



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vy0IripYuel&feature=youtu.be>

Date: June 11, 2020

Time: Noon

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Fineburg, Presiding
David R. Breidinger
James Dancy
Broadus Davis, Ed.D.
Blake Eisenhart
Frank Farry,
Elizabeth Graver
Otto Grupp III

William Maeglin
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Linda Mannherz
Garney Morris
Thomas Skiffington
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq
Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Carol Shelly

Trustee virtual attendance was confirmed by roll call.

Ms. Fineburg called the meeting to order at noon and announced that earlier in the day the Board of Trustees met in executive session to discuss real estate, labor relations and personnel matters.

Upon motion by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Breidinger, the board approved the minutes of the May meeting by roll call vote.

Ms. Fineburg announced that the opportunity for public comment was available through email at PublicComment@bucks.edu Comments will be shared at the end of the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Fineburg reported that this was her last meeting as chair and expressed her gratitude for being able to serve as Board Chair for this great institution. The success of the college can be attributed to the efforts of faculty, staff in all departments – managers and directors, administrative assistants, maintenance and custodial workers, security officers, the Cabinet and the work of her fellow trustees. All associated with the college should be proud of the work it does and the impact it has on the lives of so many students. She thanked everyone for making the past years special and productive, and offered special thanks to Damon Hunnicutt for the part he played in moving board meetings to a virtual format during the pandemic.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt acknowledged the 2020 recipients of staff recognition awards for their outstanding work on behalf of the college and our students. The following were nominated and chosen by their peers.

Classified

Karen Appleby, Learning Resources
Mary Golashevsky, Security & Safety
Terri Lovett – Academic Affairs
Donna Naughton - KISS
Eric Parker – Health Science

Administrative

Owen Forrest - STEM
Eunice Rush-Day – Workforce Development
Lindsay Possiel - Admissions
Georglyn Davidson – Online Learning
Andrew States - Foundation

Campus Support

Devon Blackman – Security & Safety

The President congratulated the Virtual Commencement Team who made our first virtual commencement a success. Excellent speeches by SGA President Evan Brooks and County Commissioner Diane Marseglia were accompanied by a tribute to each of our more than 600 graduates, as well as faculty emeriti and alumni award honorees. The team included: Carolyn, Mudgett, Christina McGinley, Corey McDonough, Damon Hunnicutt, Matt Cipriano, Megan Smith, Mike DiFiori, Rebecca Breuninger, Rose Cooper, Samantha Walker, Urszula Zak and Kathi Fedorko.

President Shanblatt shared news of the excellent work the Admissions team has been doing hosting virtual events for students and parents. This work and that of personal outreach to high school staff members, students and their families has resulted in a 40% increase in credits from current high school students across all summer sessions. Thanks to Lindsay Possiel for her outreach to high school students and their families and to Marlene Barlow for numerous meetings with the staff at the area high schools. Additionally, both Summer I and Summer II sessions have shown increased enrollment over last year and Summer III which begins on July 1 is also trending up.

Dr. Shanblatt described the manner in which our faculty congratulated our associate degree nursing graduates. While the students were unable to participate in their traditional pinning ceremony this year, that didn't stop the nursing faculty from showing their support. In late May nursing faculty members drove to the homes of all 65 graduating RN students to deliver their nursing pins and offer personal congratulations. Kudos to this great group of faculty and future RNs.

The President reported that under the leadership of faculty members Jackie Burger and Greg Luce, the popular Faculty of the Future conference was held virtually on May 29 with 561 participants. Thanks for all who helped make this annual event available to higher education faculty and staff across the region.

In conclusion Dr. Shanblatt expressed her gratitude to Ms. Fineburg for leading the college through a challenging two years. Ms. Fineburg's calm demeanor and her principled approach to problem solving guided the path of the college well and it was an honor for the President to work with her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Provost Lisa Angelo presented the annual curricular report detailing the actions for which approval was requested on the Consent Agenda. Approval for five years was sought for the following certificate programs: Applied Photography, Web Design & Multimedia, Fire Science, Fire Prevention & Investigation, Paralegal Studies, Medical Assistant: Admin., and Biotechnology: Cell & Tissue Culture.

Approval was also requested for occupational programs in Fire Science, Paralegal Studies and Medical Assistant and Biotechnology. Five year approval was requested for the following transfer programs: Graphic Design, Photography, Multimedia, Social Science, Social Work, Science and Individual Transfer Studies.

New program options for which approval was sought included Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Business, Brewing & Fermentation Science, Data Science, Dance, Business Analytics and Baking & Pastry. Programs slated for deactivation were Bookkeeping, Management/Marketing and Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management.

CONSENT AGENDA – William Maeglin, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Ms. Fineburg announced that all action items would be considered on the Consent Agenda. Trustees were advised that if discussion were requested on any item, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to remove any items.

Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Mr. Wursta, the Board of Trustees approved the following contracts and other items on the Consent Agenda:

Finance Committee

Other Contracts:

- **Network Appliance Replacement to PhillyCom, Inc. COSTARS for \$40,592.**
- **Network Equipment Maintenance Contract Renewal to PhillyCom, Inc. COSTARS for \$61,945 for one year.**
- **PSTC Translation Services to YM Translation Services for \$125,000 maximum for one year.**
- **VidGrid Software Maintenance & Licensing Agreement to VidGrid, Inc. for \$42,000 for three years.**
- **Visit Days Software Maintenance & Licensing Agreement to Visit Days Corporation for \$25,000.**

Change Orders:

- **Campus Core Construction Project to Uhrig Construction, Inc. for \$77,208.**

Other Actions

- **Insurance Renewal for 2020-2021 for \$741,711.**

Academic, Student & Technology Committee

- **Annual Curricular Actions including program additions, deletions and continuation approvals as presented.**

Executive Committee

- **Summer Action by the Executive Committee.**
- **Award of Honorary Degree to Diane Marseglia.**

All trustees present voted in favor of the motion and votes were recorded by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received during the meeting. President Shanblatt read a comment that was received after the May meeting.

I am writing this letter to address the shock I have in regard of possible closure of piano department at BCCC. I have to tell you what kind of training I was given by Prof. Ferdinand, who was my teacher and mentor. I had received the level of education that allowed me to be accepted at Westminster Choir College from associate degree straight to Masters, based on audition. However, that wouldn't have happened, if I had not had an opportunity to be trained by Prof. Ed Ferdinand. Professors at Westminster would praise Ed and Prof. Bresnen based on knowledge they would see from the students sent by Prof. Ferdinand and Prof. Bresnen (they must be "genius"-Prof. Goldsworthy's personal assessment).

I had an opportunity to be a winner of Steinway reward so were a few BCCC students under Prof Ferdinand's training and the opportunity to play for pianist Dinnerstein, when she was visiting at Bucks. Another young pianist also was a winner of International competition and played at Carnegie, while she was studying with Prof. Ferdinand

I truly wanted to tell you about my experience as a pianist and urge you to reconsider the cancelling of the piano department. It truly would be a devastating news for the members of our community by depriving them a chance to start their piano carrier at BCCC on an affordable tuition rate as well as getting the best quality of training.

Sincerely, Natalia Mamardashvili

Dr. Shanblatt stated that the college is not eliminating piano studies or any component of the music department. Students will continue to be able to study with a number of highly qualified faculty.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Fineburg recognized Ms. Graver, Governance Committee chair.

Ms. Graver presented the proposed slate of Board officers for 2020-21 as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Chair	David Breidinger
Vice-Chair	Carol Shelly
Secretary	Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Assistant Secretary	Linda Mannherz
Executive Committee	Dr. Broadus Davis

Ms. Fineburg called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, Ms. Fineburg called for a vote on the proposed slate.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Maeglin, the Board of Trustees voted to elect the slate of officers as presented with 12 votes in favor and 2 abstaining. Mr. Grupp noted that his abstention was not a reflection on the quality of the slate presented but on the process used by the Nominating Committee.

Ms. Fineburg thanked Ms. Graver for her work as Chair of the Governance Committee and extended her congratulations to Mr. Breidinger and the newly elected Executive Committee. Mr. Breidinger thanked his fellow trustees for their confidence in him and acknowledged the leadership provided by Ms. Fineburg during her term as Chair.

There were no other board comments.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 10 at noon.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary