



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vy0IripYuel&feature=youtu.be>

Date: April 8, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding

Richard Balukas, Ed.D.

James Dancy

Blake Eisenhart

Frank Farry

Elizabeth Fineburg

Otto Grupp III

Shams Huda

Thomas Jennings

Linda Mannherz

Carol Mignoni-Ferguson

Carol Shelly

Philip Wursta

Jeffrey Garton, Esq

Stephanie Shanblatt

Absent: Broadus Davis, Ed.D., William Maeglin

Trustee virtual attendance was confirmed by roll call.

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:30 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 Ms. Shelly, seconded by Mr. Dancy, the board approved the minutes of the March 2021 meeting.

Mr. Breidinger announced that the opportunity for public comment was available through email at PublicComment@bucks.edu Comments will be shared at the end of the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Breidinger began the meeting by expressing his appreciation that spring has arrived and his looking forward to our being able to return to our beautiful campus. Mr. Breidinger expressed gratitude to all college staff who work to maintain the campus grounds and buildings.

The Trustees are pleased to see work beginning on the CAT construction project at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks and look forward to it coming online to serve our community. The Board extends its sincere thanks to all members of the campus community who contributed to the successful testing and vaccination activities on all of our campuses.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President congratulated the Arts department for the stellar outcomes noted last week during the 10-year NASAD review of faculty, staff, library, pedagogy and facilities in our Arts Department. The visiting team noted how well we adapted to the pandemic and provided students with excellent remote learning.

Dr. Shanblatt recommended tuning in tomorrow at 1:30 PM to hear the Bucks Choral Society on WRTI. Music students in the Bucks Concert Choir collaborated with the Bucks County Choral Society in singing the Brahms' Requiem in Fall semester 2019. The radio station will be playing the first two movements on Friday. Thanks to our outstanding vocal students for sharing their talent in this way.

President Shanblatt extended kudos to the faculty in our Social & Behavioral Science Department. Bucks' teacher education programs were named the #1 Most Popular Online Teacher Education Associate's Degree Programs in the Middle Atlantic Region by TeachingDegreeSearch.com, a free resource for students seeking information about higher ed Education programs.

The President reported that Tom Skiffington, Bucks Trustee Emeritus, coordinated a food drive for Upper Bucks students struggling with food insecurity. The UBC staff is working to distribute bags to students who have identified a need. Thanks to Tom and the Upper Bucks community for providing this vital support to our students. We extend thanks also to QNB for their recent generous donation to the college EITC program.

Dr. Shanblatt shared that while this spring's Open House was a virtual event, there was plenty of important information available for students. Held yesterday, the Open House began at 3 pm and ran until 7:30 pm, featuring various sessions in half-hour time slots. College faculty, deans, and staff were available to answer questions in the remote format, just as they are when students visit campus. Thanks to Marlene Barlow, Director of Admissions, and her staff for finding this unique way in which to engage our prospective students.

President Shanblatt announced that our popular *Kids on Campus* summer camps return this year and registration is open now. The camp program will operate with updated safety protocols to ensure the safety of both campers and staff. The camps vary from week to week and are geared to all age groups. Topics range from acting to computers to sports, with camps available from June 21 - August 13. Enrollment is limited so early registration is encouraged. Information is available on the college website.

In conclusion, the President recommended checking out these cultural events at the college:

- The Language & Literature Department continues its popular Wordsmith Reading Series on Friday, April 16th at 7:30 PM with poets Maggie Smith and Cleveland Wall. Tune into the college YouTube channel for the event.
- Judy Garland fans should consider the Virtual Cabaret offered by the Zlock PAC this evening at 7:30. Vocalist Jenna Pastuszek will perform Garland favorites, including selections from Wizard of Oz and Easter Parade.
- The annual Tyler Gardens and Landscaping Lecture, a collaboration between the Foundation and Professor Emeritus Lyle Rosenberger, will be held virtually on April 22. at 7 p.m. in the Zlock Performing Arts Center's digital space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

SGA officers Blake Churchill and Samantha Gillespie reported on activities of the Student Government Association. Despite being remote, the organization continued its outreach and work with student clubs and support of their service projects. SGA also provided a number of fun activities to help students take a break and relax; these included game nights and other contests. Plans are being developed to support student clubs as they begin transitioning back to an on-campus presence in the fall.

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 Ms. Fineburg, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

- **Other Contract Awards**
 - **Service & license agreement for Concourse software to Concourse/Intellidemia for \$36,450 for one year.**
 - **PC computer lease to PA COSTARS for \$709,454 over three years and \$236,484 per year.**
 - **Service & license agreement for Barracuda email security software to IntegraOne for \$328,974 over three years and \$109,658 per year.**
- **Fiscal year 2021-2022 balanced budget of \$83,380,340.**
- **Waiver of Purchasing Policy 6.4, Advertising for Professional Services.**
- **Executive Committee approval for commencement and technology purchases.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shanblatt reported that no public comment was received.

BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Breidnger extended special thanks on behalf of the Board to Damon Hunnicutt, ITS, for his excellent support of all virtual board meetings during the pandemic.

Mr. Grupp shared his recent experience at St. Mary Medical Center when his COVID-19 vaccine was administered by Bucks nursing students. It was gratifying to see our students in action in the community providing this vital service.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held virtually May 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary