



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus

Date: January 10, 2019

Time: 11 A.M.

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Fineburg, Presiding
David Breidinger
James Dancy
Blake Eisenhart,
Frank Farry
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
Elizabeth Graver.

Otto Grupp III
William Maeglin,
Garney Morris
Thomas Skiffington
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Frank Fazzalore, Linda Mannherz and Carol Shelly

Ms. Fineburg called the meeting to order at 11 AM 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. Graver, seconded by Mr. Breidinger, the board approved the minutes of the December meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Fineburg wished a happy and healthy new year to all in attendance. On behalf of the trustees, the Chair thanked faculty and staff for all that they do on behalf of the college.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Shanblatt noted that a new year brings with it the chance to pursue opportunities for personal growth. If learning something new is a goal, the college has lots to offer.

- Credit classes begin on January 23, with alternate starts dates available on February 11 and March 25. Whether choosing face to face, online or hybrid, the college offers a wide selection of credit courses and programs on four campuses.

- Job training programs for the unemployed and underemployed are also being offered in the new year. To meet the demand for skilled workers, the college has scheduled metalwork training programs in Upper and Lower Bucks County. The twelve-week training program in Bristol begins on February 18 and the program in Perkasie begins on February 25. Interested individuals can refer to the college website for details on mandatory information sessions and program requirements.
- Our ConEd department offers many non-credit opportunities for personal growth and skill development. Classes are forming now for the popular ESL courses, along with sessions to improve computer skills, learn a foreign language or reduce stress.

The President recognized our 24 student athletes named to the All-Academic Team. The honor requires that students be enrolled full time and earn a 3.25 GPA or higher. Balancing athletics and academics is not an easy task and some of our students were two sport athletes. Congratulations to the students along with the coaches and athletic staff members who support them.

Dr. Shanblatt shared news of happenings in the entertainment and cultural scene on the campus. Be sure to check out these events:

- The Show Some heART exhibit opens February 8 with a 6 PM reception at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks. This annual event spotlights local talent and provides scholarship funds for our students.
- The spring season at the Zlock Performing Arts Center kicks off on February 1 with Keith Spencer's *Brothers on Broadway* concert. This one-man show, backed by an all-star band, is a celebratory tribute to Broadway's African American leading men.
- Hicks Art Center Gallery Presents '*And this is how you are a citizen ...*' an exhibit featuring works by three artists that explore gendered citizenship, family, identity and belonging, from January 23 through March 12. Related events include 'The Vagina Monologues' Feb. 22, poetry reading March 6, and a celebration of women composers March 11.

President Shanblatt reported that Tobi Bruhn, Vice President, Advancement, has been appointed to the Board of the Bucks County Historical Society, a private nonprofit organization that operates the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle. Tobi was also appointed to chair the Bucks County Opportunity Council's Board of Directors for the next two years. Thanks to Tobi and our other staff members who serve on local boards and extend the reach of the college into the community.

In conclusion, the President congratulated Trustee Blake Eisenhart who will be teaching a graduate level business course at Lehigh University.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

Trustee James Dancy chaired the meeting in Ms. Shelly's absence.

Robert Grunmeier, Executive Director, Contracted Service & Training, reported on the services provided by the Public Safety Training Centre. With a highly training and experienced staff, the college markets and delivers training programs across the nation and around the world. With a record of accomplishment dating back to 1985, the college is uniquely positioned to offer high quality public and industrial safety training to many market segments both on-site and off-site. The unit has a unique selling proposition which is "our training leads to certifications".

Staff deliver more than 3,000 courses annually with over 60,000 student registrations. In addition, the college issues more than 5,000 professional certifications annually. Training programs are accredited by the National Professional Qualifications Board (Pro Board), meet or exceed the intent of OSHA and are aligned with NFPA standards. Fifty levels of professional certification are offered in varying formats including refresher and challenge options. Non-certification training is available in more than 600 courses in the categories of fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials, emergency management and public safety. Customized training courses are also an option. The program continues to grow and seek new markets and clients.

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. Ms. Angela provided information on sabbaticals completed during the 2017-2018 academic year. During that time, Professor Kate D'Auria researched learning communities and Professor Lynda Lynch-McKenna examined health care resources for elder veterans. Professor Julie Piotrowicz studied the underlying principles of integrated reading and writing pedagogy and developed a new course READ087. Professor Claire Keane studied maternity simulation and earned Childbirth Educator Certification. Dr. Linda Rehfuss revised the BIOL101 lab manual and worked with a publisher to create a custom, low cost option. Professor Wendy Tuminello experimented with enhanced lighting and images in photography and revised two courses while Dr. Arlene Toro revised and edited her doctoral dissertation.

Five faculty members have requested sabbaticals for the 2019-2020 academic year. Requests for six-month sabbaticals were submitted by Dr. Tiffany Andrews, Social & Behavioral Science, Professor Sarahlyn Bruck, Language & Literature, Professor Chris Bursk, Language & Literature and Professor Gail Donegan, Health Sciences. Professor Caren Friedman, Arts, submitted a proposal for a full-year sabbatical request.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Maeglin and seconded by Mr. Wursta, the Board of Trustees approved the following consent agenda items as presented:

- **Other Contract Awards**
 - Security & Safety department vehicle to Fred Beans Auto Group for \$34,905 over 60 months.
 - Issuance of revenue bond in the amount of \$24,000,000 by the Bucks County Community College Authority through Piper Jaffray/Stifel Nicolaus.
- **Faculty sabbatical leave requests for 2019-2020:**
 - Half-Year Leaves:
 - Professor Tiffany Andrews (Fall 2019)
 - Professor Sarahlyn Bruck (Fall 2019)
 - Professor Christopher Bursk (Fall 2019)
 - Professor Gail Donegan (Fall 2019)
 - Full-Year Leave:
 - Professor Caren Friedman (2019 – 2020)
- **Course fee changes effective Fall 2019 semester:**

VAPH110 & VAPH151	\$225
VAPH 157, VAPH257, VAPH210 and VAPH211	\$250
MUSL100 and MUSL101	\$480
MUSL111, MUSL112, MUSL211 and MUSL212	\$960
NURS101 and NURS102	\$1,195
NURS201 and NURS202	\$1,275
- **Policy Actions:**
 - Revision of FERPA Policy 1.19
 - Adoption of Anti-Hazing Policy 1.34

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on February 14, 2019 at 11 AM on the Newtown Campus.

Philip Wursta, Secretary