



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus
Tyler 142

Date: February 12, 2015
Time: 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Otto Grupp III
Frederick Gudknecht
William Maeglin
Garney Morris
Thomas Skiffington
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: S. W. Calkins, Carol Mignoni-Ferguson, Elizabeth Graver, Carol Shelly

Mr. Dancy called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM 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. Eisenhart, seconded by Dr. Breitenfeld, the minutes of the January meeting were approved. Ms. Fineburg abstained.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Dancy encourage those in attendance to attend future 50th Anniversary events as well as annual Foundation activities such as Tyler Garden Lecture on April 25, Tyler Tasting Party on June 5 and Golf Classic on August 3.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President acknowledged the efforts of the Financial Aid staff who conducted 9 financial aid nights at area high schools as well as hosting a large event in the Zlock Auditorium. These events provide an excellent opportunity to assist parents in understanding and navigating the financial aid application process. FAFSA workshops are scheduled throughout the month of March.

Dr. Shanblatt shared information regarding two new scholarship programs. Congratulations to 41 second-year students, with a GPA of 3.25 and above, who were awarded a total of \$23,571 in

scholarships through a new PHEAA grant as part of the Ready to Succeed program. PECO also recently pledged \$25,000 to fund 50 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each for students enrolled in STEM programs. This generous pledge was made in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the college.

President Shanblatt reminded the audience that the 5th annual art show and sale, “Show Some Heart”, is ongoing through March 12 at the Lower Bucks Campus. The show features more than 200 works of art by 106 artists, each priced at \$125, with proceeds benefiting scholarships for Bucks students. At the Hicks Art Center Gallery “Paradise Lost & Recycled” by Bryant Holsenbeck continues through March 13. The exhibition includes a 20-foot waterfall sculpture using 12,000 plastic water bottles. Students worked alongside the artist during her week-long residency as she created and installed the sculpture.

Dr. Shanblatt announced that the college rolled out another group of 108 credit classes which started this week. Another cluster of 60 courses is available for students seeking a mid-semester class starting in March. Individuals seeking a new career opportunity were invited to investigate a free 12 week course in metalwork training. The Lower Bucks Campus will host an information session on Wed. Feb. 18 at the Lower Bucks Campus.

The President concluded by encouraging those present to get their tickets now for a performance by classical pianist Simone Dinnerstein on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 PM in the Zlock Performing Arts Center. Also upcoming on the Newtown Campus is the 2nd in the 50th Anniversary Faculty Lecture Series when Professor Chris Bursk presents an interdisciplinary lecture on “The Play of the Mind” on Thursday, March 5.

Vice President Barbara Yetman introduced three new staff members in Enrollment Services: Dr. Eric Hilton, Dean, Enrollments Services, Rebecca Breuninger, Assistant Director, Records and Allison Levitt, Assistant Director, Registration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Thomas Skiffington, Chair

Professor Janine Termine, the 2014 Lindback Award recipient for excellence in teaching, shared the methodologies she has utilized to accelerate student progress through the remedial mathematics sequence. The techniques used are competency based and rely on student mastery, through repetition, of each concept before they can move onto the next concept. Students learn

to work independently during class with a computer based learning program. The instructor is available for individual support and coaching rather than lecturing in the traditional classroom style. Three programs are available to assist students in their acceleration attempts: Fast Track Math, Pre-algebra/Algebra Acceleration and Math Placement Retesting using ALEX. Each of these options has demonstrated

Next Provost Clayton Railey provided a report on faculty sabbaticals which detailed the sabbatical proposals for the next academic year. Requesting full year sabbaticals are Deb Sedik, Stephen O'Neill and Matt Rusnak. Faculty members requesting half year sabbaticals include Mary Ellen Bornak, Bill Hemmig, Maria McGrath and Erangee Kumarage. Dr. Railey also shared information describing the work accomplished during 2013-2014 as a result of the efforts of faculty on sabbatical.

CONSENT AGENDA – William D. Maeglin, Chair, Finance Committee

Mr. Dancy announced that all action items will be considered on the Consent Agenda. Trustees were advised that if discussion was requested on any item, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dancy requested the removal of the Faculty Federation Agreement ratification and action on that item was deferred to a later date.

Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Dr. Breitenfeld, the Board of Trustees approved as presented the following:

- **Bid Awards**
 - **Microsoft software campus agreement replacement to Scholarbuys, Inc. at a \$64,279 annual cost and total cost of \$192,837 for 3 years.**
 - **Network switch equipment upgrade to PhillyCom, Inc. for \$185,993.**
- **Other Contracts**
 - **Copier lease replacement to Fraser Advanced Information Systems (COSTARS) at \$1,296 per month and total cost of \$77,788 for 60 months.**
 - **Tyler 142 furnishings to Educational Furniture Solutions (COSTARS) for \$29,615.**
- **Change Order**
 - **Electrical distribution loop upgrade to Phillips Brothers, Inc. for \$51,708.**
- **Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Planning Priorities submitted to the PA Department of Education in order to seek matching funds: deferred maintenance, fire alarms and security systems upgrade, IT infrastructure and Tyler Hall 3rd floor renovations.**
- **Foundation Naming Opportunities revisions.**
- **Sabbatical Leaves for Fiscal Year 2016:**
 - **Full year sabbaticals: Deb Sedik, Stephen O'Neill and Matt Rusnak**
 - **Half year sabbaticals: Mary Ellen Bornak, Bill Hemmig, Maria McGrath and Erangee Kumarage.**

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on March 12 at 1:30 PM on the Lower Bucks Campus.

Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld Jr., Secretary