



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Lower Bucks Campus

Date: April 14, 2016

Time: 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

James Dancy, Presiding
Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld Jr.
Blake Eisenhart
Frank Fazzalore
Elizabeth Fineburg
Otto Grupp III

William Maeglin
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Garney Morris
Carol Shelly
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Frank Farry, Elizabeth Graver, Frederick Gudknecht, Thomas Skiffington and Philip Wursta.

Mr. Dancy 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.

Upon motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Fazzalore, the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair James Dancy acknowledged the hospitality of the Lower Bucks staff and expressed appreciation for their efforts to welcome the trustees. Mr. Dancy also reported on his panel participation at the AFT annual state-wide meeting held recently in Plymouth Meeting. The discussion focused on the future of higher education in Pennsylvania with panel participants representing diverse constituencies in the higher education community across the state. Mr. Dancy thanked Professor John Strauss for the invitation to participate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt reported that a team of three Bucks engineering students, which formulated an alternative energy idea, was named one of 10 finalists in the Second Annual Community College Innovation Challenge sponsored by the National Science Foundation. BCCC students Aneeqa Karu, Pavel Lelyukh and Jim Napoli will head to the Washington D.C. area in June for a three-day Community College Innovation Challenge Boot Camp. Congratulations to these outstanding

STEM students and thanks to faculty member Professor Christine Delahanty for encouraging their work.

The President encouraged attendance at free concerts by Bucks County Community College student musicians and vocalists; the performances are scheduled from from April 25 through May 5 as part of the annual Arts at Bucks celebrations on the Newtown campus. Other events for Arts at Bucks include a film festival, art exhibitions, and art demonstrations. A complete listing is available on the college website.

Also on the arts scene, The Gallery at Lower Bucks is currently hosting **WaterWorks**, an exhibition featuring more than 130 works of art related to water through May 19. Musical entertainment options include a performance by the Tom Lawton Sextet on the Newtown campus at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20.

President Shanblatt extended congratulations to STEM instructor Michael Bernasky who has received a \$10,000 grant from PECO in support of a monarch butterfly habitat restoration project in Tyler State Park. The partnership between the STEM department, PECO, and the park will result in the restoration of three habitats within the park. The project will allow Bucks students to gain research experience while enhancing the park's environmental education program.

Dr. Shanblatt thanked the numerous Bucks students and employees who volunteered to donate, collect and assemble cleaning supply baskets for formerly homeless families. Student Life Office staff coordinated college participation in this project which was sponsored by the United Way of Bucks County.

In conclusion, the President announced that the college was recently awarded third place by the Center for Digital Education in its annual survey of technology in community colleges. Dr. Shanblatt thanked all those on campus who support our use of innovative use of technology which allowed us to receive this national recognition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Professor John Strauss, President of the Bucks AFT chapter, thanked Mr. Dancy for his participation in the recent conference. Mr. Strauss commented that the event was an exciting opportunity to experience first-hand the potential benefit when groups representing different viewpoints come together to share open and meaningful discourse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Thomas Skiffington, Chair

Jason Mayland, Interim Vice President, ITS reported on recent technology initiatives. Notable among recent completed projects were the Office 365 rollout and college-wide upgrade of

network infrastructure. Initiatives currently in progress include the installation of a specialized network funded by a NSF grant, introduction of digital timeclocks for Physical Plant and Public Safety staff and improvements in e-commerce to facilitate better customer service.

Future projects are portal and room scheduling software upgrades, telecommunications enhancements, deployment of single sign-on and development of analytics for campus use.

Tracy Timby, Dean, Business Studies, provided an overview of recent activities undertaken to develop an entrepreneurship program at the college. Highlights include development of a virtual incubation space, addition of a course in entrepreneurship and addition of a dedicated space for entrepreneurship on the Lower Bucks campus. Future planning will focus on increased involvement with NACCE, an organization promoting entrepreneurship at community colleges, planning for workshops and promotion of the concept to increase participation.

The final report was presented by James Sell, Executive Director, Lower Bucks Campus. New academic programs for the campus include LPN evening and weekend classes beginning in October 2016 and the medical technology program starting in August 2016. The new Grundy/O'Boyle art studio provides the opportunity to offer art classes in water color and other media. The campus continues to support the community through partnerships with local businesses and non-profits and this year will add six summer camps for local youth. Engagement with the community at large will be highlighted with the upcoming debates scheduled between candidates in the upcoming primary election.

CONSENT AGENDA – William D. Maeglin, Chair, Finance Committee

Mr. Dancy announced that all action items would be considered on the Consent Agenda. Trustees were advised that if discussion was requested on any item, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to remove items from the agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and second by Mr. Morris, the Board of Trustees approved the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- **Bid Awards**
 - **Electrical substation replacement to Philips Brothers, Inc. for \$184,700.**
 - **Gateway Center renovation to John G. Moser & Son, Inc. for \$299,500.**
 - **Signage removal and base construction to John G. Moser & Son, Inc. for \$235,400.**
- **Other Contracts**
 - **Apple computer lease replacement to apple Financial Services, Inc. for \$44,497 over 36 months.**
 - **Parts for chiller panel upgrade to Johnson Controls, Inc. using PA COSTARS for \$19,149.**
 - **Personal computer equipment lease financing to Apple Financial Services for \$467,219 over 36 months.**
- **Tuition increase of \$5 per credit effective Fall semester 2016.**
- **Balanced budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 of \$79,175,481.**

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- **Updates to Foundation Naming Opportunities for Science Center, Penn Hall, Media Lab and Centurion Way.**

BOARD COMMENTS

There was no board comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 12, 2016 at 1:30 PM on the Newtown Campus.

Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld Jr., Secretary