



BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus

Date: October 12, 2017

Time: 11 A.M.

PRESENT:

Thomas Skiffington, Presiding
David Breidinger
James Dancy
Blake Eisenhart
Frank Fazzalore
Elizabeth W. Fineburg
Elizabeth Graver

Otto Grupp III
Carol Mignoni-Ferguson
William Maeglin
Garney Morris
Philip Wursta
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Frank Farry, Linda Mannherz and Carol Shelly.

Mr. Skiffington called the meeting to order at 11:10 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. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Eisenhart, the minutes of the October meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no report from the chair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Shanblatt introduced David Breidinger, a newly appointed member of the Board of Trustees. Dave retired as Senior Vice President for Government & Regulatory Affairs at Comcast Cable. He is now working as a business and political consultant. Dave graduated from Kutztown University. His activities include Board Member of the PA Chamber of Business & Industry, Executive Board Member of the Broadband Cable Association of PA, current Chairman of the Board of PA Cable Network (PCN) and Past President of the Trenton Rotary. Dave has been an active member of the Foundation Board. We welcome Dave to the Board and look forward to his contributions.

Dr. Shanblatt congratulated the Foundation staff on hosting another successful *Scholarship Tea*. The event celebrated its 10th anniversary and welcomed a record crowd. The tea, which funds scholarships for students balancing college classes with motherhood, was celebrated for the first time in the new tent in Tyler Gardens.

The President reported that Vice President Tobi Bruhn teamed with the Bucks County Opportunity Council staff to present at the Community Action Partnership annual convention in Philadelphia and at the Addressing the Challenges of Poverty national conference in St. Louis. Their presentations spotlighted the partnership of the two organizations in sponsoring self-sufficiency programs.

Also in the spotlight is the Accessibility Office which was recently recognized for the good work it does in partnership with Voice & Vision, a local non-profit. The Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health brought the two groups together in an initiative to assist people with mental illness who want to attend college. The college provides space for Peer Support Groups staffed by Voice & Vision and refers students who meet the program criteria to the College Plus Program on all three campuses. Thanks to Jennifer Osinski, Director of the Accessibility Office, and her staff for their collaborative work to make college a reality for all who want to learn.

Dr. Shanblatt shared information regarding the following events happening on campus during the busy month of October:

- Radio Bux *Back in Groove* concert takes place tomorrow evening in the Zlock PAC, hosted by the student radio station.
- October 21 the Foundation and Danny DeGennaro Memorial Foundation co-sponsor an evening of rock and roll energy with a portion of the proceeds benefitting scholarships for music and art students.
- The annual fall Open House is planned for October 21 on the Newtown Campus. High school students will have the opportunity to explore Bucks in a haunted house atmosphere.
- On October 23 the STEM Computer Science area is co-hosting a forum with the League of Women Voters on *Voting in the Digital Age* and the security of our voting process.
- Rodney Walker speaks on the Newtown campus on October 25 in the Zlock PAC. Rodney's story demonstrates the power of perseverance as he overcame numerous obstacles and made his way through 12 foster homes to enrolling at Yale University.
- Ongoing through the month is an exhibit in the Hicks Gallery, *Under the Knife: Contemporary Cut Paper Art*.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Elizabeth Fineburg, Chair

Provost Lisa Angelo and Dr. Jennell Bramlage presented an update on the progress made by the college in achieving goals in the third year of the Strategic Plan. Toward the goal of maximizing student success, staff worked to achieve a sustainable advising model, established COLL101 as a requirement for all students and introduced open educational resources in ten courses. Activities completed to ensure a quality experience included Task Stream implementation, new faculty development opportunities and mandatory Title IX training for all faculty and staff.

Prominent among new programs introduced during the year were the high school entrepreneurship program, new workforce development grants and enhanced entertainment programming in the Zlock PAC. Student success indicators remain strong in combined graduation/transfer rates and fall to spring retention. The indicator for first term students requiring developmental course work improved dramatically from 70% in fall 2012 to 45% in fall 2016.

Initiatives being undertaken this year in support of the Strategic Plan include formation of an Academic Intervention Team, acceleration of Financial Aid distribution, new website, improved customer service to students and expansion of dual enrollment and workforce programs.

Dr. Constance Corrigan provided an overview of the programs offered by the Health Sciences department. Offerings are strong in both credit and non-credit with students able to access stackable credentials and transition from entry-level to higher level career opportunities. Examples of such career ladders are nurse aide to LPN, LPN to RN and coding certificate to health information technology degree. Projections for job growth and earning potential are strong in the healthcare market segment with 19% growth anticipated through 2024.

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

Mr. Maeglin 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 Ms. Graver, the Board of Trustees approved the following consent agenda items as presented:

- **Other Contract Awards**
 - **Network equipment for Founders Hall to PhillyCom, Inc. using COSTARS, for \$32,661.**
 - **Architecture and engineering services for Lower Bucks PSTC to Alliance Architecture, LLC for \$33,495.**

- **Specialized placement testing rescaling to Lynn C. Webb, Ed.D. for \$39,900.**
- **Change Order**
 - **Science Center change order to MBR Construction Services, Inc. for \$82,834.**

Other Actions – Election of Officers

Mr. Skiffington recognized Ms. Graver, Governance Committee Chair. Ms. Graver presented the proposed slate of officers, to fill the vacancy created by resignation, as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Vice Chair	Elizabeth Fineburg
Secretary	William Maeglin
Assistant Secretary	Philip Wursta
Executive Committee	Garney Morris

Mr. Skiffington called for nominations from the floor. There being none, **Mr. Skiffington moved to close the nominations and Ms. Graver seconded the motion.**

Upon motion by Ms. Graver, seconded by Mr. Wursta, the Board of Trustees voted to elect the slate of officers as presented with Mr. Grupp abstaining.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on November 9, 2017 at 11 AM on the Upper Bucks Campus.

William D. Maeglin, Secretary