



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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

Date: February 11, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.
James Dancy
Broadus Davis, Ed.D.*
Blake Eisenhart
Elizabeth Fineburg
Otto Grupp III
Shams Huda

Thomas Jennings
William Maeglin
Linda Mannherz
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Carol Shelly
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq
Stephanie Shanblatt

Absent: Frank Farry

Trustee virtual attendance was confirmed by roll call.

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:40 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. Fineburg, seconded by Ms. Shelly, the board approved the minutes of the December 2020 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 by thanking Christina McGinley and the Foundation team for successfully executing the virtual groundbreaking at the site for the new Center for Advanced Technology. He reminded the audience that individuals and companies are able to take advantage of naming rights for rooms and other spaces; Foundation staff look forward to conversations about naming opportunities with all interested parties.

Mr. Breidinger thanked President Shanblatt and college staff for their work with the County of Bucks to use our campuses as testing sites for COVID-19. All look forward to the use of these sites for vaccination in the near future. Successful partnerships such as these demonstrate the true meaning of community in our name through our commitment to community service.

Next Blake Eisenhart, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, reported that the Search Committee has completed its work and recommended five finalist candidates to the Board. The five finalists are meeting in open sessions with all constituencies and session feedback will be provided to the Board. The Board will be interviewing the finalists in the coming weeks and anticipates completing the selection process in early March. The search website offers regular updates to the campus and community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President shared that faculty and staff are glad to have launched the Spring semester and welcomed our students back, whether remote or those with some campus access. Our focus remains on providing a safe environment for all faculty, staff and students when on campus. We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of our essential workers in Physical Plant and Security who work each day to ensure that the campus is safe. The President also thanked the students for their compliance with all campus requirements during the pandemic. The college was pleased to have been able to be of service to the community by partnering with the County to offer our facilities as testing sites, and looks forward to the conversion of these spaces to vaccination sites in the very near future.

Dr. Shanblatt reported that the Workday launch early in the new year went very well. Staff are already enjoying some of the benefits of working with a state-of-the-art system. On behalf of the entire college community, she offered sincere thanks to the staff in IT, Finance and Human Resources for their herculean effort in making the launch a reality and to the project leadership provided by Brant Steen, Dave Jerdan and Trish Brining. Thanks also to the employees who embraced the system and made conversion easier.

President Shanblatt described the full slate of impactful programs in Black History Month that have been planned by Kevin Antoine, CDEIO. Topics covered earlier this month include Civic Reflection on the Black Family and Contemporary Women of Color Inventors. Today author Doug Crawley discusses his new book "Collaborate as If Your Life Depends on It." On February 25 a Celebration of Dr. Frank Boston, a prominent local unsung hero, doctor and entrepreneur in the early 20th is planned. Dr. Boston established Lansdale Hospital and the first Volunteer Medical Service Corps in Lansdale. The program is co-sponsored by the Bucks County Commissioners and the Dr. Boston Legacy Foundation. Additional details on all events are available on the college website.

The President acknowledged that the past year has brought about a unique set of challenges when it comes to the college decision process. With that in mind, the college invites parents and guardians to a "Parents Night In" from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 23. The free event takes place online using the Zoom. Attendees will meet academic department deans, financial aid representatives, advising and transfer staff, as well as members of the admissions team. This

program is designed to help parents learn more about the college and the programs and services available to our students. After attending, parents will appreciate that Bucks is definitely a place where students can stay close to home but go far in their academic careers.

Dr. Shanblatt noted that the long-running Bucks Book Discussion Group has pivoted to online meetings during the pandemic. The virtual gatherings take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month during the academic year using Zoom. Led by Professor Michael Hennessey, the group remains involved and eager to share their love of reading. Newcomers are always welcome because they bring new perspectives. If you are interested in joining a discussion, please contact Prof. Hennessey at least a week in advance of the date.

Reprising the comments of Chair Breidinger, the President reported that college has officially broken ground on a new Center for Advanced Technologies at the Gene and Marlene Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks. The 28,000-square-foot building will stand prominently on Veterans Highway (Route 413) in Bristol Township, less than a half mile from I-95, in an area that is already home to many manufacturers. The virtual groundbreaking celebration was marked with a video premiere comprised of remarks from college and county officials – each passing along a ceremonial groundbreaking shovel. The new center will allow us to continue to expand our workforce programs and train future generations of skilled workers, the kind of qualified and dedicated employees that Bucks County’s businesses need to stay vital in the 21st century. The facility will house the college’s Center for Workforce Development, which partners with businesses to provide customized training, and develops industrial training programs that feed the workforce pipeline. These include high-priority occupations like metalwork, industrial maintenance, robotics and welding, in addition to certification programs like Microsoft Office Technology and Customer Service Specialist, and Bookkeeping with QuickBooks.

In conclusion President Shanblatt reminded the audience that the college offers the opportunity for students to enroll in courses of shorter length throughout the spring. Semesters begin on March 22 and April 5 offering a wide variety of courses. Registration is also open for our summer semester which is very popular with college students home for the summer. Our Continuing Education division also provides a full schedule of courses from photography to flower arranging. College staff in all departments are available to assist students remotely. Check out the website for a full listing of course offerings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

Provost Lisa Angelo presented a report on the faculty sabbatical process. Four half-year sabbatical requests have been requested by the following professors: Denise May – Language & Literature, John Petito and Max Probst – Social & Behavioral Science and Kimberly Witham, Arts.

Christina McGinley, Executive Director Foundation, provided an update on recent activities of the BCCC Foundation. Ms. McGinley reviewed the organization of the area and its associated activities including fundraising and development, grants, and community programming/events management. Recent accomplishments include: successful campaign raising \$100,000 to initiate Student Emergency Fund, assets exceeding \$10,000,000 for the first time, awarding of \$400,000 in scholarships, hosting virtual groundbreaking for the new Center for Advanced Technology, obtaining \$2,000,000 in grants and launching a new scholarship management platform.

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.

Mr. Eisenhart presented the Consent Agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Eisenhart and second by Mr. Wursta, the Board of Trustees approved the following:

Finance Committee:

- **Change Order for the Campus Core Construction Project for additional light poles and fixtures to Uhrig Construction Inc. for \$41,380.**
- **Capital Planning Projects for FY2021-2022: Welcome Center on Newtown Campus \$12,580,00 and Tyler Hall Roof \$1,000,000.**

Academic, Student & Technology Committee:

- **Four half-year sabbaticals for:**
 - Professor Denise May (Fall 2021)**
 - Professor John Petito (Fall 2021)**
 - Professor Max Probst (Spring 2022)**
 - Professor Kimberly Witham (Fall 2021)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shanblatt reported that no public comment was received.

BOARD COMMENT

There was no board comment.

ADJOURN

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

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary