



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: May 12, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Present:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.
James Dancy
Blake Eisenhart
Frank Farry via Zoom
Elizabeth Fineburg
Otto Grupp III via Zoom
Thomas Jennings

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

Absent: Broadus Davis, Ed.D.

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM.

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Breidinger commented on the recent events he attended on campus including the Student Awards Celebration and the Culinary Graduation Dinner. Both were outstanding tributes to the excellence and engagement of our students. He encouraged everyone to join in celebrating our graduates on May 19 at Commencement.

Mr. Breidinger offered congratulations to Professor John Strauss on his retirement after 35 years of service to the college. The Board has worked closely with Mr. Strauss over the years and is grateful for his service and support of our students.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ganther expressed her sincere thanks to all for the fantastic Inauguration celebration with particular thanks to Foundation staff Christina McGinley and Andrew States as well as Urszula Zak and Kathi Fedorko from the President's Office. The President was especially grateful for the more than \$100,000 that was raised in support of student scholarships. .

The President shared that Spring Fling celebrations were a huge hit on both Epstein and Upper Bucks Campuses. Students enjoyed food trucks, games, tie dye and just spending time together and with faculty and staff. Upper Bucks will host Pennridge High School Advising/Registration Day on May 18th when Pennridge seniors will come to campus to register for fall classes. The Epstein campus received a grant from the Alice B. Johnson foundation to provide middle school students Entrepreneurial Mindset training in Bristol Borough in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. For the first time Epstein campus hosted a highly successful Health Sciences Career Day which attracted more than 90 students to a day of activities featuring our Health Sciences and STEM departments and healthcare professionals from the Lower Bucks Hospital. This inaugural event was so successful that we will be holding it annually at Upper Bucks Campus in the Fall and at Epstein in the Spring.

President Ganther announced that Centurion Baseball has earned the 7th seed slot in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Small College World Series that will take place May 16-19 in DuBois, PA. This will be the first time that Bucks has made the tournament and the first team to represent the Eastern States Athletic Conference (ESAC). Games will be live streamed through www.smallcollegeworldseries.com. Congratulations to our Centurion players and their coaches.

The President recapped the annual Student Awards Celebration on Thursday, May 5th. We were able to gather in person and on Zoom as a Bucks community and recognize outstanding programs, club officers, advisors, community service projects, as well as honoring our Student Commencement Speakers and the 2022 President's Cup winner. It was a joy to see so many parents, advisors, students, faculty and staff join us to recognize the incredible work everyone did this year despite the obstacles we faced individually and as a college community. Special thanks to Matt Cipriano and the Student Life team for organizing the day and to Chair Breidinger and Board Member Jennings who were in attendance.

Next Dr. Ganther shared that the Foundation has been busy hosting events and raising funds to assist the financial burden for our students. The President's Inauguration challenge surpassed the \$100,000 goal and raised \$112,000 in scholarship support for students. Thank you to the almost 200 donors who made a contribution. In addition, the 15th annual Salute to Mothers Scholarship Tea on April 22 raised nearly \$50,000 to fund scholarships. Upcoming in the event tent is a fundraiser hosted by the Michael G. Fitzpatrick Foundation this Sunday, May 15. Proceeds of the event will establish a new Michael G. Fitzpatrick Scholarship at the college. Connect with Christina McGinley if you'd like to purchase tickets or support the new scholarship.

President Ganther reported that our staff at the Training Centers have been busy and on May 17 we will graduate 183 new firefighters. With firefighters in such short supply across the state, we are grateful to the dedicated staff who train new firefighters in the county and across the state. Staff also provide Hazmat training to Marines and other military branches which rates high

reviews from the ranking officers for the qualifications and flexibility of our trainers, leading to repeat business time and time again.

Recent DEI programming included an April 14 event during disability awareness month "From Trauma to Community: Inclusion of the Facially Different." The presenter discussed the challenges of facial deformity caused by burns, disease, and injuries and how media platforms have cast facially different as evil and/or the villain in stories. On May 9, 2022 the program "Bucks Looks Back" recalled a time years ago when Bucks students walked out in protest when the administration canceled a gay rights speaker at the last minute. This has now been documented as one of the largest gay rights protests prior to Stonewall.

In conclusion the President remarked that as the spring term ends our thoughts turn to Commencement which will be in person for the first time since 2019. We look forward to celebrating with our students and their guests on Thursday, May 19 at 2 PM and 6 PM in the Gym with celebrations to follow both ceremonies on the Quad. Please join us for the fun!

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – Carol Mignoni-Ferguson, Chair

Upon motion by Ms. Mignoni-Ferguson and second by Mr. Eisenhart, the Board voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers for 2022-2023 as recommended by the Governance Committee:

Chair	Thomas Jennings
Vice-Chair	Dr. Broadus Davis
Secretary	William Maeglin
Asst. Secretary	Shams Huda

Executive Committee Carol Mignoni-Ferguson

STUDENT AFFAIRS & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – Dr. Broadus Davis, Chair

In Dr. Davis' absence Mr. Breidinger provided introductions on behalf of the committee. Nck Berube, outgoing SGA President, provided a video farewell and thank you to the Board. Lateefat Adewale, incoming SGA President, presented a report highlighting SGA efforts for the spring semester. Some significant activities included participation in the Inauguration ceremony, strong efforts to improve access to SGA, assisted with Student Life major student engagement programs and continued planning for student organization space refresh.

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. Huda, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

Change Order

- **CAT Change Order for building alterations to satisfy requirements for Fire Marshal approval to E.R. Stuebner Construction, Inc. for \$28,653.98.**

Bid Award

- **Roof replacement for the Music & Multimedia Building to Kupex Exteriors, LLC for \$107,456.00.**

Other Contract

- **Digital certificate licensing program to Parchment Inc. for \$244,250.00 over the 3 year contract term.**

Budget Fiscal Year 2023

- **FY2023 budget in the amount \$83,125,337 pending final recommendation on administrative salary increases and debt service for the Welcome Center.**

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on June 9 at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary