



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM

PRESENT:

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

Shams Huda
Linda Mannherz
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Philip Wursta
Felicia L. Ganther, J.D., Ph.D.
Jeffrey Garton, Esq

Absent: William Maeglin, Thomas Jennings, Carol Shelly

Mr. Breidinger called the meeting to order at 11:35 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 Mr. Dancy, the board approved the minutes of June 2021 meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Breidinger expressed his pleasure at meeting in person for the first time since March 2020. He welcomed Dr. Ganther at her first official Board of Trustees meeting as President. Mr. Breidinger also sent a special welcome back to our students and shared his happiness at seeing the campus alive with student activity. Finally, he congratulated the Foundation staff for hosting a successful golf outing with 120 golfers that raised almost \$60,000. He extended sincere thanks to the Trustees for their financial support of the event and to Trustees Jim Dancy and Otto Grupp for their long service on the Golf Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ganther remarked that we've had a great summer celebrating our return to campus and welcoming our students back in August. Photos were shared from some of our events including the *Essential Workers Barbeque* which featured Chair Breidinger on the grill, *Chalk the Walk* and *Welcome Week*. The President thanked all faculty and staff who made these events possible. Also important in our *Culture of Care* is availability of support when times are tough. To ensure that our students are aware of help available to them, Associate Dean Dekia Smith and her team created the *Basic Needs* website which brings all resources available to students together in one place.

The President announced that Senator Casey hosted a Drive-In Townhall Meeting September 9 in the Epstein Campus Parking Lot from 5-6 PM. Chair Breidinger and I were there to meet the Senator and have a conversation about community college issues which are in the forefront today. Also happening at the Epstein Campus and via Zoom is a program on *Community Policing 2021: Preserving Public Safety and Civil Liberties* to be held on September 17th at 12:30 PM.

President Ganther reminded everyone that the *Arts and Communication Faculty Showcase* is open to the public in the Hicks Art Gallery on the Newtown campus. Please take this opportunity to experience the talents of our outstanding Art faculty through their painting, drawing, sculpture, digital painting, photography, glass blowing, ceramics, theater and music. The exhibition extends until December 6 and gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 to 4pm.

The President reported that the college was recognized recently as the *Best Community College in Pennsylvania* by Wallet Hub. We are extremely proud to achieve this recognition and thank all of our faculty and staff who made it possible. Also, Bucks+ received the *Distinguished Program Award* from Sutable for our innovation in using the Sutable app to serve the student population. Through the Bucks+ app our students were able to remain connected during the many months of remote operation.

In DEI news we extend congratulations to Kevin Antoine who was appointed to the Board of Directors of United Way of Bucks County. Recent DEI events include: Virtual Juneteenth & Pride History Celebrations in collaboration with the Newtown Township Human Relations Commission and Bux-Mont Pride Festival in Abington in collaboration with Montgomery County LBGTQ Business Council.

Dr. Ganther thanked the Continuing Ed team for hosting a successful Kids on Campus summer camp program which achieved a 40% increase in enrollment. Public Safety Training is busy with 277 classes scheduled across the State and 131 in the County. 80 Fire Fighter 1 graduates are expected this Fall.

The college has received several new grants and is appreciative of this important support for our students and programs.

- Independence Blue Cross Foundation provided funding of \$23,507 to the college to fund nursing scholarships through their *Nurses for Tomorrow Initiative*.
- Workforce Development received an additional \$250,000 in grant funds to provide services via the *Out of School Youth Program*.
- Other recent awards include a grant for scholarship support from the WW Smith Foundation, as well as a grant from the PA Council on the Arts for community programming.

In Foundation news, the President reported on the success of the *Annual Golf Classic* held on August 9 that raised nearly \$60,000 in support of scholarships and special college initiatives.

Thank you to the Trustees for collectively serving as the Flag Sponsor. The Foundation received approval from the Commonwealth of PA to accept EITC donations from businesses. EITC donations support the college's K-12th grade programs like high school dual enrollment, summer bridge program, and kids on campus.

The Zlock Center for the Performing Arts is open for business with a full slate of performances for the Fall. Performances include on September 9 a script reading of *Good Grief* by Michelle Best, a local playwright. Coincidentally, Best's work premieres at the very place her parents first met as young college students – Bucks County Community College. The evening of September 10 features *Ramshackle Serenade*, a jazz organ trio, in concert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

Provost Lisa Angelo introduced the following newly hired full time faculty members: Meg Eubank - Language & Literature, Victoria Fellenz - Associate Degree Nursing, Andrew Gottesman - Learning Resources, Charles Marchione – STEM and Natalie Mills – Associate Degree Nursing.

Next Provost Angelo presented highlights from the past year including employees recognized for outstanding performance and events honoring employees for achievement of years of service which included 180 individuals with 1050 years of service. Also honored were 23 retirees with a combined 557 years at the college.

Also described were the means by which the college worked to keep the campus safe. Foremost among these was the creation of the Green Team with representatives of all campus constituencies and the creation of a comprehensive Health & Safety Plan. Currently the college is hosting vaccination clinics in cooperation with the County of Bucks and also providing incentives for students to get vaccinated.

Programmatic highlights of the year included: virtual Faculty of the Future Conference, the student newspaper earning 17 awards in statewide competition, multiple programs to provide students with emotional and financial assistance, drive-in commencement, visit by President Biden to the Epstein Campus, a record year for Foundation fundraising and the college being named the #1 Online Community College in Pennsylvania.

Major themes for the current academic year are: returning to 2019 enrollment numbers, maintaining a commitment to employee health and safety, and fostering a culture of care for students. Guiding our efforts this academic year will be the four pillars of the Fish Philosophy: choose your attitude, be there, make their day and play.

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:

Ratification of Summer 2021 Executive Committee Actions

Contract Awards

- **Health Science tracking system software license to Trajecsys Corporation for \$25,000.**
- **College vehicle replacement to Fred Beans for \$38,533.47**
- **TopBloc and ADP Payroll Services to TopBloc, LLC for \$7,750 set up fee plus \$8,885 monthly for an annual total of \$106,260.**

Other Action:

- **Pennsylvania Department of Education Resolution for signature authority for Dr. Felicia Ganther.**

Bid Awards

- **Duplicating paper bid 2021-2022 to Contract Paper Group for \$2.90 per ream.**
- **Copier lease for Library to Frazier Advanced for \$1,031.20 per over 60 months for a total of \$61,872.**
- **Facilities Master Plan development to Kimmel-Bogrette for \$120,000.**
- **Strategic Enrollment Management Services to Ruffalo Noel Levitz LLC for \$110,000.**
- **Traffic light for intersection at the Center for Advanced Technologies site to Armour & Sons for \$31,450.**

Other Actions

- **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Resolution (PennDot) for signature authority for Dr. Felicia Ganther.**
- **New policy 1.37 Institutional Review Board**
- **Revised Policy 1.4 Employment Conflict of Interest**

BOARD COMMENT

There were no Board comments.

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ADJOURN

Upon the motion to adjourn being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Secretary