



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus
Tyler 142

Date: September 10, 2013
Time: 1:45 P.M.

PRESENT:

Blake Eisenhart, Presiding
Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Jr
S. W. Calkins
James Dancy
Frank Farry
Frank Fazzalore
Elizabeth Fineburg

Otto Grupp III
Frederick Gudknecht
Madeline Kemper
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Garney Morris
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Elizabeth A. Graver, Thomas Skiffington

Mr. Eisenhart called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. Mr. Eisenhart 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 Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Ms. Kemper, the minutes of the June meeting were approved. Mr. Farry abstained.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Eisenhart introduced and welcomed State Representative Frank Farry, who was recently appointed by the County Commissioners, as the newest member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Eisenhart encouraged all in attendance to support the student athletic teams competing in the Fall semester including soccer, volleyball and tennis. Mr. Eisenhart and Dr. Shanblatt joined the soccer alumni at a late August reunion hosted by the men's and women's soccer teams. The event was well attended and included a barbeque followed by a game.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt shared information regarding two new grants obtained by the College. The first is a \$19,500 award from DOW Chemical which was secured by Jean Holmes in Foundation office and Prof. Christine Delahanty of STEM. The grant will enable the Engineering Club students to participate in the development of new applications to enhance the capability of quad-rotor vehicles used in monitoring activities. The grant funds supply purchases and scholarships

and internships.

The second opportunity came through the efforts of the Bucks faculty team of Sarah Jakub, Samantha Gross, Jerry Millevoi and John Petito who were recipients of a NEH faculty development *Bridging Historias* grant. The team will be participating in a series of conferences and online discussions relating to the importance of Latino culture in American history. The project aims to increase scholarship and expand the teaching of this topic.

The President shared information regarding the following cultural events happening on our campuses:

- The Lower Bucks Campus will host a gallery reception for its current exhibit *Tuxedo Arts* on Friday, September 13 at 6 PM. The event will feature a gallery talk and artworks whose creative expression is limited to black and white.
- As part of the *Wordsmith Reading Series* at the College two local poets will offer readings this evening at 7:30 PM in Room 101 of the Music and Multimedia building.
- Ongoing through October 16 in the Hicks Gallery is the exhibit *Meditations on Nature* featuring the work of Arts faculty member Caryn Babaian. A gallery talk and reception is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 from 5-7 PM.

Dr. Shanblatt congratulated members of the faculty for their professional accomplishments: Charles Beem, Business Studies faculty is serving as president of the Board of Directors for the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) a global accrediting body for business programs. Dr. Deb Niehoff and our new neuroscience program were featured in a comprehensive article appearing in the Courier Times in late August.

Faculty authoring new books include Dr. Rik Booraem, Social & Behavioral Science, whose latest book on Gerry Ford, *Young Gerry – Athlete & Citizen*, was featured at the centennial celebration of Ford's birth in May in Grand Rapids Michigan. Ron Dorfman, Department of the Arts, also produced a book *Philly Pop, Rock, Rhythm & Blues*— a look back at the musical history of Philadelphia. Featuring photos and interviews with performers and producers from the 1950-90s, it provides a valuable resource for fans of nostalgia and regional music history.

Dr. Shanblatt also reported that as a result of the Board's Fall 2012 action approving our association with KINBER and PennREN (Pennsylvania Research and Education Network), our bandwidth to the Internet has tripled and we are now also the node for two regional colleges – Delaware Valley College and Temple University Ambler. Finally, our Public Safety training team has been busy abroad; this time conducting training during the same on US Marine bases in Japan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Almando Carrasquillo, private citizen and licensed private investigator, spoke and noted that he previously addressed the Board at the April 11 meeting regarding his request that the College provide

crime scene investigation training classes for licensed private investigators, insurance company investigators and other professionals who are not part of the law enforcement community.

Mr. Carrasquillo expressed his concern regarding what he perceived to be the College's reason for not offering the courses he requested. Mr. Carrasquillo would like the College to offer courses such as accident reconstruction, and blood spatter and cell phone analysis. As a retired state trooper, Mr. Carrasquillo and others in his situation can avail themselves of workshops and online tutorials in the various techniques of crime scene investigation, but cannot access programs in Bucks County leading to certification. Mr. Carrasquillo requested that the College give him access to a classroom for a week at no charge during which time he would plan and execute courses on the requested topics. He stated that this would serve as a trial and demonstrate the viability of and need for the program.

Mr. Eisenhart thanked Mr. Carrasquillo for his comments. President Shanblatt assured Mr. Carrasquillo that the College engaged in extensive conversation with county law enforcement officials and it was collectively deemed inappropriate for the College to offer such programming. Dr. Shanblatt offered to review the matter and meet personally with Mr. Carrasquillo to examine all of the facts. In closing, Dr. Shanblatt advised that any action taken by the College must be in the best interest of the College and the community at large.

BOARD COMMITTEES

STUDENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Elizabeth Graver, Chair

There was no committee report this month.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – James M. Dancy, Chair

Upon motion by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board of Trustees approved the proposed tuition agreement between Saint Francis School of Nursing and Bucks County Community College.

Interim Provost Catherine McElroy introduced Dr. Ellen Pratofiorito who has moved from faculty to assume the position of Assistant Academic Dean, Language & Literature. Ms. McElroy also introduced the following new faculty members: Ryan Fealy – STEM, Victoria Mahmoud – The Arts, Debra Niehoff – Social & Behavioral Science.

STRATEGIC PLANNING, MARKETING & ASSESSMENT – Mr. Blake Eisenhart, Chair

There was no committee report this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld, Chair

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

Ratification of Summer 2013 Executive Committee Approvals

Bid Awards

- LBC Chemistry lab renovation general contractor to Walter Brucker & Company, Inc. for \$96,300 and HVAC/plumbing contractor to Apex Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for \$59,500.
- Security & Safety patrol vehicle (2) replacement lease to Winner Ford, Inc. for \$65,516 over 48 months.

Change Orders

- For LBC network connection services to Reliance Globalcom, Inc. for \$43,200 to extend the contract for 3 years.
- For Summer Camp pavilion project to Agpoint Construction Services, Inc. for \$9,980 for additional labor and equipment required to remove heavy rock.

Other Recommendation

- Release and Settlement agreement relating to case No. K.D. 12-7040 (E.D. Pa) in the amount of \$0.

Other Contracts

- Cable television advertising to Comcast Corporation for \$28,974.
- Marketing Research Contract to Clarus Corporation for \$23,000.
- Outdoor advertising contract for northern Bucks County to Adams Outdoor, Inc. for \$18,050 and for southern Bucks County to Steen Advertising, Inc. for \$45,720.

Policy Revisions

- Revisions to 6.3 Institutional Data Security & Protection and 1.4 Foundation Donor Recognition Levels.

Financial statements for the period ending August 2013 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 2:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on October 10, 2013 at 1:30 PM on the Newtown Campus.

Thomas Skiffington, Secretary