



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus

Date: February 11, 2016

Time: 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

James Dancy, Presiding
Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld Jr.
Frank Farry
Elizabeth Fineburg
Elizabeth Graver
Frederick Gudknecht
William Maeglin

Garney Morris
Carol Shelly
Thomas Skiffington
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Blake Eisenhart, Frank Fazzalore, Carol Mignoni-Ferguson, Otto Grupp III.

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. Shelly, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the minutes of the January meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no report from the Chair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt announced that the college Centurion mascot has been missing for the last week, except for shadowy images of the Roman gladiator at local landmarks posted in a social media campaign led by the college Alumni Association. The Centurion mascot, attired in his new professionally created costume, will return to campus at a pep rally at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, in the Gallagher Room. A crowd-funding campaign exceeded the goal set to fund the costume expense.

The President shared information regarding art and entertainment events on campus including:

- *Show Some HeArt 125 exhibit* at LBC through March 5 featuring the works of local artists.

- *Old School/ New School* exhibit in Hicks Gallery on Newtown Campus through March 11. Curated by Professor Mark Sifirri, the show features works that illustrate the range of design approaches in making objects in contemporary craft.
- *Snowkus Pocus* on Saturday March 5 at 2 PM in the Zlock PAC - program transports children to a magical winter wonderland of circus fun.
- *Simone Dinnerstein Concert* on Thursday March 10 - performance by a classical pianist with an international following.

Dr. Shanblatt reported that the Student Life Office is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow from 9 AM – 2 PM in the Gallagher Room. Please consider participating in this opportunity to help replenish community blood banks. Other campus news is that the Centurion basketball team is reaching the end of its season. With two home games yet to be played, the team is still in the playoff picture.

The President congratulated Foundation staff member Jackie Gear who was reappointed to the planning committee for CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) national community college conference. Also, Tobi Bruhn presented at the CASE conference in Philadelphia. Tobi teamed with Doug Ferguson from Delaware County Community College to review best practices in community college alumni relations and fundraising.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Thomas Skiffington, Chair

Vice President Barbara Yetman presented an update report on financial aid. Applications for financial aid have decreased at a rate comparable to the overall enrolment decline. 29% of the total student population receives some type of financial. A total of \$20,440,388 in aid was awarded during the 2014-2015 academic year with the majority coming from federal funding sources. Over the past five years, the number of students receiving federal Pell grants has increased by 10% and average dollar awards increased by 8%.

Student loan default rates at the college are the lowest among the 14 Pennsylvania community colleges. Service enhancements made to improve the student experience include the implementation of automatic packaging, availability of Financial Aid TV videos and implementation of the new PHEAA Ready to Succeed Scholarship. The college has also been approved to participate in the Distance Education Pilot Program for PHEAA grants.

Next Ms. Yetman reported on the recent mission review which focused on service to the community. The mission review process provides a cross-campus forum to assess results and guide planning in the key components of the college mission. The college has always been invested in giving back to the community and this commitment is demonstrated in many ways. A major impact on preparing workers and providing economic support is evident in the work done by the Workforce Development and Public Safety Training areas. Recent workforce successes include the TAACCT grant and the metalwork training program.

The college is also a cultural magnet in the community, drawing residents to the many types of entertainment presented in the Zlock PAC as well as poetry centered events. The Lower Bucks and Hicks galleries offer changing exhibitions and the Artmobile is a traveling gallery for school-age children in the county. Family life is enriched through programs such as Kids on Campus, ESL courses, GED preparation, welfare to work initiative through EARN and encore career planning.

The community at large benefits from activities such as food, clothing, toy and blood drives, annual participation in Bucks Day of Service and the efforts of numerous faculty and staff who are members of community organizations. Moving forward, goals for the service mission include continuing to tell the Bucks story through our presence in the community and adding programs to support underserved populations.

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. Fazzalore, the Board of Trustees approved as presented the following:

- **Bid Awards**
 - **Printing Summer 2016 non-credit course brochure to Engle Printing & Publishing, Inc. for \$27,735.**
 - **HVAC renovations in Tyler Hall Room 142 to K. E. Seifert, Inc. for \$153,403.**
- **Other Contract for purchase of electrical services van to Fred Beans Group using the state COSTARS contract for \$523 per month over 60 months for a total purchase price of \$31,407.**
- **Authorized the college President, Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt and the Chief Financial Officer, Dennis Matthews, to extend the five million dollar (\$5,000,000) line of credit with PNC Bank until December 31, 2016. Usage of the line of credit will be restricted to needs arising from the failure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt a budget to authorize disbursements to the college.**
- **Capital projects for fiscal year 2016-2017 in order to seek matching funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.**

- 1. Deferred maintenance – multiple roofs, HVAC, infrastructure, utilities and signage. \$6,500,000 is being requested (\$7,713,000 including interest over 10 years).**
- 2. Classroom ADA renovations – renovate a number of classrooms, labs and other spaces to make ADA compliant. \$750,000 cash project is proposed.**
- 3. Bathroom renovations – upgrade facilities in original building at UBC and in the Newtown Gateway Center. \$750,000 cash project is proposed.**
- 4. Tyler Hall 3rd floor – convert two non-ADA compliant classrooms to multipurpose use and add an elevator. \$650,000 cash project is proposed.**

BOARD COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on March 10, 2016 at 1:30 PM on the Newtown Campus.

Dr. Frederick Breitenfeld Jr., Secretary