



## BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Newtown Campus  
Date: April 11, 2019  
Time: 11 A.M.

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#### PRESENT:

Elizabeth Fineburg, Presiding  
David Breidinger  
James Dancy  
Blake Eisenhart  
Frank Farry  
Elizabeth Graver  
Otto Grupp III

Carol Mignoni-Ferguson  
Linda Mannherz  
Garney Morris  
Thomas Skiffington  
Philip Wursta  
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.  
Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt

ABSENT: Frank Fazzalore, William Maeglin and Carol Shelly.

Ms. Fineburg called the meeting to order at 11:05 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 Mr. Grupp, seconded by Mr. Breidinger, the board approved the minutes of the March meeting.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Fineburg commented upon her experience at the recent PACCC Annual Meeting in Harrisburg. She related her pride in both the students who were recognized for their academic achievements and our student jazz ensemble who performed during the reception. Ms. Fineburg also recognized President Shanblatt for her accomplishments as she concludes her two-year term as PACCC Chair. Dr. Shanblatt thanked Representative Farry for his hospitality and facilitation of the students' visit on Lobby Day. A photo slide presentation highlighted the activities of the two-day event.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Shanblatt announced that the college exceeded its fundraising goal for the capital campaign by reaching more than \$4.2 million in just three years. The most ambitious fundraising campaign in the college's history quickly exceeded its initial goal of \$3.5 million and ultimately exceeded the challenge goal of \$4 million. We are grateful for the many donations that came

from thousands of individuals and numerous organizations. The fundraising milestone was revealed at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Awards Breakfast where the Foundation honored the following for their contributions: Trustee Jim Dancy, Trustee Otto Grupp, STEM Professor Christine Delahanty, student BobbiLinn Blimegger and Customers Bank. Thanks to our Foundation team for all that they do to support student success.

The President reported that the Newtown campus hosted the 24th Annual Bucks County High School Art Exhibition from March 25 – April 10. County high school art teachers selected their students' best work for the exhibit, which featured more 300 works in a variety of media on display. At a gallery reception on March 31 Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick presented Congressional Art Awards to the two students whose winning art will hang in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for one year.

Continuing the arts theme, the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Bucks Student Art Exhibit will run from May 3 - May 14 in the Hicks Gallery on the Newtown Campus. The college will also highlight student musical talent in seven free concerts beginning April 10. Performances range from Classical Chamber Ensemble to Jazz Orchestra.

President Shanblatt congratulated Radiography Program faculty for creating and hosting the first Radiography Quiz Bowl held at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks on April 9. Four area radiography programs sent teams who competed by answering questions about the science of radiography. We hope to hold this event yearly.

Dr. Shanblatt also recognized Accessibility Office staff members Jennifer Osinski and Deborah Hoelper, who were nominated as recipients of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit's "Caring Community Award." This award recognizes special individuals, outside the Bucks IU organization, who have made an extraordinary contribution that directly affects the students served by our Bucks IU. Jennifer and Deb will be honored at a reception in May.

Next, the President highlighted a Pop-Up Clothing event that was held on April 1 on the Newtown campus. It was a collaboration between our Career Center and Second Look Newtown Thrift Store. The college provided this opportunity for students to acquire professional attire for interviews and the workplace. College staff generously donated professional attire to supplement the clothing from the thrift store. Approximately 40 students participated in this event, which was covered by both print and television media. Congratulations to Sharon Stephens and her staff for planning this very successful event.

Finally, Dr. Shanblatt thanked Dennis McCauley, Security & Safety, for co-hosting, with the US Secret Service, an April 9 seminar regarding the work of the PA Electronic Crimes Task Force.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ACADEMIC, STUDENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Carol Shelly, Chair

Mr. Dancy chaired the meeting in Ms. Shelley's absence.

Student Government Association officers Brian Deley and Shanzeh Khan shared highlights of SGA activities during spring semester. Community events played a big part in involvement and featured the Masquerade Ball and Kindness Week, as well as participation in Lobby Day and the Lower Bucks Art Exhibit openings. SGA also supported student athletes through attendance at basketball games and fostered leadership development by offering workshops for club officers. Another successful Centurion Reception brought together students and staff in a social atmosphere. A major initiative during the semester was to promote the use of social media to increase outreach to online students. Following a successful semester during which the majority of their goals were achieved, SGA leadership is looking forward to strong student participation in the election of officers for the upcoming academic year.

Jody Seutter, Associate Dean, Advising, Retention & Partnerships, presented a report on advising and transfer programs. The advising model offers all students the opportunity to interact with a professional or a faculty advisor, both upon entrance and for the duration of their time at the college. The recent hiring of additional professional advisors has increased service to high need areas such health science, LBC and UBC. Following a concerted effort to improve advising outreach, student satisfaction with advising services has risen dramatically over the past five-year period.

Successful transfer to a four-year school is the goal of 80% of our incoming students. The college dedicates significant resources to ensuring that the transfer process is efficient and successful for students. Numerous articulation agreements, including core-to-core and dual admissions, are in place to provide students with complete information regarding transfer requirements while offering them significant benefits including scholarships or guaranteed status/admission. The top two transfer schools for our students are Temple and Penn State. High performing students have successfully transferred to Columbia, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania and other prestigious schools. These results are possibly because the college combines effective advising and transfer services with strong transfer agreements made possible by the reputation of the college for academic rigor.

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

Mr. Wursta chaired the meeting in Mr. Maeglin's absence.

Mr. Grupp requested that the tuition recommendation for 2019-2020 be removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

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

- **Other Contracts**
  - **Analytics software license annual renewal to SAS Institute, Inc. for \$33,510.**
  - **Apple computer 3 year lease to Apple Computer for \$25,084 annually and a lease total of \$75,253.**
  - **Additional laptop warranty coverage for 2 years to Dell Computer for \$22,210.\***
  - **Marketing automation software license renewal to Capture, LLC for \$30,000.**
  - **PC equipment 3 year lease financing to Hewlett Packard Financial Services, Inc. for \$203,055 annually and a lease total of \$609,165.**
- **Other Actions**
  - **Adoption of Fiscal year 2019-2020 balanced budget totaling \$84,290,326.**
  - **Award of Honorary Degree for Brian Delate '73, 2019 Commencement guest speaker.**
  - **Adoption of new Service Animal policy.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Wursta and seconded by Ms. Graver, the Board of Trustees approved, with a vote of 11 for and 1 opposed, a tuition increase of \$15 per credit effective fall semester 2019.**

\*using Costars

#### BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

#### ADJOURN

Upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on May 9, 2019 at 11 AM on the Newtown Campus.

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Philip Wursta, Secretary