



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: September 8, 2022

Time: 10:15 AM

Present:

Thomas Jennings, Chair
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.
James Dancy
Broadus Davis, Ed.D. via Zoom
Blake Eisenhart
Frank Farry via Zoom
Jamie Fazzalore
Elizabeth Fineburg
Ronni Fuchs via Zoom

Shamsul Huda
William Maeglin
Linda Mannherz
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Carol Shelly via Zoom
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq., Solicitor
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D., President

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. He introduced Juliana Winget, a second-year psychology student who led the Pledge of Allegiance and then offered brief remarks on her experience at the College.

Following the Roll Call, the Chair announced that, prior to the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session with Solicitor Garton and President Ganther to discuss matters of pending litigation, potential investigations, and personnel matters. In addition, the Board then received information presented by President Ganther regarding prospective business initiatives and investments.

Mr. Jennings introduced new trustees, Ms. Jamie Fazzalore and Ms. Ronni Fuchs and welcomed them to the Board.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Eisenhart, the Board approved the minutes of the June 2022 meeting.

The Chair noted that Trustee Otto Grupp, who left the Board in the spring after 30 years of service to the college, was being put forward for trustee emeritus status. Mr. Grupp was recognized at the June board meeting, but no vote was taken at that time. **Upon motion by Ms. Mignoni-Ferguson and second by Ms. Mannherz, the Board of Trustees approved the award of Trustee Emeritus status to Otto Grupp in recognition of his service to the college on the Board of Trustees.** The Board presented Mr. Grupp's son, Bob, with a print of the College noting the many years of service by Otto and the Grupp family to the College. Mr. Bob Grupp said his dad, Otto, did a lot of volunteering over the years, and he enjoyed his time on the BCCC board of trustees the most.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Jennings reported that a number of events took place over the summer, including an orientation and immersion for new trustees and some current trustees on June 27, the arrival of Beth Brower as Chief of Staff in July, a board retreat also in July, a successful golf outing in August, convocation about a week ago, and Dr. Ganther's agenda review meeting last Wednesday.

He reported that the Executive Committee approved a few items over the summer, including the Welcome Center bond issue resolution and the CAT bridge change order, which will be voted on later in the meeting.

Mr. Jennings also mentioned some projects which are in the works, including, AVP Tracy Timby's scheduled meeting with Waste Management representatives concerning our CDL program among other areas of interest, and an introductory luncheon for Dr. Ganther and her team with building trades representatives later in the month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ganther reported on several exciting developments at the College. First, in collaboration with Mr. Bill Stank and other staff members, the review and selection of the architectural firm for the buildout of the College's Welcome Center was completed. MKSD, LLC was the selected firm, bringing a multitude of experience working with community college projects.

The President also shared that the College hosted its annual Fall Inservice, which included an update from Dr. Ganther as well as panel presentations on various topics of interest to our faculty team members.

Through work with the Bucks County Workforce Development Board, Bucks County Community College was able to secure \$340,000 in additional funding to imbed County Career Link services into all three campuses: providing additional services and support to our students seeking immediate employment, career exploration, and employment preparation services.

On Wednesday, October 12th, Bucks will be hosting a Latinx Community Reception at the Newtown Campus. Hispanic/Latino community leaders, organizations, and corporate influencers are being invited to network and identify ways to strengthen their relationship with the College. Invitations to the Board of Trustees are forthcoming.

Dr. Ganther also reported that Bucks County Community College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage during September and October with many exciting events, from Tito Puentes Jr, to Flamenco, an artist talk with Joseph Rodriguez, and other campus specific events. She said the College is excited about these celebrations.

The President shared that our newly developed Academic Partnership Team has been working on adding more high school partners and university transfer partners. This work is being done to increase dual enrollment schools and to have clear pathways into BA and MA programs near Bucks County. This week, a meeting was held with Del Val University leadership to renew and improve their commitment to supporting our students.

The President reported that the College recently received the PA Hunger Free Campus+ designation in recognition of our leadership in college student food insecurity. We have also placed “Pantries on The Go” in various locations around the campuses. These pantries are quick self-service stations that include grab and go toiletries, and school supplies.

The Bucks County Commissioners awarded the College \$200,000 for a Veterans and Returning Adults/Citizen Support Program. This program will provide dedicated and coordinated wraparound support to veteran students and returning citizens for post-secondary credentials.

Dr. Ganther shared that the Bucks Early Learning Center has received a Four-Star Designation. She said this designation speaks to our program, which offers a stimulating, nurturing environment to help prepare children for school and to reach their full potential. The program is at full enrollment and is collecting interests through a waiting list.

Bucks joined the Delta Alpha Pi International Society which serves as a Disability Honors Society. Because of stereotyping associated with disability, students have been reluctant to identify themselves publicly. Delta Alpha Pi presents an opportunity to change that by recognizing students with disabilities for their academic accomplishments.

Bucks has been invited to attend the Independence Blue Cross Blue Shield National Recovery Forum. Bucks is one of 12 institutions in the Southeastern PA region invited to attend the Forum in Washington. A small delegation of staff and students will attend on September 21 to learn more about supporting students in recovery.

The President noted that, during the August registration rush, Bucks offered a Virtual Enrollment Office initiative, allowing students to receive live virtual assistance from Advising, Registration, Admissions, and Financial Aid. Over 400 students used the service during two weeks prior to the Fall semester. The virtual office plans to open 2-3 weeks prior to the start of each semester.

Dr. Ganther reported on several events that took place in the first few weeks of the semester:

- We welcomed nearly 700 new families to New Student Orientation at all three physical campuses.
- The College held its annual Welcome Week festivities that included 20 events/activities intended to engage students, create a sense of belonging, and introduce the Culture of Care ethos.

- We held a Friday night outdoor movie. Over 125 students, employees and community members gathered to watch “Jurassic Park: Dominion”.
- The Newtown Campus Student Involvement Fair held two days of successful recruiting with nearly 400 student organization registrations, impacting 33 student organizations, including athletic teams. Involvement Fairs at Upper and Lower campuses were also held.
- Bucks held its first in person New Student Convocation. Nearly 200 new students and 100 faculty/staff participated. The keynote address was given by Ms. April Holmes, a US Olympic and Paralympian medal winner.

The President noted that the College received a strategic initiative grant to contract with Lightcast (formerly Emsi) for graduates and former students’ employment data. We received data for over 25,000 students earlier this month. Analyzing this data will help inform fundraising, employer outreach and other efforts.

Dr. Ganther also reported that the Million-Dollar Golf Classic was held on August 8 at North Hills Country Club. She thanked the Board of Trustees for serving as the Flagship Sponsor. The event netted \$56,000 and, in its history, raised more than \$1 million for special college initiatives and student scholarships.

The Alumni Association, in collaboration with athletics and student life, held the annual alumni soccer reunion game on August 20. More than 50 alums returned to campus for this event.

The President reported that the Foundation’s inaugural Celebrating Student Success Fundraising Gala will be held on November 5 in Tyler Mansion, Tyler Gardens, and the event tent. For more information, or to serve as a sponsor, please contact Christina McGinley or Andrew States.

In closing, Dr. Ganther shared the exciting news that she was selected for the 2022-2023 Aspen New Presidents Fellowship. The fellowship is a year-long convening with thought leaders, presidential mentors, and innovators in the areas of economic development, workforce development, and leading change. Dr. Ganther said she is excited to be selected and honored to represent Bucks County Community College with this national designation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Phil Wursta, Chair

Interim Provost Dr. Kelly Kelleway and the academic deans introduced the following newly hired full-time faculty members: Amber Anderson - Language & Literature, Les Bullard – Mathematics, Kelsey Wiley Cicak – STEM, Elianne Crossland – Health Sciences, Meg Eubank – Language and Literature, AnnaMaria Georgousis – Counseling Services, Andrew James Gottesman – Learning Resources, Radhika Ramjee – Mathematics, Alena Sadykova – Associate Degree Nursing, Health Sciences, Lawrence Sorace – Social & Behavioral Sciences, Business & Innovation, STEM, Chris Todd – Arts & Communication.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Mr. Bill Maeglin, Chair

Mr. Frank Moore, Interim Vice President of Administrative Affairs/CFO reported that his office will be looking at Key Performance Indicators on a regular basis, looking back at previous semesters. He also reported that the temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued for the CAT building and that classes have started there. He noted that Eric Siddell is the new project manager, replacing Bill Stank who retired. In closing, Mr. Moore reported that the bond closing relating to the Welcome Center will take place on September 15, and that audit field work will begin the first week of October

Mr. Brant Steen, Vice President for Technology/CTO, then gave an update on Workday Student Implementation, including the timeline and the budget. Due to issues with team bandwidth, data conversion, and testing, the plan is to move from two sequential launches to a single, consolidated launch in the spring. This will allow for more testing and data loading time and will better suit peak enrollment time and project demands. On the budget side, we are still tracking within the budget but are expecting small overages in the long run.

CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Jennings, Executive Committee Chair, and Mr. Maeglin, Finance Committee Chair

The Chair announced that all action items would be considered on the Consent Agenda unless a Trustee requested that an item be removed for specific discussion and individual action. There were no requests.

Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Mr. Dancy, the Board of Trustees approved all items as set forth on the Consent Agenda:

Executive Committee:

Ratification of Summer 2022 Executive Committee Actions

- Bond Resolution for Welcome Center Renovation
- Center for Advanced Technologies – Pedestrian Bridge Foundation Change Order

Naming of College Facilities: Penn Community Bank (Industrial Skills Lab; Pedestrian Bridge; Scholarship Fund)

Finance Committee:

Other Contract

- New Welcome Center Architectural Design Firm Selection RFP – MKSD, LLC

Other Action

- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) Resolution

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on October 13, 2022, at 10:15 AM.

William Maeglin, Secretary