



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: April 14, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

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Present:

David R. Breidinger, Presiding  
Richard Balukas, Ed.D.  
James Dancy  
Broadus Davis, Ed.D.  
Blake Eisenhart via Zoom  
Frank Farry  
Elizabeth Fineburg  
Otto Grupp III via Zoom

Thomas Jennings  
William Maeglin  
Linda Mannherz  
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson  
Carol Shelly via Zoom  
Philip Wursta\*  
Jeffrey Garton, Esq  
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D.

\*Note present for vote at public meeting.

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Ms. Shelly, the board approved the minutes of the March 2022 meeting.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Breidinger commented on how lovely the campus looks and thanked the Facilities staff and grounds crew for their work in keeping the campus looking its best.

The Chair thanked Dr. Kelly Kelleway and Professor Jackie Burger for their excellent work in preparing the campus for the Middle States accreditation visit.

Mr. Breidinger reminded the audience of the upcoming Inauguration on Thursday, April 28 and encouraged all to attend. Upcoming is Commencement on Thursday, June 19.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ganther remarked that our Middle States Accreditation Site Visit concluded last week with an encouraging result. This outcome is attributed to the effort expended by every member of the campus community to demonstrate the many ways in which we strive to live our mission to benefit our students and the community at large. Special thanks go to Dr. Kelly Kelleway and Professor Jackie Burger for their work in leading the charge along with the following who were members of the Steering Committee: Samantha Gross, Kevin Antoine, Lynn Bintliff,

Professor Charlie Groth, Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Dr. Dekia Smith, Jody Seutter, Professor John Strauss, Kathleen Fedorko, Bill Hemmig and Professor Margaret Montet.

The President congratulated the Centurion student newspaper for winning 15 awards in the 2022 Keystone Media Awards contest for two-year colleges across the state, including firsts in general news, news photo, layout and design, website and video story. The Centurion, which is entirely student run, has won nearly 150 awards in the contest since 2010, making it one of the most-honored student newspapers in Pennsylvania. It can be found online at [bucks-news.com](http://bucks-news.com). The Centurion was operating with a much smaller staff and with many students working remotely during the past year and these awards recognize the efforts of our outstanding student journalists. Student journalists who won awards include: Echo Rogers, Alyssa Allebach, Gabriella Pirmann, Lucas Darling, James Bonnell, Mitchel Wilbur, Colin Riccardi, Mark Ruffin, John Madden and Olivia Ruddell.

President Ganther put the spotlight on the men's baseball team which has had an active and successful season. While many of the remaining games are away, there is a home double-header on Thursday April 21 with games at 1 and 3 PM.

The President reminded the audience of the bi-annual Student Research Conference will be held virtually on Friday, April 29 from 9:00am-1:15pm and will include three sessions at which students will present their research papers or projects. Attendees from the community are welcome to join the sessions. Please go to [www.bucks.edu/src](http://www.bucks.edu/src) for more information.

Dr. Ganther highlighted several events scheduled to help members of the community get to know us better.

- Open House on Thursday, April 21st at Epstein Campus from 6-7:30.
- Health Sciences Career Day for local high schools on Friday, April 29th from 10AM – 2PM at the Epstein Campus.
- FAFSA Completion Event on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Newtown campus for last minute financial aid applicants to complete their FAFSA before the May 1 deadline. Appointments are requested but walk-ins are welcome.
- Accepted Students' Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30.

The college also has some interesting cultural programs coming up.

- The High School Short Fiction contest has announced its winners and will be holding a celebratory reading on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Wordsmiths Readings Series final event for the semester will feature acclaimed poets Jane Hirshfield and Luray Gross on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Zlock & on Zoom.
- Coming up in the Zlock PAC are the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tyler Gardens & Landscape Lecture on Saturday, April 30 at 10 AM, followed by the Student Jazz Orchestra Performance on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 PM.

In conclusion, President Ganther shared information regarding the Salute to Mothers Scholarship Tea scheduled for April 22 at 1 PM in the event tent which will feature keynote speaker Rebecca Rescate, entrepreneur and two-time survivor on ABC's Shark Tank, along with a student speaker. This is always a wonderful event and this year will not disappoint. Please contact the Foundation Office for ticket information.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Linda Mannherz, Chair

Christina McGinley, Executive Director, Foundation, presented an update on Foundation initiatives. The Foundation staff are active in the areas of fundraising, scholarship administration, alumni relations, historic preservation, grant administration and community programming. Its mission focuses on contributing the growth of the college and ensuring student success through active community engagement and partnership building.

The Foundation has been successful, despite the pandemic, in increasing its Net Asset to a record high of \$11,519,216. This growth was supported by funds raised during FY21 of \$1,141,398, with the majority coming from major gifts. The impact of Foundation support is evident in areas such as scholarship, academic program investment, basic needs support and maintenance of Tyler Hall and gardens.

Significant recent achievements include launching a new scholarship platform, launching a Student Emergency Fund, awarding \$378,000 in student scholarships and securing \$2.1 million in grant funding for college projects and services. Additionally, staff provided numerous events at the Zlock PAC and hosted special signature fund and friend-raising events.

#### 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.

**Ms. Mannherz requested that the Bond Reimbursement Resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.**

**Upon motion by Ms. Mannherz and second by Mr. Maeglin, the Board of Trustees approved the following:**

**Finance Committee:**

**Ratification of Executive Committee Emergency Approval:**

- **CAT Change Order for installation of welding booth extraction arms, automatic exhaust dampers and building automation system equipment to JBM Mechanical, Inc. for \$27,056.67.**

**Bid Awards**

- **Boiler House Main Drain Line Replacement to Hirschberg Mechanical for \$68,299.00.**

**Other Contracts**

- **Apple Computer Equipment to Apple, Inc. for \$71,292.00.**
- **Apple Computer Equipment Lease Financing to Hewlett Packard Financial Services for \$60,970.32 over 36-month lease.**
- **PC Computer Equipment to Dell Computer for \$676,707.00**
- **PC Computer Equipment to Lenovo Computer for \$49,370.00.**
- **PC Equipment Lease Financing to Dell Financial Services for \$629,423.85 over 36-month lease.**
- **Student Re-enrollment Campaign services to Ed/America for \$25,000.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Mr. Jennings, the Board of Trustees opened discussion on the Bond Reimbursement Resolution.**

Ms. Mannherz stated that she understands that this project is an important part of our strategy to increase enrollment. However, she feels that the Board needs to do everything they can to ensure Dr. Ganther's success. She reviewed the multiple ongoing initiatives which include Workday implementation, dual enrollment rollout, enhanced retention efforts and opening of the CAT building. She remarked that she feels the organization needs a year or two to successfully implement these strategic thrusts which will enable the college to increase its financial stability. Her feeling is that we should postpone this project for a year or two. In consideration of the previous outlined factors, she stated that she could not support the project.

Mr. Maeglin commended Ms. Mannherz on her cautionary words and stated that in his opinion new major capital projects should have top line revenue impact either through increasing enrollment or improving efficiencies. He stated that he was in support of the motion under consideration with the knowledge that it does not commit us to the project. In conclusion, he stated that he recognizes the need for further discussion on this item.

Ms. Shelly agreed with Mr. Maeglin.

Ms. Mannherz questioned what will change between now and the time when a final commitment must be made and noted that the financial status of the college will be the same.

Mr. Maeglin stated that he feels the Board needs to reach consensus and supports taking the taking the time necessary to review the financial impact of the bond financing.

Ms. Mignoni-Ferguson requested that counsel review the impact of today's motion. Mr. Garton stated that an affirmative vote does not obligate the college to the project but ensures that, should the college decide to go forward with the project and obtain the bond financing, the college will be reimbursed, from the bond, for any expenditures related to the project that were incurred prior to the bond funds being available.

Mr. Mannherz questioned what reimbursable expenses the college would incur. Mr. Moore was unable to quantify the anticipated outlay of funds.

**Following a roll call vote, the motion was approved with the vote as follows: 10 in favor, 2 in favor with stipulation that further discussion of the project will occur and 2 opposed.**

BOARD COMMENT

There was no Board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at the Newtown Campus on May 12 at 11:30 AM.

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Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary