes from the regular meetings held on November 13, 2006 as presented.

B. Approved the petty cash reports for November 2006 in the amount of \$30.68.

C. Approved Faculty Appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Effective</u>
James Scharfenberger	Instructor, Business Management, full-time temporary	Fall 2006 Semester

D. Approved Faculty Retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joan I. Siegel	Associate Professor, English and Foreign Languages Department	26	7/1/07

At the same time the status of Professor Emeritus was granted for Professor Siegel for her 26 years of dedicated service to the College.

E. Approval of the following new degree programs:

- A.S. Degree in Human Services
- A.A.S. Degree in Emergency Management

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President William Richards updated the Trustees on the following topics:

Global Initiative 2207-2008 - Under the leadership of Assistant Professor Paul Basinski, the College will offer a Global Initiative. This is an international forum that will be held throughout the next academic year. The first series is *The Americas: The Role of Latin Culture in the Western Hemisphere*. At the March 2007 Board meeting, Assistant Professor Paul Basinski will be invited to make a presentation about the global initiative as well as future initiatives highlighting other cultures. Appreciation was extended to Vice President Catherine Chew, who brought this concept to fruition.

- **Newburgh Update** – Tomorrow JMZ Architects will make a presentation to the Orange County leaders. The final Newburgh site presentation administration and the OC leaders will occur in February 2007, and the Orange County Legislature will vote for funding in March.
- The annual SUNY Orange/Orange County Citizens Foundation Reception for community leaders is set for Thursday, 12/14 from 5 – 7 pm
- The College received a generous gift of \$25,000 from Orange Regional Medical Center. The donation will bring about the first certificate for graduates in Diagnostic Imaging. The funding will help secure equipment and other needs.
- A new attendance reply form was included in the Board packets. For future meetings, the Trustees were asked to respond to Maryann Raab prior to noon on the day of a meeting.
- The College is proud to be selected as one of five Colleges to participate in the National Endowment for the Arts' grant. SUNY Orange is the only SUNY community college selected for this honor. In early January 2007, Associate Vice President for Liberal Arts Richard Heppner and Interim Department Chair Mary Warrener will attend a planning session for a summer internship at Columbia University in New York City. This internship will take place in New York City, Amsterdam and London. Associate Professor Warrener and AVP Heppner will attend the January Board meeting to share the details of the summer internship, which will focus on the works of Rembrandt and Shakespeare. The faculty will be asked to nominate the students.
- In January, the Board will be asked to vote on a Resolution to approve Phase I of the Middletown Facilities Master Plan. Once passed, the Resolution will be presented to the Orange County Legislature and then to Albany for approval.
- Special thanks were extended to Professor Paul Rickard for his outstanding commitment to the College. He was acknowledged for his leadership of the Staff and Chair Association and for his dedicated service as a coach.

IV. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

Diane Bliss, president of the College Governance System, highlighted the following items:

1. The P.B.I.E. Committee completed the rankings of initiatives to be included in the 2007-2008 budget.
2. The Curriculum Committee has been very busy as evidenced by the approval of the two new degree programs: A.S. Degree in Human Services and A.A.S. Degree in Emergency Management.
3. At the College Assembly, Associate Professor Basinski presented a Resolution requesting that a member of the SUNY Faculty Council be placed on the SUNY Board of Trustees. The resolution was approved by the SUNY Orange College Assembly members.

V. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Jenna Boyce reported on the following topics:

Holiday Open House - Morrison Hall was opened to the public this past weekend December 9th and 10th. Both days were well attended. The mansion will host visitors through the weekend of December 16th and 17th.

Adopt-A-Family - Through the overwhelming generosity of the faculty, staff, and students, the College adopted 67 families totaling 277 individuals this year. Included in that count were seven families from Liberty Partnership and four student families.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made to adopt the revisions to the By-laws, which includes the new charges for the Audit Committee, and two minor format changes suggested by Trustee Anthonisen.

Anthonisen/Mirro
Unanimous

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board Retreat will be held on May 10, 2007 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. The Board Retreat will be combined with the May Board meeting. The location will be announced.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative Services Committee - None

Personnel and Finance Committee – None

Audit Committee

1. The Audit Committee, consisting of Vice President for Administration Dan Bloomer, Trustees Herbert Gareiss, Brutus Hodge, and Donald Mirro, met today. The committee approved going out to bid for an auditor. The next Audit Committee meeting is set for March 12, 2007, at which time the committee will discuss the RFP and make a recommendation for the auditor.

2. The College was audited by the State auditors. Although more than 30 days have expired since the State auditors left the campus, we have not yet received their response. An update will be provided to the Board in January 2007.

Educational Policies and Student Affairs Committee

Chairman Wolfe appointed Trustee Donald Mirro as the new chair for the Educational Policies Committee.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Professor Kathleen Malia, President of the Faculty Association, offered the association's assistance with the College's lobby effort this year. The group that joined the effort last year is very enthusiastic to participate once again.
- Professor Malia noted that some minority students who have graduated and transferred to very prestigious schools have done very well. One student Jason Vargas is attending Vassar College. Another student is attending Smith College. Recruiters from Smith, Wellesley and Mount Holyoke visited the college during the fall semester. Professor Malia suggested that we keep in touch with the students and encourage them to consider teaching at SUNY Orange.
- Professor Paul Rickard thanked everyone for their kind words. He enjoyed every single day of his tenure at the College and will still be around as an adjunct and at college events.

X. BOARD DISCUSSION - None

XI. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 pm, a motion was made (Calderin/Anthonisen) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Raab
Assistant to the President