



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus  
Date: February 13, 2020  
Time: Noon

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#### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Fineburg, Presiding  
David R. Breidinger  
James Dancy  
Broadus Davis, Ed.D.  
Blake Eisenhart  
Elizabeth Graver  
Otto Grupp III

William Maeglin  
Linda Mannherz  
Garney Morris  
Thomas Skiffington  
Philip Wursta  
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.

ABSENT: Frank Farry, Carol Mignoni-Ferguson, Carol Shelly and Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt.

Ms. Fineburg called the meeting to order at 1:30 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.

Ms. Fineburg introduced Dr. Broadus W. Davis who was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Bucks County Commissioners. Dr. Davis, who is a Bucks alum, brings a lifetime of public education service to the college governing body. He served as superintendent in the Bristol Borough School District from 2003 – 2011, and before that, was an assistant principal and principal in the Neshaminy School District for a decade. He also served as a special education teacher for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit for 16 years. The Board of Trustees and members of the college community are pleased to welcome Dr. Davis.

Upon motion by Mr. Skiffington, seconded by Mr. Breidinger, the board approved the minutes of the December meeting.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Fineburg acknowledged the outstanding work that has been done to date by college staff in support of the Workday Implementation. The trustees are appreciative of the efforts of all involved in keeping this important initiative on the planned timeline. Ms. Fineburg encouraged members of the college community to acknowledge the work of their colleagues and thank them.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Provost Lisa Angelo presented the report in the President's absence and welcomed everyone back to campus for the spring semester. She offered a reminder that there is still an opportunity for students to take courses in our modular session beginning March 23. It may seem far away, but registration is open now for our summer sessions and some popular courses are already beginning to fill. Also available is our outstanding selection of Continuing Education courses which offer the opportunity for either professional development or personal enrichment.

Ms. Angelo reported that the Health Science department is accepting applications for its Nurse Aide Training Program, with classes starting in February, March and April. Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the intensive course prepares individuals for certification in a high-demand healthcare field.

Provost Angelo introduced Kevin Antoine who has joined the staff as Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer. Kevin comes to us with more than 15 years of leadership experience in the field, having served at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn and CUNY College of Staten Island. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and the College of William and Mary Law School. We welcome Kevin to the college community and look forward to his contributions.

Spring is coming and with it some outstanding cultural events on campus. Today the Zlock Performing Arts Center presents, in celebration of Black History Month, the "Underground Railroad and the Freedom Fighters," a living history presentation. The historical reenactment features actors portraying Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass and others who worked together to fight for freedom. Upcoming events include "Dino-Light: A Glow-in-the-Dark Adventure" for children this Saturday, along with "The Vagina Monologues 2020" on February 21, and "Sweet Honey in the Rock" on February 27. Two exhibits are ongoing in the galleries – "Show Some HeArt" at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks and "Bucks County Artists: a Cross Section" in the Hicks Gallery on the Newtown Campus.

The Provost shared news that the Language & Literature Department is hosting a Festival of World Languages organized by the High School World Languages Advisory Council on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 300 students and 50 teachers will be participating. Following a September 2019 site visit, the Practical Nursing Program was reaccredited with full approval status. Congratulations to Program Director Michelle Rue and all members of the LPN team who contributed to this successful outcome.

Ms. Angelo thanked all who supported Isaac Newton's Bucks BrewFest which brought over 800 people to the Newtown campus on February 8 to raise \$9,000 for Foundation scholarships. Thanks to Andrew States for serving as event lead and to all who contributed to the event success. The Foundation is also grateful to Action Manufacturing Company for establishing two new scholarships to support students in Lower Bucks County for both credit coursework and workforce training programs.

The Provost recognized nursing faculty member Ann Marie Strecker who presented at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare conference in San Diego last month and also Andrew States who was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County.

In conclusion, Ms. Angelo provided information regarding upcoming Enrollment Services events. Financial Aid Information Night on Wednesday, February 19 in the Links Pavilion helps parents and students learn what aid is available and how to navigate the application process. Admissions staff will host a Parent's Reception on Tuesday, February 25 at the Newtown Campus. This event provides a unique opportunity, just for parents and guardians, to see and hear what Bucks has to offer.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – William Maeglin, Chair

Executive Director Christine McGinley provided an update on Foundation activities. More than one million dollars was raised in each of the past three years, with 50% of major gifts designated for scholarships, specific programs and naming opportunities. Signature events accounted for 20% of revenue. The endowment has grown three million dollars since 2016. The college is fortunate to have an active Alumni Council and received a large alumni gift in 2019 to establish a scholarship fund. The Foundation has been a strong supporter of efforts to alleviate student food insecurity. Foundation staff members also support grant application efforts for the college as well as managing community events scheduling.

Next, Provost Lisa Angelo presented a report on faculty sabbaticals. Faculty members with seven years of full time teaching service are eligible to apply for a sabbatical that offers them the opportunity to pursue avenues of personal and professional development that enhance the faculty member's ability to the advance the mission of the college. Seven faculty members have requested sabbaticals for the 2020-2021 academic year. Requests for six-month sabbaticals were submitted by Professor Mary Dura, Nursing, Professor Debra Geoghan, STEM, Dr. Ellen Prato Fiorito, Language & Literature and Professor Judy Toland, Business & Innovation. Professor Susan Hagan, Arts, Professor Michael Hennessey, Language & Literature and Professor Judithann Robbins, Nursing, submitted proposals for a full-year sabbatical.

Ms. Angela also provided information on sabbaticals completed during the 2018-2019 academic year. During that time, Professor Mark Cobb traveled to Italy and Greece to enrich his teaching materials and Professor Charlie Groth explored how community colleges structure programs in

writing across the curriculum. Professor Karen Kaplinksy researched topics in autism and Professor Maureen McCreadie studied free speech and critical evaluation of news sources. Professor Ethel Rackin worked on writing projects including a book chapter and a draft of a book of poetry Professor David Brahinsky expanded his knowledge of religion in Japan, Australia and Mexico.

CONSENT AGENDA – William Maeglin, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Ms. Fineburg 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. Maeglin announced, that since the consent agenda contained items from several committees, as Vice Chair he would present the consent motion for approval.

**Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Mr. Eisenhart, the Board of Trustees approved the following actions under the consent agenda.**

Finance Committee

- **Other Contracts**
  - **Building automation system upgrade to Siemens Industry, Inc. for \$86,947.**
  - **Tractor for Lower Bucks Public Safety Training Center to Eagle Power & Turf Equipment Co., Inc. for \$37,092 using COSTARS contract pricing.**

Academic, Student & Technology Committee

- **Faculty sabbaticals for the 2020-2021 academic year:**
  - Half-Year Leaves:**
    - Professor Mary Dura, Nursing**
    - Professor Debra Geoghan, STEM**
    - Professor Ellen Prato Fiorito, Language & Literature**
    - Professor Judy Toland, Business & Innovation**
  - Full-Year Leaves:**
    - Professor Susan Hagan, Arts**
    - Professor Michael Hennessey, Language & Literature**
- **Increase transcript fee to \$5 effective March 1, 2020.**

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on March 12 at noon on the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks.

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Philip Wursta, Secretary