



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus
Tyler 142

Date: October 11, 2012
Time: 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Blake Eisenhart, Presiding
Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Jr
S. W. Calkins
James M. Dancy
J. Peter Dominick
Frank Fazzalore
Elizabeth Fineburg
Frederick Gudknecht

Otto Grupp III
Madeline Kemper
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Garney Morris.
Bernard O'Neill
Thomas Skiffington
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Elizabeth A. Graver

Mr. Eisenhart called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Mr. Eisenhart announced that earlier in the day the Board of Trustees met in executive session.

Upon motion by Dr. Breitenfeld, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the minutes of the September meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Blake Eisenhart offered the following words of welcome to Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt who began her tenure as the fourth president of Bucks County Community College on October 1, 2012.

“Fellow Trustees, members of the Faculty, student body, staff, and friends of our College; welcome to this very special occasion marking the introduction of Bucks County Community College’s Fourth President, Dr. Stephanie H. Shanblatt to her very first meeting of the Bucks County Community College Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees have entrusted Dr. Shanblatt with the responsibility of leading this transformative Institution forward. And this Board wants especially to thank the members of the Presidential Search Oversight Committee and the Presidential Search Task Force for the obvious wisdom and vision with which they carried out their mission! Special thanks are also richly deserved by Greenwood/Asher, the Executive Search firm, which brought this highly qualified

individual to our attention. There are more personal gratitudes that we want to acknowledge – the many members of the College Staff, from Kathi Fedorko, all those who were engaged in search selection activities, to the drivers from our Maintenance Team - all differentiated our institution and extended our collective warm hospitality to our new President since her first arrival on our campus.

Dr. Shanblatt, how proud you have made us all by answering our call of service and taking the helm of this College. In the forty-eight years since our founding, inspirational women have served as driving forces behind Bucks County Community College success – leading, driving change, educating, supporting, encouraging, securing and enabling the strength and recognition this College has achieved. We have had powerful, dedicated and effective women chairing and serving on the Board of Trustees, educating, challenging and mentoring students as Faculty, and effecting change as administrators and staff since 1964.

Three other Presidents have carried forward, reimagined and reinvigorated the mission of this College – each assuming the responsibility to “take care of this house” that is Bucks County Community College. Dr. Charles Rollins, the founding president, believed that higher education must include not just an intellectual dimension, but a moral one as well. Dr. William Vincent argued that the pre-eminence as well as the prominence of our exceptional Faculty skills, capabilities and contributions in their fields of study should be reflected in our educational offerings. Dr. James Linksz did as much as anyone to transform this College from a small locally focused college to a nationally recognized institution deploying workforce development programs globally. All of these leaders served Bucks County Community College with diligence and skill. Through forty-eight years, Bucks County Community College has flourished, adapting itself to the changing educational needs of our County and the world. The historic moment in which we now live demands that we all work together combining passion with practicality. Now is your opportunity to build on the foundation of your predecessors. The Board of Trustees encourages you to dream more ambitiously than any who have preceded you. Just to dream is not enough, for you have been selected by the Board of Trustees to apply your skills and abilities, your passion and experience, and your commitment and vision to deliver on the dream.

The appointment of any president is a momentous occasion, but the appointment of Dr. Stephanie H. Shanblatt is a long-awaited and very welcome affirmation of the vision of our founders and stakeholders. It is my particular pleasure to preside as Board Chairman here today with the first woman President of Bucks County Community College. There was never a ‘glass ceiling’ at this Institution, just a ‘very thick layer of men!’

This Board of Trustees stands to do all it is capable of doing to enable you and enable this College to continue delivering the dreams of new generations of students. Dr. Shanblatt, all of us here today look forward to working with you and sharing our aspirations and challenges to lead the College forward into new terrain, where we will build upon our foundation of academic excellence, educating for the common good and progressive social engagement.

I want to thank all of you for joining us in this celebration of our history and of our common quest to define and create a remarkable future together, ably guided by our remarkable new President!”

In response, Dr. Shanblatt commented:

“First of all, I would like to thank you, the trustees and the search committee for giving me this incredible opportunity. I am truly honored to serve the college in this capacity. I also want to publicly thank Dr. Links for leaving the college in such a sound position.

I know that my mother, who did experience gender discrimination in the workplace, would be especially pleased that Bucks County Community College has made this very public commitment to equity.

Over the course of the last two weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak with many faculty members, staff and students at four meet and greet events. I have been very moved by the warmth and goodwill with which everyone has welcomed me. It has affirmed my belief in the good work that we can accomplish together.

My passion has and will continue to be the success of our students. I’m looking forward to many lively discussions in the coming months about how we can move that vision forward. So, on with the show. Let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work!”

FOUNDATION REPORT

Trustee Otto Grupp, Board Liaison to the Bucks County Community College Foundation, reported on recent Foundation activities and introduced Phil Wursta, current President of the Foundation. Next Mr. Grupp called upon Mr. Tobias Bruhn, Executive Director, Foundation, to recognize those individuals and organizations whose gifts resulted in naming of campus spaces.

Donor

Gene W. Fickes
Kevin & Sima Zlock
Frank Eckert & Family
Geoffrey & Gretchen Jackson

Sidney & Betsey Tyler
Foundations Community Partnership
Family of Paul F. Keene, Jr.

Value Management, Inc.
Charles & Jody Bender

Naming Opportunity

Memorial plaque at Upper Bucks Campus
Tyler Hall Room 142 at Newtown Campus
Library Learning Lab at Newtown Campus
Donated artwork in Library at Newtown Campus
Donated artwork in Links Pavilion at Newtown Campus
Donated artwork in Tyler Hall
Lobby at Upper Bucks Campus
Donated artwork in Music & Multimedia Lobby at Newtown Campus
Lounge at Newtown Campus
Faculty office at Newtown Campus

Upon motion by Mr. Grupp, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board of Trustees approved the Foundation Naming Opportunities as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt first welcomed Dr. Andrew Lawlor who recently joined the staff as Vice President, Information Technology Services. Dr. Lawlor was employed in a similar position at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and received his doctoral degree in higher education administration from Kent State University.

Next Dr. Shanblatt congratulated the two part-time faculty members who received grants through the joint efforts of the Cultural Programming Committee and the Foundation. Faculty member Caryn Babian will continue her exploration of the Eastern tradition of the mandala and its application to teaching complex concepts and Lee Ann Lippincott will study tessellations with students.

President Shanblatt recognized the achievement of Business Studies faculty member Kelly Sell who has recently become certified as a Quality Matters Master Reviewer. In this prestigious role, Kelly will serve as Team Chair for Quality Matters reviews of online courses at colleges and universities around the world.

President Shanblatt also shared news of two new grants obtained in the STEM department which will increase our capacity in biotechnology and bio-manufacturing. Faculty member Linda Rehfuss was instrumental in securing these new funding opportunities. The first grant is an extension of the College's first NSF grant and will provide \$500,000 over three years. The second grant provides a second entry into TAACCCT funding stream through participation in a regional consortium.

Finally, Dr. Shanblatt congratulated Social & Behavioral Science faculty member Dr. Hendrik Booraem on the publication of his fifth book "Child of the Revolution" which provides an in-depth look at the life of William Henry Harrison.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Mr. Eisenhart, seconded by Mr. Grupp, the Board of Trustees approved Policy 1.20 Public Safety Survivors Tuition Waiver as presented.

BOARD COMMITTEES

STUDENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Elizabeth Graver, Chair

In Ms. Graver's absence Mr. Calkins chaired the committee and introduced the presenters for the committee report. Mr. Matt Cipriano explained the organizational structure for student clubs and organizations and also elaborated on their goals. The groups are funded through the Student Activity Fee which provided \$48,500 for the academic year to support the activities of the 47 organizations which scheduled 160 programs last year for students on all three campuses. Student satisfaction with student life activities was favorable when assessed both on the national and campus level. Future goals include assessment of student learning and engagement, development of online modules for orientation of club officers and advisors, reexamination of the current student fee structure and assisting students with fundraising efforts.

Next, Provost Annette Conn provided an overview of the competitive athletic programs available for students. The athletic programs, coordinated by Assistant Academic Dean Priscilla Rice, are funded through the Student Activity Fee with an annual budget of \$66,595. Teams are coached by individuals on contract who may or may not be faculty members. The College currently competes in the NJCAA Conference and its teams have been successful in securing championships and playoff spots particularly in tennis, golf, soccer and equestrian. Compliance with Title IX requirements is an important part of planning for these activities and the current athlete complement of 142 is equally split between males and females. Future goals include improving opportunities for support of student athletes, continued monitoring of Title IX compliance and maintenance of athletic facilities.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – James M. Dancy, Chair

Mr. Dancy called upon Vice President Barbara Miller to present the committee report on JobTrakPA which is the promotional tag line for the federal grant program TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training). The College participates in this grant through a consortium formed by the members of Pennsylvania Community College Commission; the total award was \$20 million of which Bucks received \$1.2 million. This grant offers the opportunity to train unemployed and underemployed individuals in three areas: health information technology, advanced manufacturing and energy distribution and conservation. The goal for Bucks is to train 220 individuals over the three year term of the grant; with 107 trained in the first year the program is on track to achieve the goal. The most popular option for TAACCCT students is the non-credit health information technology program. The College has partnered with both regional workforce organizations and local employers to ensure the success of its endeavors. The long term benefits include expansion of our instructional capacity in numerous areas, recognition as a Gold Training Center for Advanced Manufacturing, increased access to local and state employment opportunities and development of a pipeline from noncredit to credit in the new Applied Engineering program.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MARKETING & ASSESSMENT – J. Peter Dominick, Chair

There was no committee report this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Chair

Upon motion by Dr. Breitenfeld, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board of Trustees approved the following bid awards:

- **Penn Hall column repairs to Twining Construction Inc. for \$120,220.**
- **Tyler Hall Flagstone repairs to John J. Moser & Son, Inc. for \$24,999.**

Upon motion by Dr. Breitenfeld, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board of Trustees approved the following other contract:

- **Boiler system repairs to The Energy Company for \$21,320 (time & materials).**

Upon motion by Dr. Breitenfeld, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board of Trustees approved the following change order:

- **Change Order for the Newtown Library Renovations to McGoldrick Electric, Inc. for \$24,264.**

Financial statements for the period ending September 2012 were provided for review.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE—Elizabeth Fineburg

There was no committee report this month.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on November 8 at 1:30 PM on the Upper Bucks Campus.

Thomas Skiffington, Secretary