

**NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 19, 2022**

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**A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held  
on April 19, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.  
in person, via ZOOM, and live streaming**

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Kevin Clark, Financial Secretary  
Ms. Katherine Alexander  
Mr. William Ross  
Mr. Jerald Wolfgang  
Mr. Maurice Jackson, Student Trustee

**Board Members Present via ZOOM**

Ms. Gina Virtuoso, Vice Chairperson  
Ms. Bonnie Sloma, Secretary  
Ms. Sheila Smith

**Board Member Excused**

Mr. Jason Cafarella, Chairperson

**Administration Present**

William J. Murabito, Ph.D., President  
Ms. Deborah Brewer, Director of Foundation  
Ms. Catherine Brown, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources  
Dr. Fabio Escobar, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mr. John Eichner, Director of Business Services  
Mr. Jesse Goldberg, Chief Information Officer  
Ms. Sara Harvey, Assistant Director of Public Relations  
Mr. Wayne Lynch, Vice President of Administration  
Mr. Robert McKeown, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management  
Mr. Brian Michel, Assistant Vice President of Economic Development  
Ms. Julia Pitman, Vice President, Student Services  
Ms. Lydia Ulatowski, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Ms. Barbara Walck, Assistant to the President

Financial Secretary Clark called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m. and stated the meeting was being recorded and live streamed.

Financial Secretary Clark asked for a roll call for board members on zoom: Secretary Sloma, Trustee Smith and Vice Chairperson Virtuoso were present virtually.

Financial Secretary Clark thanked all those who took the time to attend today's meeting and asked Student Trustee Jackson to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the military.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Vice President Pitman introduced the men's basketball coach, Bill Beilein, along with team member Lamar Lovelace. They thanked the board for their support and looking forward to next year's season.

Vice President Pitman introduced the women's basketball coach, Nate Beutel, along with team member Gabby McDuffie. They highly appreciated the support from board members and how the team worked together well for their winning season.

Vice President Pitman introduced the men's wrestling coach, Keith Maute, along with team members Cole French, Frankie Gissendanner, Maurice Jackson, Anthony Kuhn, Jr., Justin McDougald, and Warren McDougald. Each wrestler spoke and praised their coach and teammates for support and mentoring during the season.

Assistant Director Sara Harvey briefly discussed the planning underway for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NCCC. She introduced Andrew Dumpleton, who designed the winning logo for the contest. He stated he was a graduate from NCCC and provided career information after leaving college. He unveiled the logo which he designed. Assistant Director Harvey provided each board member with a mug capturing the logo design, along with a list of events scheduled for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

The IRC Grant Presentation entitled "Roman Buildings: Design, Purpose and Influence" was presented by Professor Nancy Knechtel.

The IRC Grant Presentation entitled "Teaching Diversity to Nursing Students" was presented by Associate Professor Donna Sandretto. Each provided a PowerPoint presentation.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Financial Secretary Clark asked if Board members wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Wolfgang, that the Board approve the minutes from the March 22, 2022 board meeting, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Grant Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Student Trustee Jackson that the Board approve the Proposed Academic Calendar 2023-2024 (draft) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Ross that the Board approve the Conferring of Degrees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Wolfgang that the Board approve the New Program - Electrical Technology, AAS as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the board approve the New Program - Machining Technology, AAS as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Ross that the Board approve the Program Modification – Disability Studies, Certificate; name changed to Direct Support & Rehabilitation Studies, Certificate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Financial Secretary Clark asked Board members if there were any questions regarding the Information Items. Trustee Ross referred to the Personnel Chart, and Assistant Vice President Brown stated positions are slowly being filled, some positions are ongoing, i.e., adjunct positions, and she explained the process. The following items were received and filed: Grant Tracking Chart, Personnel Status Chart, Foundation Report, Facilities Update, and Prospective Request for Bids.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Financial Secretary Clark discussed the Board Bylaws, no further edits were received. Those who volunteered to be on the Board Bylaw Committee will be notified by Chairperson Cafarella as to the meeting schedule.

There are many upcoming events, please check your calendars for the dates/times of the event you are attending. Any questions may be directed to Barb Walck.

The pre-commencement dinner will be held on Friday, May 13 at Savor Restaurant. Detailed information will follow.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 14 on the Sanborn campus, starting at 10:00 a.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Murabito discussed the following:

- The SEM ACCRO committee continues to meeting weekly; one meeting deals with incoming students and continuing students, and a data group. This will all be part of our strategic plan.
- We are meeting with Northlands on grant collaboration in the workforce area.
- The SUNY presidents met virtually with the SUNY Interim Chancellor Stanley; these meetings will continue with discussions on items such as budget, workplace, EOP.
- President Murabito and Vice President Lynch met with Anthony Vilardo regarding the Rainbow Mall Project; the Niagara Falls Mayor would like to see an extension of the mall.
- The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary has many events planned, the gala will be designed this year to kick off the celebration.
- The Student Government Association meets every two weeks; meetings are well attended and well organized.
- President Murabito and NCCC staff continue to meet with Joe Wolfson and community leaders regarding the flight academy project.
- President Murabito contacted ECC President Balkin for a meeting to discuss ways to collaborate academic programming and administrative functions.
- The Dolve Valvo Art Gallery currently has an exhibit on display, this is a great opportunity to see the work of students.
- The Dr. Bloneva Bond Mosaic was unveiled on March 29. This was part of celebrating Women's Black History Month.
- On April 1, NCCC sponsored a luncheon at NFCI with P-Tech and Stavatti, along with the Niagara Falls School District. Students attending are funded through this program.
- We have two students who are recipients of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; Sonia Swann and Sharidan Hathaway were recognized several weeks ago. Congratulations to them.
- The NYCCT Awards are now open for nominations until the end of June. Chairperson Carfarella will appoint an awards committee.
- Assistant Vice President Catherine Brown has been asked to be on self-insurance committee for Niagara County.
- Congratulations to our SUNY Chancellor Student Excellence Award recipients Maurice Jackson and Sonia Swann. Next week they will be attending the ceremony in the Capital District.
- Niagara County Chairperson Rebecca Wydysh contacted President Murabito for possible overnight accommodations for band members staying in the Niagara Falls area. The students from Oberlin College in Ohio stayed in our residence halls for one night, and their steel drum band group performed the next day in the Dining Commons. Their music was enjoyed by many at lunchtime.

### **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

The Student Trustee Report was provided by Maurice Jackson.

### **FACULTY OBSERVER REPORT**

The Faculty Observer Report was provided by Dr. Julie Woodworth.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ACADEMIC/STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Committee Chairperson Smith stated there was no report at this time.

### **FISCAL COMMITTEE**

Assistant Vice President Brian Michel and Foundation Director Deborah Brewer discussed the Veterans Memorial Funding Proposal. They thanked the Foundation and Foundation Chairperson Jerry Wolfgang for their support. All board members agreed with and accepted the veterans funding proposal presented regarding a charity beer organized with the Brickyard Brewing Company in Lewiston, NY.

Assistant Vice President Catherine Brown discussed the changes in the Conditions of Employment for Administrative Employees. The major change included the minimum age for retirement of 55 for health insurance coverage. It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Ross that the Board approve the Conditions of Employment for Administrative Employees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Lynch provided the Business and Finance Updates.

It was moved by Trustee Wolfgang and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board go into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss contract negotiations at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Ross thanked Financial Secretary Clark for a job well done chairing the meeting this evening. Financial Secretary Clark stated next month, board members are to bring forth their slate of officers for the 2022-2023 academic year.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

There was no Good & Welfare.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room.

It was moved by Financial Secretary Clark and seconded by Trustee Alexander to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Sloma  
Secretary