



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: October 14, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding

Richard Balukas, Ed.D.

James Dancy

Broadus Davis, Ed.D. via Zoom

Blake Eisenhart

Frank Farry via Zoom

Elizabeth Fineburg via Zoom

Otto Grupp III via Zoom

Thomas Jennings

Shams Huda

William Maeglin via Zoom

Linda Mannherz

Carol Mignoni-Ferguson

Philip Wursta

Jeffrey Garton, Esq

Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D.

Absent: Carol Shelly

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM. He 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. Wursta, seconded by Ms. Mannherz, the board approved the minutes of the September 2021 meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Breidinger expressed his thanks to Gene Epstein, a local philanthropist and strong supporter of the college, for his generosity. Mr. Epstein distributed gifts of \$100 cash, totaling \$30,000, during last week's Fresh Connect food distribution which is hosted at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks. Mr. Breidinger also extended an invitation to join us on campus for a number of exciting events planned in the coming weeks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have wonderful news from our Health Sciences department regarding our two recent classes of nursing graduates. RN grads had a 93.15% the pass rate and LPN grads a 96.4% pass rate for the national exam for 1st-time test takers. Congratulations to Dean Connie Corrigan and program directors Maureen Murt and Michelle Rue Camp, along with all of our outstanding faculty who work so hard to develop the necessary skills and knowledge in our students.

A Memorial Reading and Book Launch for long-time Language & Literature professor and poet Dr. Christopher Bursk will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 3:00pm-5:00pm in the wedding tent. Information for the event and how to reserve tickets and register for the Zoom link, can be found on the Language & Literature Department's Facebook page and MyBucks.

The Language & Literature department continues to bring unique offerings to the county through its Wordsmiths Readings Series whose next event is on Friday, October 22nd at 7:30pm in Tyler Hall 142 and on Zoom. Also in the works is the announcement of the next Bucks County Poet Laureate in mid-November along with the Short Fiction contest for which submissions close today. Thanks to the outstanding faculty members who bring these programs to the county.

On October 5th the campus hosted a Voter's Rights Forum moderated by Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty member, Bill Pezza with panelists from across the county. Coming up on October 29th is an event in collaboration with the Center for Workforce Development and PA Career Link, featuring an AM Career Fair for high school students and a PM Job Fair for community members. Later on the 29th plan to join the celebration at the Exhibition Opening Reception for *Tuxedo with a Twist Art Exhibit* from 6-8 PM in the Gallery.

Community Education and paralegal faculty are partnering with the Bucks County Bar Association to hold a marathon Continuing Legal Education day at the Epstein campus on December 3.

The Center for Workforce Development is grateful for the scholarship support for the metalwork program received from the Gene Haas Foundation, a well-respected CNC Machine equipment manufacturer. A cohort of our Metalwork training program is wrapping up with graduation on October 15 with 20 graduates, 19 of whom have already accepted future employment.

We extend thanks to the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority who donated the \$22,000 proceeds of their August golf outing to the Bucks Student Emergency Fund. PECO also funded a \$10,000 grant to support the STEM Dept's Covered Bridge Trail restoration project. Join us this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Zlock Center for *New Feathers*, a playwright reading series devoted to new works, and bring your children and grands to RagTag Theatre's *Rapunzel* on Nov. 6 at 3:30 p.m. We also welcome Julianne Theodoropoulous who joined the Foundation team as Coordinator, Scholarships & Stewardship. Julianne worked us most recently at the Williamson College of the Trades and has extensive career experience working in philanthropy.

Finally, please plan to join us on our lovely Newtown Campus for a free outdoor family movie night. The feature film beginning at 6:30 PM, is "A Quiet Place II".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Broadus Davis, Chair

Matt Cipriano, Director, Student Life & Athletics presented a report on athletic programs available to students at the college. In all athletic endeavors the following are areas of continued focus: health and safety, facilities, equipment and uniforms, branding and communication and the student-athlete experience.

The college offers varsity, club and intramural sports to meet the differing needs of students. Varsity sports are department controlled and funded with college paid coaching staff and opportunity to compete in USCAA sponsored events. Students must be full time to compete in varsity sports. Varsity teams include men's and women's soccer and basketball, baseball and softball. Club sports provide a student directed experience with more flexible schedules and requirements as part-time students may participate. Club sports include tennis, equestrian, golf, running and Esports. Intramural competitions are more casual encounters with no practices that offer the opportunity to engage with other students in activities such as flag football, cornhole, volleyball and trivia.

The presentation also touched upon areas such as athletic team community outreach and health and safety precautions in place during the pandemic. Student athletes were present to offer personal insight into the benefits they experienced through participation in athletics at Bucks. Student-athletes speaking were soccer team members Zachary Shefsky, Christopher Clar and Victoria Czerniak.

Mr. Cipriano also introduced recently elected Student Government Association (SGA) officers President Nick Berube and Vice President Lateefat Adewale.

CONSENT AGENDA – Linda Mannherz, Finance Committee Chair

Mr. Breidinger 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.

Upon motion by Ms. Mannherz and second by Mr. Dancy, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

Bid Awards

- **Nursing Department “Manikins” to Laerdal Medical Corp. for \$25,874.18**
- **Shuttle van vehicle replacement to Fred Beans for \$38,907.00**
- **Tyler Hall Courtyard walkway replacement to Penn Builders, Inc. for \$101,750.00**

Other Action:

- **Labor contract with Local 835 Operating Engineers through December 31, 2023**

Executive Committee:

- **Revision of college policy: 1.1 Board of Trustees**
- **Revision of Board of Trustee Bylaws**

BOARD COMMENT

There were no Board comments.

Joanna Kelly, a member of the public, questioned whether it might be good for the college to continue its past practice of having a pool on campus. Mr. Breidinger thanked her for her interest and indicated that the Board would contact her with a response.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn 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 at the Upper Bucks Campus on November 11, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary