



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: February 10, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM

Present:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding

Richard Balukas, Ed.D. via Zoom

James Dancy

Blake Eisenhart 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

Jeffrey Garton, Esq

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

Absent: Broadus Davis, Ed.D., Frank Farry

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Dancy, the board approved the minutes of the December 2021 meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Breidinger commented on how great it felt to drive onto campus and see so many student cars in the parking lot - a sign that we are finding our way back to a sense of normalcy. He reminded attendees of several upcoming events including the Dr. Martin Luther King Dream Builders Awards on February 24, Foundation Community Awards on March 16 and the Presidential Inauguration on April 28. He offered special thanks to the Plant & Facilities crews for keeping the campus in such great shape.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President stated that she was delighted to welcome the students back to campus in January and the semester is now in full swing. Returning students were greeted with hot cocoa, fire pits and more. Staff will also surprise students with Valentines and candy on Monday. Thanks to Megan Smith and her staff Sam Walter and Carolyn Mudgett for working with Matt Cipriano in Student Life to plan these great events for our students and also to the staff who volunteered and enabled them to go off without a hitch.

Dr. Ganther announced that the Foundation received a \$100,000 major gift from a local foundation, wishing to remain anonymous, to support the continued funding of Scholarship Universe for four more years. The Foundation launched Scholarship Universe in spring 2021. It is a cloud-based scholarship management platform and another way to easily connect students to

more funding for their education. Last academic year, approximately \$375,000 was awarded internally in student scholarships.

President Ganther was pleased to announce that Language and Literature faculty member Meg Eubank was recognized by being named the 2022 TESOL Teacher of the Year Award recipient. The award, presented by National Geographic Learning, honors exceptional English language teaching at all levels. She will be honored by the organization during the 2022 TESOL Convention & English Language Expo in March. Congratulations to Professor Eubank for her outstanding work with our students and others throughout the county.

The President encouraged everyone to attend Art in Bloom March 4-6, a collaboration between the Art & Communications and Floral Design departments. The community can visit the Hicks Arts Center to experience the exhibition featuring floral displays and works of art. Also featured will be demonstrations by both the Art Department and the Continuing Education floral team.

Dr. Ganther shared news of upcoming DEI events:

- On February 17, 2022, at 3 pm, in partnership with the Bucks County Board of Commissioners and the Boston Legacy Foundation, the college will host a virtual discussion honoring Dr. Frank Boston. Dr. Boston lived in Bucks County and founded a facility which today is Jefferson-Lansdale Hospital.
- On February 24, 2022, the college will honor the recipients of the MLK Inaugural Dream Builder Awards. The Dream Builder Award honorees were selected to represent corporate, community, humanitarian, and student achievement. This year's recipients are Ron Davis – Parx Casino, Linda Salley – Bucks County African American Museum, Marisa Christie – United Way and Nick Berube – SGA President. -
- To observe Black History month the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks will host a virtual event on February 22 at noon entitled “Influential Black Americans” with presenter Steven Pollack. The campus will honor Women’s History Month on March 9 with panel/networking event moderated by Professor Kelly Sell.

Financial Aid Information Night is scheduled in the Links Pavilion on February 28, 2022. College staff will provide an overview of scholarships along with a general overview of available financial aid programs at Bucks and other postsecondary institutions. This popular event offers assistance in completing the FAFSA and navigating the college financial aid application process.

The President recognized the following team members for their achievement:

- As a member of the Committee on Accreditation for the Pro Board, Danielle Stebner, Public Safety Executive Director, presented on Training and Evaluation of Proctors and Evaluators at the annual ProBoard conference
- Susan Herring, Executive Director for the Center for Workforce Development, presented at JEVS Human Services National Apprenticeship Week Event on our pre-apprenticeship programs

- Today at 9:30 am AVP Kevin Antoine testified on behalf of Pennsylvania House Bill 726, the Disability Inclusive Curriculum Legislation, which amends the Public School Code of 1949, providing for a disability-inclusive curriculum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

Provost Lisa Angelo presented a report highlighting the achievements of the following members of the faculty during their academic year 2020-2021 sabbaticals: Professors Mary Dura, Susan Hagen, Michael Hennessey, Ellen Prato Fiorito, Judy Robbins and Judy Toland. Ms. Angelo also presented half-year sabbatical proposals for the following faculty members: Professors Daniel Wilkinson, Jeff Baumeister, Deb Geoghan and Jeanine Termine.

Susan Darlington, Associate Dean, Bucks Online presented a report on online learning. Virtual learning has grown from 6 courses to 320 courses over the past twenty years. The college has a huge presence in this market, having recently been named the Best Online Community College in Pennsylvania. Faculty are provided numerous resources to ensure their competency in the online environment including a mandatory course, frequent supplemental and refresher trainings and strong technology support. Students are supported in many ways such as access to Canvas basics course, 24/7 Canvas help desk access, welcome and first week emails and readily available tech resources if they have questions or problems. During the pandemic enrollment has grown for online course offerings. Currently 36% of students are primarily enrolled in online courses. The majority of online students are: between the ages of 18-34, female, Caucasian and county residents. The most popular programs are health science, business and pre-K early childhood education. Future plans include increased offering of certificates, self-paced courses, adaptive learning and virtual/augmented reality.

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. Jennings, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

Ratification of Emergency Action

- **Welding booth for CAT to AirGas, Inc. for \$73,485.00**

Bid Awards

- **Forklift for CAT to Octane Forklift, Inc. for \$45,124.00**
- **Welding equipment for CAT to J.A. Cunningham, Inc. for \$75,930.21**
- **Installation of HVAC units for Cottages/Farmhouse to McCloskey Mechanical, Inc. for \$24,515.00**

Other Contracts

- **Copier lease replacement to Frazier Advanced Information to \$750.98 per month for a total of \$45,343.80 over 60 months.**

College signatory changes

Classified Employee Handbook July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024
Capital Planning FY 2022-2023 for submission to PDE

Academic Affairs & Workforce Development Committee:

Half-Year Sabbatical Requests for 2022-2023 academic year

- Professor Daniel Wilkinson, Arts & Communication – Fall 2022**
- Professor Jeff Baumeister, Arts & Communication – Spring 2023**
- Professor Deb Geoghan, STEM – Spring 2023**
- Professor Jeanine Termine, STEM – Spring 2023**

Course Fees for Historic Preservation

HIST206 Restoration Workshop	\$100
HIST207 Documentation Workshop	\$100

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the on March 10 on the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary