

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 18, 2022

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**A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held
on January 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
in person, via ZOOM, and live streaming**

Board Members Present

Mr. Jason Cafarella, Chairperson
Mr. Kevin Clark, Financial Secretary
Mr. William Ross
Mr. Jerald Wolfgang
Mr. Maurice Jackson, Student Trustee

Board Members Present via ZOOM

Ms. Gina Virtuoso, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Katherine Alexander
Ms. Sheila Smith

Board Member Excused

Ms. Bonnie Sloma, Secretary

Administration Present

William J. Murabito, Ph.D., President
Ms. Barbara DeSimone, Director of Public Relations
Mr. John Eichner, Director of Business Services
Mr. Jesse Goldberg, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Wayne Lynch, Vice President of Administration
Ms. Lydia Ulatowski, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Ms. Barbara Walck, Assistant to the President

Administration Present via ZOOM

Ms. Deborah Brewer, Director of Foundation
Ms. Catherine Brown, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources (via ZOOM)
Dr. Fabio Escobar, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs

Chairperson Cafarella called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m. and asked Trustee Wolfgang to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the military.

Chairperson Cafarella stated that the meeting is being recorded and live streamed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Carafella asked if Board members wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Chairperson Cafarella and seconded by Trustee Wolfgang, that the Board approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 board meeting, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Grant Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairperson Cafarella asked Board members if there were questions regarding the Information Items. The following items were received and filed: Grant Tracking Chart, Personnel Status Chart, Foundation Report, and Facilities Update.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Cafarella reminded board members of the March 22, 2022 date for the March board meeting. Please mark this on your calendars as the official date.

Chairperson Cafarella stated the All College Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. This will be a town hall format, and he encouraged board members to join the virtual meeting if possible.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Murabito discussed the following:

- President Murabito stated we have organized the SEM (Strategic Enrollment Management) meetings via direction from SUNY. Each campus is working with SUNY to develop a new SEM Plan, and the good news is what we have in place is a good starting point. We look forward to meeting with SUNY reps in the near future for further direction.
- President Murabito continues to meet with WNY community college presidents, each meeting becomes more helpful as campus topics are shared and discussed.
- The new Erie Community College President was selected; Dr. David Balkin will begin his new role on February 1. Dr. Balkin previously served as Chancellor for Ivy Tech Community College's South Bend-Elkhart campus in Indiana.
- President Murabito met with the SUNY presidents from across the state and discussed the spring reopening plan; we are not recommending any changes to our spring schedule, plan on keeping spring break as scheduled in mid-March.
- President Murabito met with John Simon and his counterparts, along with Father Maher and Dr. Coley from Niagara University, pertaining to the World Weather Corp (Teletech) for possible downtown housing, world weather center, etc.
- On January 12, we hosted the 26th Annual Tech Wars competition. Area schools attended with upwards of 300 students on campus, and each year the students like to highlight their talents.
- Congratulations to Carolyn Stanko and Matthew Clarcq as the recipients of the Dr. Carol Jamison Award, which was held via ZOOM.
- The All College Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, February 3 at 9:30 a.m. President Murabito encouraged trustees to join if possible.
- NCCC has been selected by the Governor, as one of the SUNY campuses to host a COVID-19 test site beginning today. We are using the vacated snack bar in G building, curtained off by pipe and drape. At this time, we are unsure of the duration of this test site.
- President Murabito won the friendly "chocolate" wager against the community college in Massachusetts, as the Buffalo Bills defeated the New England Patriots.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Student Trustee Report was provided by Maurice Jackson.

FACULTY OBSERVER REPORT

The Faculty Observer Report was provided by Dr. Julie Woodworth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC/STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Committee Chairperson Smith and seconded by Trustee Alexander to approve the Emeritus Status of retired faculty member Deborah Sorrentino as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Murabito thanked Ms. Sorrentino for her lifetime of work. The college is looking forward to have Emeritus status retirees return to campus for events, as these people have provided exceptional value to our campus.

FISCAL COMMITTEE

Trustee Clark read the following resolution.

BOARD RESOLUTION

NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY

Background: Niagara County Community College in good faith have negotiated a six-year collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") with the NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY concerning wages, terms, and other conditions of employment for the term of September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2024.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Niagara County Community College on January 18, 2022 the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:

WHEREAS, Niagara County Community College and Niagara County Community College NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY reached a settlement agreement on December 16, 2021 outlining the negotiated changes as attached.

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been lawful and properly ratified by the membership of the NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY on January 7, 2022.

WHEREAS, Niagara County Community College and NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY that the best interests for both parties are served by executing the aforesaid amendment.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the ratification of the union contract between Niagara County Community College and the NCCC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, NYSUT/NY effective January 18, 2022.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2022

Jason Cafarella
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
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It was moved by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Ross to approve the Resolution – NCCC Educational Support Personnel Association, NYSUT/NY as presented. Catherine Brown, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources asked if anyone had questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Cafarella thanked President Murabito, Catherine Brown and the team for this accomplishment.

Vice President Lynch provided the Business and Finance updates.

President Murabito stated the Governor will have her State of the State tomorrow, and we will be monitoring it closely regarding the budget.

It was moved by Trustee Wolfgang and seconded by Student Trustee Jackson that the Board go into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss contract negotiations at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Student Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Wolfgang that the Board come out of Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Wolfgang discussed the NYCCT meeting in November 2022 and a possible award nomination.

GOOD & WELFARE

Student Trustee Jackson states there will be a home wrestling match on February 9.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room.

It was moved by Trustee Clark and seconded by Student Trustee Jackson to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Walck
Assistant to the President