

## OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 19TH DAY  
OF MARCH, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M., AT SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVERHEAD  
CAMPUS, MLRC BUILDING, LEARNING RESOURCE  
CENTER, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

## PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.  
Interim President

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee (via video)  
GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee  
THERESA SANDERS, Trustee (via video)  
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Trustee (via video)  
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Trustee (via video)  
PRISCILLA ZARATE, Trustee (via video)  
KAITLYN GAMBINA, Student Trustee

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson  
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Trustee/Second  
Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIR MURRAY: Gordon, are you ready to lead us  
2 in the Pledge?

3 TRUSTEE CANARY: All stand, and those joining us  
4 by phone call.

5 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
7 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
8 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN,  
9 E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, AT 4:00 P.M.]

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Well, I want to thank everybody  
11 that's participating today. I know these  
12 are unusual circumstances. We're going to  
13 have hopefully a very brief Board Meeting  
14 and then we're going to go into executive  
15 session. So, I would recognize guests but I  
16 think I know everybody here.

17 So, and at this point I would  
18 request a motion to adjourn the Board of  
19 Trustees meeting and call the Board of  
20 Directors Meeting to order.

21 VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: So moved.

22 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

23 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Second.

24 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
25 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:01 P.M.  
3 AND REOPENED AT 4:08 P.M.]

4 CHAIR MURRAY: So we are now back as the Board  
5 of Trustees Meeting. First I would like to  
6 request a motion for the approval of the  
7 minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board of  
8 Trustees Meeting.

9 MEMBER MORGO: So moved.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

11 MEMBER GAMBINA: Second.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor?

13 Any opposed?

14 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
15 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

16 CHAIR MURRAY: Motion carries. At this point I  
17 would like to introduce the Vice President  
18 of Business and Financial Affairs, Dr. Mark  
19 Harris to present the College budget and the  
20 college financial records.

21 DR. HARRIS: Thank you, Chair Murray, Board of  
22 Trustees. For fiscal 20 projection we are  
23 holding that number the same as we did for  
24 last month where we're projecting a deficit  
25 for the use of the fund balance of one point

1           one eight five million dollars. And the  
2           calculation for that is as a result of our  
3           revenue loss of two point eight four million  
4           dollars.

5                         But also we have been able to  
6           reduce our cost, our projected cost  
7           production by five point seven six million  
8           dollars. So if you remember our original  
9           budget was four point one million dollars  
10          use of the fund balance and then because of  
11          the cost mitigation, even though we lost  
12          revenue, we're saying that we will be able  
13          to reduce the use of a fund balance to only  
14          one point one eight five.

15                        These projections do not include  
16          any potential negative impact due to the  
17          COVID-19. We're in the process of  
18          collecting data and really fleshing out what  
19          some of the unfunded mandates will be and  
20          what the impact maybe to us. So as we get  
21          further into this situation, then we'll have  
22          a better idea of what will happen.

23                        So in conjunction with SUNY and  
24          what we're doing is really collecting the  
25          data and submit it to them. And at some

1 point they may or may not be able to  
2 reimburse us. But right now they just want  
3 to get a sense of what the unfunded cost to  
4 the College is. In terms of the Fiscal 21  
5 Budget --

6 MEMBER SANDERS: Can you move closer, Dr. Harris.

7 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I'm not hearing anything.

8 DR. HARRIS: So, at the last meeting for the  
9 Fiscal 21 budget we projected a deficit or a  
10 gap deficit 10 point two million dollars.  
11 We have since met with all the divisions,  
12 look at all the projected costs, look at  
13 them when they're fixed cost as well their  
14 variable cost and then recalculated what  
15 that estimated fund balance use would be for  
16 Fiscal 21.

17 So that number was reduced by two  
18 point one million dollars. Sp we're saying  
19 right now as we stand, we are projecting an  
20 eight point one million dollar deficit for  
21 Fiscal 21. We have also made some changes  
22 to the projection in terms of an enrollment.  
23 And you could say that this is very  
24 impressive. Before we were projecting three  
25 point one percent reduction in enrollment

1 revenue compared to what we projected Fiscal  
2 10 to end.

3 We have since revised that number  
4 to three point of eight, but we still have  
5 no idea what an impact will be of the  
6 COVID-19. And as a result of that, looking  
7 at what we're projecting the County to give  
8 to us, as well as something from the State,  
9 we're saying that we're going to be about  
10 eight point one million dollars shortfall.

11 In terms of resolutions, there  
12 are two to be considered. Item number one,  
13 which is the Suffolk County employee health  
14 insurance shared service of three point oh  
15 seven three million dollars. This month is  
16 a little bit higher than previous months.  
17 Primarily because when they requested the  
18 payment in January, they were using the old  
19 rates.

20 So they have since made an  
21 adjustment for the shortfall in January.  
22 So, going forward, we should see an  
23 estimated payment to the County of two point  
24 eight four three million dollars. As our  
25 standard payments. And then for item number

1 two, we are requesting approval for a budget  
2 transfer of one hundred thousand dollars and  
3 this to cover our obligation for  
4 Cenergistic, our energy partner. We have  
5 seen a cost savings in our electric and  
6 utility bill of about \$150,000. And based  
7 on the contract, they share in some of the  
8 savings that we get. So for your review and  
9 approval. Any question on the financials?

10 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Just to repeat something that I  
11 was told. I just want to make sure it's  
12 accurate. When the Cenergistic contract  
13 ends this academic year and we don't  
14 anticipate renewing it, correct?

15 DR. HARRIS: That's what we're considering,  
16 yes.

17 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Because we can do the savings  
18 without their assistance and we won't have  
19 to pay their commission.

20 DR. HARRIS: Correct. Because the savings  
21 what we are getting right now is because of  
22 behavioral changes. And we figure that we  
23 have been doing that for the past three  
24 years. So we will continue those efforts.

25 CHAIR MURRAY: I just have one comment. For the

1 past year we were anticipating using four  
2 point one million dollars of the reserves.  
3 But now that estimate is going down to one  
4 point one eight five million.

5 The prior year we had budgeted a  
6 similar significant amount for use of  
7 reserves. And, in fact, I believe about  
8 \$600,000 was actually paid back to the  
9 reserves. So for the past two fiscal years,  
10 we have only used approximately \$600,000 of  
11 our reserves, which if you asked us two  
12 years ago whether that was going to be the  
13 case, we would think you're crazy.

14 So I think there's a great deal  
15 of credit to give to the administration in  
16 dealing with our expenses and to, maybe  
17 we're not keeping the reserves whole but  
18 we're pretty close to that. And in this day  
19 and age with all the expenses and  
20 difficulties in enrollment and the various  
21 issues that the College has faced, I think  
22 that this is a very amazing accomplishment.

23 And given the uncertainties of  
24 what's going on with the Corona Virus, it's  
25 a good thing. But we don't know what the



1 expenses and we're trying to get a handle on  
2 how much this is going to cost the College,  
3 but at least we're in a pretty good  
4 financial position to weather this storm.

5 And again, I just want to give  
6 credit to the Administration.

7 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And  
8 thank you all to the members of the cabinet  
9 and the administrative team. It's been a  
10 team effort. Everybody has pitched in to  
11 make some suggestions on cost reductions.  
12 We had cabinet meetings where many of the  
13 members submitted their ideas for  
14 efficiencies.

15 We took the best of them. We put  
16 them into effect and it's produced the  
17 results that you have seen. We are  
18 continuing to work in that vein and we're  
19 very mindful of our precarious financial  
20 situation today and more so of it going  
21 forward and we'll continue in that vein.  
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIR MURRAY: So at this point, I would just --  
24 unless there's any other comments or  
25 questions.

1       PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:               Mr. Chairman, we do have AVP  
2   Rivera here if there are any questions on  
3   the AME contract which is one of the  
4   resolutions before you this afternoon.  
5   She's available to either give you a short  
6   presentation or answer any questions  
7   depending on your preference.

8       CHAIR MURRAY:                    Why don't you give us a short  
9   presentation.

10      DR. RIVERA:                       Okay. Thank you. So, as  
11    presented before, we are looking to an AME  
12    contract, eight year contract. We have  
13    discussed it before. It's a contract that's  
14    for the period of 2017 to 2024 covering all  
15    AME blue collar. White collar employee and  
16    college aids. Most recently we have  
17    provided an update also to the legislators.

18    But the contract for the County,  
19    the provisions include both a 12 percent  
20    rate increase throughout the life of the  
21    contract. There are a few provisions that  
22    we are not added in and they are not exactly  
23    identical to the County such as 311 call  
24    center provisions and other standby  
25    provisions.

1                   We do have some retros to be paid  
2                   out to AME employees. Those will not be  
3                   paid out to full-time AME employees until  
4                   separation. We have a retro that will be  
5                   paid out to college aids. That will happen  
6                   six days after ratification. There is a  
7                   longevity that is provided, it will be  
8                   prorated by the month actually worked by the  
9                   employees.

10                   We also have employees contribute  
11                   to their healthcare insurance which is  
12                   consistent with all other the unions.  
13                   Workers' Comp was reduced from 39 weeks to  
14                   30 weeks as well as there's some probation  
15                   on personal leave for employees and based on  
16                   how many months they work in a year. And  
17                   there will no longer be a recall pay that  
18                   requires a four hour minimum, they will only  
19                   receive pay for hours actually worked.

20                   There was also an addition of a  
21                   voluntary health trust supplemental fund  
22                   that will be effective throughout the life  
23                   of the contract. Contributions won't occur  
24                   until the second year, 2021, and then all  
25                   the provisions are the same and consistent

1 with what we discussed before.

2 Are there any questions?

3 TRUSTEE CANARY: What was the vote, the number of  
4 the Town.

5 DR. RIVERA: The membership overwhelmingly --  
6 88 percent of the membership voted to pass  
7 the contract.

8 CHAIR MURRAY: It was a difficult negotiation.  
9 I think we kind of lived through it but I  
10 think at the end we saw it was as good as we  
11 could get and again, we appreciate your  
12 efforts.

13 DR. RIVERA: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: The Suffolk County Legislature  
15 Tuesday considered this contract under a  
16 Certificate of Necessity and it's, I believe  
17 the vote for approval was 16 in favor and  
18 two opposed.

19 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Let me guess who those two were.

20 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay. You can guess.

21 VICE CHAIR MORGO: How many chances do I have?  
22 Three but the first two don't count.

23 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Legislators Trotta and Piccirillo  
24 were the two dissenting.

25 VICE CHAIR MORGO: How did we know that? The

1 alliance.

2 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Well, but they -- I don't think  
3 they were so much opposed to the contract  
4 itself. There were issues about the length  
5 of the contract and I think the financial  
6 condition of the County and perhaps the  
7 College. I'm not sure they were thinking of  
8 us, but --

9 VICE CHAIR MORGO: They are voting against anything  
10 fiscal. Mr. Chairman, I want to mention  
11 something about our operating budget and the  
12 process. And this in no way takes away  
13 from the positive things you said about the  
14 administration. But with every operating  
15 budget that I have seen during formulating  
16 the budget, there's always a great deal of  
17 upset about using the reserves at all, and  
18 there should because it's not great fiscal  
19 policy to dip into your reserves, into your  
20 rainy day fund.

21 However, in the last six or seven  
22 cycles, I have never seen what was allocated  
23 to balance the budget from the reserves  
24 actually being used in the next year. So  
25 this was an outstanding small amount

1 compared to what was budgeted, but we never  
2 use what's complete.

3 Contrast that with, however, when  
4 we raise tuition. Contrast it with when we  
5 raise tuition. That tuition increase is  
6 always there. So that's, I think  
7 something -- I know that we back and forth  
8 it should be -- reserves should be at least  
9 10 percent of the full operating budget and  
10 we haven't been there for a long time.

11 But we seldom use what we take to  
12 balance the budget. It's better to get it  
13 from our State partners and better to get it  
14 from our County partners. This is going to  
15 be a difficult year for that, too. Just an  
16 observation.

17 CHAIR MURRAY: We're definitely going to have  
18 unusual challenges given the situation, and  
19 not only affecting us, affecting the County  
20 and affecting the State. And not something  
21 that we necessarily anticipated but we'll  
22 deal with it.

23 VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Can I make a comment?

24 CHAIR MURRAY: Sure.

25 VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Just to piggyback on Jim's point,

1 with the COVID-19 virus, the State and The  
2 county are under great pressure. And from  
3 the projection, we can see they are already  
4 together saying that just about 50 percent  
5 and rest on the backs of the students. That  
6 projection may unfortunately be optimistic.

7 CHAIR MURRAY: Understood. Any other comments  
8 or questions?

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. Refresh my memory on our  
10 timeframe and I ask the question in the  
11 context of what is or not happening up in  
12 Albany right now. You know, they were up  
13 there for a day, they came home. Next week  
14 they are supposed to be doing just extenders  
15 and not really get into the meat of the  
16 budget. So I don't know when the SUNY  
17 budget higher education budget is really  
18 going to be addressed by the Legislature.

19 We're supposed to have that April  
20 1st deadline. But, again, with what's going  
21 on I don't know.

22 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Well, normally our budget is due  
23 in the third Friday, I believe in April  
24 which usually falls after our April meeting.  
25 We are always guessing on the County portion

1 of that budget. This year we're going to be  
2 guessing on two parts of that budget if the  
3 State does not act.

4 It's probably safe. If we're  
5 going to make an intelligent projection to  
6 think in terms of what they did last year as  
7 perhaps it is best case scenario.

8 VICE CHAIR MORGO: You mean the County?

9 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: The 98 percent floor. And to  
10 protect against something less than that  
11 should that come to past. SUNY folks are  
12 keenly aware of our situation and they have  
13 been attempting to push the leaders of the,  
14 certainly of the Legislature less so the  
15 Governor, to get some clarification that  
16 they can pass on to the, certainly to the  
17 community colleges who are more -- in a more  
18 precarious position than the four year  
19 institutions.

20 So everybody is aware of the  
21 problem. We have our deadlines unless the  
22 County relaxes them because it is a County  
23 deadline. We will make a projection based  
24 on the best information we have available on  
25 April 20th or whatever that date is.



1 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Gordon, would you do a quick  
3 primer on extenders, how that works with the  
4 higher education budget allocation is not in  
5 the budget that's supposed to pass on March  
6 31st? I know what an extender means but I  
7 don't know how it works and I don't know if  
8 anybody else does.

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: That's not really my area of  
10 expertise where I could really speak  
11 intelligently on it.

12 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Just again, try and keep the bare  
14 bones operation of the State going until --

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO: So if a department needs it right  
16 away, they will do an extender for the  
17 department?

18 TRUSTEE CANARY: Well, there's categories that I  
19 think get lumped in with extender bills. I  
20 think that they comingle it. But all of the  
21 big issues that the Governor was going to  
22 put into the budget process, I think those  
23 are being removed.

24 VICE CHAIR MORGO: As they should be.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: As they should be.

1     PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:           Well, I think a piece of the good  
2                                    news, and correct me, Mark, if this isn't  
3                                    right. Is that we did get our final payment  
4                                    from the State of New York on our state aid.

5     DR. HARRIS:                    Correct, we did.

6     PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:           And our next issue will come with  
7                                    the County because we're getting close to  
8                                    that period of time where the county runs  
9                                    out of money and yet the tax revenues from  
10                                   the second half tax payments which are due  
11                                   on May 30th or May 31st have not as yet  
12                                   rolled in.

13                                   So we're getting to a point in  
14                                   time where we get very nervous and where we  
15                                   are completely dependent upon Suffolk  
16                                   County. And that usually is sometime in the  
17                                   month of May. But that's right around the  
18                                   corner now. So that's our next critical  
19                                   time.

20                                   Right now, we're having received  
21                                   the money from the State, we're I wouldn't  
22                                   say in good shape but we are solvent and  
23                                   we're able to continue all operations  
24                                   without any difficulty.

25     TRUSTEE CANARY:              That's a good point. And I think

1 we still need to be a little nervous because  
2 they are extending payments on everything.  
3 And with second half payments due the last  
4 week of May, if they extend that for the  
5 beleaguered taxpayers, I don't know.

6 I don't know if they would do  
7 that. I don't know if the Suffolk County  
8 Legislature would do that. So, we'll have  
9 to wait and see.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Any other questions or comments?  
11 If not, I would request a motion for the  
12 approval of College Resolutions Number  
13 2020.17 through 2020.20.

14 TRUSTEE COVERDALE: So moved.

15 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

16 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Second.

17 CHAIR MURRAY: Seconded.

18 All in favor.

19 Any opposed?

20 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
21 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

22 Those resolutions passed.

23 At this point I would like to  
24 call on the committee reports for those who  
25 are able to. Kevin, you are on the phone,

1 right?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

3 CHAIR MURRAY: Do you want to give the budget  
4 and finance report.

5 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Sure. Sure. We met on March  
6 12th at 4:30. Attendance was myself and  
7 Chris and Lou and the rest of  
8 administration. Much of what VP Harris has  
9 reported, we originally started with a  
10 deficit of 10 two to give us a path that we  
11 got to the eight point one million dollar  
12 deficit that we currently stood at.

13 And assuming in that budget that  
14 there was a savings of a million and a half  
15 dollars from the first cut to the second  
16 cut. In there is a County contribution of  
17 two and a half percent, although we think  
18 that we should ask for two percent, that was  
19 honestly a point of debate.

20 I think Chris went through how he  
21 looked at the reserves, and again, we  
22 thought budget over the course of two years  
23 taking out eight point two and we actually  
24 only took out \$600,000. In preparing the  
25 budget, there was some discussion about what

1 we were going to do with tuition. And I  
2 guess at this point in time we have not made  
3 a decision.

4 But the idea of raising the  
5 tuition second enrollment potentially could  
6 put together a budget that would have  
7 deficit of somewhere between four and five  
8 million dollars. We would need to again --  
9 we'll have another budget meeting before  
10 this and presenting to this board on April  
11 16 the final recommendation from the  
12 subcommittee. That meeting concluded at  
13 5:15. Thank you.

14 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. Student Success.

15 Bell, can you hear us?

16 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Yes, I can hear you. The Student  
17 Success Committee met on March 11 and  
18 present were Trustee Gambina, Trustee  
19 Zarate, Dr. Adams, Mary Lou Araneo, Dr.  
20 Beaudin, and Carol Wickliffe-Campbell.

21 Dr. Adams reported on the  
22 preparations and plans being made by the  
23 College in response to the Corona Virus.  
24 Dr. Adams talked about the new volunteer  
25 advising effort underway as part of our

1 retention focus. Approximately 100 faculty  
2 and administrative volunteers are each being  
3 assigned 5 to 8 new students for advising  
4 and mentoring ahead of the fall semester.  
5 This outreach will also help students who  
6 are Liberal Arts and General Studies majors  
7 determine a degree that will meet their  
8 career goals and work interests. The  
9 volunteers will have access to counseling  
10 and other departments for support, a great  
11 effort.

12 The next retention initiative  
13 will seek to bring back students who left  
14 the College over the course of the past  
15 five years without finishing their degree.  
16 Students from this pool who register full  
17 time for fall 2020 and pay their bill by  
18 May, inclusive of any financial aid funds,  
19 will earn a scholarship voucher covering  
20 tuition for a summer course of up to four  
21 credits. This will help the college with  
22 generating FTE funds and boosting summer  
23 attendance. Dr. Beaudin added that we have  
24 increased the number of our on-line classes,  
25 adding 1,000 additional summer seats.

1                   Typical of everything that's  
2                   going on with us, Corona virus also a lot of  
3                   similar outreach will target students who  
4                   are Suffolk residents attending classes at  
5                   another community college in the state. If  
6                   those students enroll at Suffolk for fall,  
7                   register and pay, they will also receive a  
8                   scholarship voucher covering tuition for a  
9                   summer course of up to four credits.

10                   Dr. Adams distributed signage for  
11                   the You Belong Here campaign. This campaign  
12                   is the umbrella program for the task forces  
13                   that were developed for underrepresented  
14                   populations such as undocumented students,  
15                   LGBTQI, student basic needs and African  
16                   American Students.

17                   So we are able to carry a  
18                   positive message back to the high schools  
19                   regarding the value of a SUNY Suffolk  
20                   experience, Student Trustee Gambina said  
21                   that the SGA has suggested that Suffolk  
22                   students go back to their high schools and  
23                   middle schools to talk to students. Trustee  
24                   Zarate said that shi would be a wonderful  
25                   idea.

1 Vice President Araneo announced  
2 the third and final candidate for the  
3 presidential search will be tomorrow,  
4 Thursday, March 12. The forums will be  
5 simulcast on each campus.

6 Carol Wickliffe-Campbell said  
7 that the CSJHU is working with Census 2020  
8 and SGA on presentations and events. There  
9 will be activities in the library and with  
10 community association. Trustee Zarate asked  
11 what kind of supports are available for the  
12 ESL populations. Carol Wickliffe-Campbell  
13 said that the Center is reaching out to  
14 groups and on Saturday will go into ESL  
15 classes and talk about the fear issues  
16 related to answering Census questions. She  
17 confirmed that the ESL instructors are  
18 bilingual which had concerned Trustee  
19 Zarate. The College has applied for grant  
20 funds to cover the cost of reaching  
21 undercounted census populations. That's my  
22 report, thank you, Chair.

23 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you very much. Governance.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 Governance committee met on Monday, March 16



1 3:38. President's Conference Room at the  
2 Ammerman Campus. Myself, Chairman Murray,  
3 First Vice Chair Jim Morgo, Second Vice  
4 Chair, Shirley Coverdale, Dr. Chris Adams,  
5 Alicia O'Connor and Gail Canahan were  
6 present. Meeting called to order.

7 Deputy General Counsel Alicia  
8 O'Connor and Vice President Chris Adams  
9 updated the Committee on recent meetings  
10 with the Son of Italy regarding the 2020  
11 Mothers Cabrini Festival. Sons of Italy has  
12 proposed an offer of \$15,000 for the 11 day  
13 festival at the end of August.

14 Interim President Petrizzo, DGC  
15 O'Connor and VP Adams have reviewed the  
16 proposal and are recommending a counter  
17 offer of \$20,000 coupled with the College's  
18 Office of Student Affairs having a tent and  
19 table within information about the College  
20 available at the festival including an  
21 appearance by Fin, the College Mascot, I  
22 think we're kicking him for free.

23 This is only a one time offer and  
24 going forward the Sons of Italy would abide  
25 by the College's facilities use policy in

1 effect at that time, once an arrangement has  
2 been agreed upon between the College and the  
3 Sons of Italy, it would need to go to the  
4 full Board as a resolution to be approved at  
5 an upcoming meeting.

6 Dr. Adams advised the committee  
7 that he had started to send e-mails to some  
8 of the contacts discussed at the February  
9 Governance Committee Meeting regarding  
10 marketing efforts to publicize use of  
11 facilities at the Eastern Campus Health and  
12 Wellness Center, but that due to recent  
13 events with COVID-19, the efforts have been  
14 sidelined.

15 Once things have calmed down, he  
16 will resume work on reaching out to all  
17 those contacts that were discussed. It was  
18 brought to the Committee's attention that  
19 the Monday, June 15, 2020 Governance  
20 Committee Meeting is the same day as the  
21 Foundation's golf outing. So our meeting  
22 will be rescheduled and that will be on the  
23 same day as the Executive Committee Meeting  
24 which also will need to be rescheduled.

25 So for continuity we will both

1 reschedule to the same day. Agenda Items  
2 for the April Governance Committee Meeting  
3 include Mother Cabrini Festival update,  
4 update on marketing efforts to publicize use  
5 of the facilities and confirming the new  
6 June Governance Committee date.

7 And then I would just add,  
8 Alicia, you guys have reached out to Mother  
9 Cabrini? You have made our counter offer.

10 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes, we have.

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: So we await their response.

12 MS. O'CONNOR: Correct.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Oh, yes. Also important, thank  
14 you, Jim. The \$20,000 that we hope that we  
15 will agree with Mother Cabrini or Sons of  
16 Italy will be paid directly to the College  
17 for the first time. If you recall in the  
18 past, the payments have gone to the  
19 Foundation. But this year this amount will  
20 go directly to the College. Thank you.

21 CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions?

22 TRUSTEE CANARY: That's my report.

23 CHAIR MURRAY: Personnel. Gemma.

24 Do you have a report for

25 Personnel Committee, hello? All right why

1 don't we skip that for now. Facilities I  
2 didn't believe we're going to have a report  
3 on that.

4 TRUSTEE CANARY: Well, on that point, I think it's  
5 important, do we an update on the collapsed  
6 ceiling situation at the LRC?

7 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes. The work has begun on the  
8 ceiling. The initial problem was apparently  
9 there are some metal fasteners that attach  
10 to the ceiling to hold it to the framing  
11 above. Apparently this part of the  
12 construction was done by two different  
13 crews. And that apparently the crew that  
14 left did not put all of the metal pieces in  
15 place. And the new crew that came in saw a  
16 few of them hanging, thought they all had  
17 been done.

18 And the ceiling strangely enough  
19 stayed up for two years and a couple of  
20 months and it did fall on I think Monday and  
21 crews were there the very next day. The  
22 repairs are under way. And the completion  
23 of the inspection of the rest of the ceiling  
24 should be done I think tomorrow. All the  
25 work should be completed by Friday, next

1 Friday.

2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Just a couple of questions. So  
3 these were subcontractors to our main  
4 contractor?

5 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Well, we had one contract with  
6 our main contract Copabianco.

7 TRUSTEE CANARY: But the people who didn't do the  
8 right thing?

9 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: It's all on him.

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Good. So we don't have to worry  
11 about the financial implications. And,  
12 again, the ceiling didn't collapse because  
13 of a water leak that caused saturation of  
14 the materials that caused extra weight,  
15 nothing like that has been determined yet.  
16 We don't have a 100 percent cause of why it  
17 collapsed.

18 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No, we do have a 100 percent  
19 cause of why it collapsed. It did not have  
20 the metal supports holding it to the framing  
21 above it.

22 TRUSTEE CANARY: Got you. Okay, thank you. And  
23 nobody got hurt.

24 CHAIR MURRAY: I was just going to add that. No  
25 one got hurt.

1 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No one got hurt:

2 CHAIR MURRAY: Let's move onto the Foundation  
3 Report.

4 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Recently the Board of Trustees  
5 met with representatives of the Student  
6 Government Association, SGA, one of whom  
7 voiced concerns about unawarded  
8 scholarships. The College's Enrollment  
9 Management officials, together with the  
10 Foundation's professional staff, undertook a  
11 comprehensive review of this matter at my  
12 request and today I share with you the  
13 results of this analysis.

14 Approximately 450 students  
15 received scholarship awards totaling  
16 \$535,743 in direct financial support thanks  
17 to the successful fundraising and  
18 endowment management efforts of the Suffolk  
19 Community College Foundation, working in  
20 tandem with Dean Joanne Braxton and the  
21 staff of Enrollment Management, the unit  
22 that manages the award and distribution of  
23 these funds to our promising students.

24 Scholarships are generally  
25 unawarded for two reasons:

1                   1) No applications are received,  
2                   and/or;

3                   2) Applicants failed to meet the  
4                   eligibility requirements. Scholarship  
5                   programs managed by academic departments  
6                   require a review of applications  
7                   And related materials by departmental  
8                   faculty experts, e.g., for artistic  
9                   content or performance and/or other  
10                  subjective analyses. We are advised that  
11                  a handful of these were unawarded, see  
12                  Appendix A, while 99 percent of all  
13                  available funds were indeed awarded.

14                  The Foundation and the Office of  
15                  Enrollment Management have addressed this  
16                  issue and have begun the process of  
17                  migrating all of these scholarships to the  
18                  Online Scholarship System to reach a  
19                  larger pool of applicants.

20                  The Office of Enrollment Management  
21                  anticipates that each will be available to  
22                  students through the Online Scholarship  
23                  System for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 award  
24                  cycle. The \$535,743 awarded represents 99  
25                  percent of all available scholarship

1 funds. In the past five years, the  
2 Foundation has completed a critical  
3 analysis of the scholarship  
4 Inventory. Donors were engaged to provide  
5 support for underfunded scholarships and  
6 to ensure those in need of compliance with  
7 state and federal discrimination  
8 guidelines were revised and eligibility  
9 criteria were updated to attract a larger  
10 applicant pool of students at SCCC.

11 It is important to note that all new  
12 student scholarships were awarded.

13 That's my report for the  
14 Foundation. Thank you Mr. Chair

15 CHAIR MURRAY: Questions?

16 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Bell, it's Jim.

17 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Hi, Jim.

18 VICE CHAIR MORGO: I couldn't get all of that  
19 perhaps and hopefully next month we'll be  
20 together and we'll be able to get more of  
21 it. But there was -- let me see if I got  
22 this much, there was an analysis of all the  
23 scholarships to look at unawarded  
24 scholarships which would, you know, be a  
25 prudent thing to do because if the money is



1                   there, it should be awarded.

2                                 But the final conclusion was that  
3                   all -- 99 percent of all scholarship  
4                   restricted money was actually; awarded is  
5                   that right?

6 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN:             That's the report I had gotten  
7                                 from Sylvia. If you are on the phone.

8 VICE CHAIR MORGO:                 She's not here, Bell. She's not  
9                                 on the phone.

10 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN:            Okay. That's the -- yes, based  
11                                 on the analysis they had done, this is the  
12                                 report that we had gotten a 99 percent of  
13                                 all the available funds were -- which is the  
14                                 \$535,000, were awarded.

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO:                That's very good. You can't beat  
16                                 99 percent. I guess you could by one  
17                                 percent. But that would be the ex amount.  
18                                 I'm just not sure what prompted the study  
19                                 then if there was -- do you know?

20 TRUSTEE GAMBINA:                 During our meeting with Student  
21                                 Government members asking a question, there  
22                                 were a lot of funds that weren't being used,  
23                                 you know, from scholarships and the reason  
24                                 why they weren't is because some  
25                                 scholarships weren't there.

1                   So there's really strict criteria  
2                   that a lot of students don't meet. So I  
3                   know that actually I looked into and the  
4                   Foundation looked into. And the reason  
5                   isn't at 100 percent is because of those  
6                   strict requirements where you have to be  
7                   this kind of student or --

8 VICE CHAIR MORGO:           Well, yeah, but it looks like 99  
9                   percent of the funds were used so there  
10                  can't be many that were not.

11 TRUSTEE GAMBINA:           One of the students bought it up.

12 VICE CHAIR MORGO:           You don't know what it was based  
13                  on?

14 TRUSTEE GAMBINA:           I don't know what it was based  
15                  on, yes.

16 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN:       I think, Jim, it was more hearsay  
17                  but we got it from somebody that told them  
18                  that it was an actual item based as a result  
19                  of meeting we decided that we would look  
20                  forward as the Foundation so we decided to  
21                  look more into it and provide the Board a  
22                  report.

23 VICE CHAIR MORGO:           That's good.

24 TRUSTEE SANDERS:           Bell, this is Theresa. Just a  
25                  little historical context, when the

1 Foundation had historically reported out at  
2 Board meetings, some of the data that they  
3 have given us that there's scholarships that  
4 were not distributed because students  
5 weren't applying. This goes back a couple  
6 of years. And so I think the report has  
7 been something that's ongoing to try to  
8 emphasize connecting students to  
9 scholarships. And I'm very pleased to hear  
10 that we're at a 99 percent.

11 Because I think they have been  
12 using a lot of Entranet system and text  
13 messaging the students about availability of  
14 scholarships. So I'm really pleased to hear  
15 the rate of that, the 99 percent which is  
16 really exciting.

17 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Yes. That's --

18 MEMBER SANDERS: So thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Yeah, a little light on that,  
20 that's very good. You know, one of the  
21 things, I guess I'm a strict  
22 constructionist. But the resolution  
23 creating Foundation talked about it being  
24 self-sufficient within 20 years of the  
25 resolution. And the resolution was in the

1 late eighties.

2 So we did get a presentation that  
3 the Foundation is moving towards  
4 self-sufficiency. I don't know where that  
5 is now. I think that's also something. As  
6 Theresa said, for historical perspective, I  
7 think we have to keep that perspective as  
8 well.

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Any other questions? I just want  
10 to note for the record Priscilla has joined  
11 us and is attending the meeting.

12 MS. ZARATE: Yes. Thank you. And I  
13 apologize. I was caught up with work.

14 CHAIR MURRAY: Understood.

15 Now we have Student Trustee.

16 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: Last week we had the Tunnel of  
17 Oppression which was over three or four days  
18 600 students attended. It consisted of four  
19 exhibits in responding to immigration,  
20 student housing, security human trafficking  
21 where you basically walk through and get to  
22 see different stories and different videos  
23 and it was a really nice experience.

24 That was followed by info  
25 sessions where you sat down with somebody

1           who has actually been through the situation  
2           and just get to ask question. And then you  
3           go through the Tunnel of Hope which is how  
4           we can create a better future and just  
5           brighter side to this Tunnel of Oppression.

6                        We also had two Presidential  
7           Forums for the Suffolk County -- for the new  
8           president. We had faculty, staff and  
9           students. That went really well. We got a  
10          lot of good feedback. I know everybody is  
11          looking forward to the next two months to  
12          come. The Environmental Club on the  
13          Ammerman Campus met and we talked about  
14          bringing a solar tree to campus.

15                       And we are now looking to pricing  
16          and funding to get grants that we offered  
17          from it. And now we are just preparing for  
18          COVID-19 and we're stocking food pantries.  
19          We were planning on making study kits for  
20          students to take home in case they don't  
21          have internet or computer.

22                       And we're just basically trying  
23          to help students during this time. We also  
24          have hopefully to be presented to the Board  
25          in the next Trustee Meeting, the student

1 government constitution for the Eastern  
2 Campus which the amendments have to be  
3 approved by the Board.

4 And we actually want to make the  
5 constitution college wide instead of having  
6 three different ones which clarifies three  
7 different rules. That does have to be  
8 approved by the Board and we are working on  
9 getting it to you guys before then.

10 Also, I thought it was  
11 interesting is we have been on calls with  
12 SUNY ASA Student Assembly for the State, and  
13 I thought worth noting that they were trying  
14 to create a pass or fail system during these  
15 times, so basically it won't affect your GPA  
16 if you can't get to computer labs or you  
17 don't have the resources.

18 I know our president for ASA is  
19 pushing really hard for this. I thought it  
20 would be great idea because we don't want a  
21 lower GPA just because you can't make it to  
22 class. It does give students also a chance  
23 to make up the work. But that would be SUNY  
24 wide.

25 We also talks about where we can

1 put student activities fees. This is still  
2 in talks with Student Government and  
3 ultimately the students decide where they  
4 go. But basically putting those forward  
5 helping students with study packs and gift  
6 certificates for shopping or resources they  
7 might need. That's still in talks, but  
8 those are the things we are working on now.

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Are there any questions or  
10 comments?

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: Kaitlyn, give us the general feel  
12 of the student population of those you have  
13 interacted with. Are they frightened, are  
14 they handling this? Do they think it's a  
15 bunch of bunk?

16 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: Confused. There's not a lot of  
17 information.

18 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Like most of us.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: Welcome to the club.

20 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: We're just trying to figure out  
21 information, we're hearing different things  
22 from SUNY and the campuses. So we're trying  
23 to figure out what's actually happening. I  
24 have been on the phone with them pretty much  
25 daily trying to figure out everything.

1       PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:               We are a little confused, too.  
2                                        Because what this has pointed out is that  
3                                        there's a dramatic difference between the  
4                                        way Community Colleges operate and the way  
5                                        the four year ops operate in the SUNY  
6                                        system.

7                                        And one of the things that we  
8                                        have tried to stress to SUNY system and to  
9                                        the Chancellor, is that when you issue your  
10                                       guidance, please issue your guidance broken  
11                                       out for the Community Colleges and broken  
12                                       out for the four your ops so that folks do  
13                                       not get confused as to what may apply to  
14                                       them by seeing a blanket decree coming down  
15                                       from SUNY.

16       MEMBER GAMBINA:               And it's not really clarifying  
17                                       that we have 30 Community Colleges and 34  
18                                       four years. So I can understand because a  
19                                       lot of students call asking about housing,  
20                                       refunds and that's not something we really  
21                                       cover. We don't have housing. It's hard to  
22                                       clarify.

23       PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:            You're exactly right. And  
24                                       there's different jurisdictions. And the  
25                                       jurisdiction and the authority of this Board



1           for example is much greater than some of the  
2           Boards of Trustees that run four year ops.  
3           So, yeah, there has been -- but the last  
4           couple of memos that have been issued there,  
5           the clarification is starting to come  
6           through that, okay, this applies to the four  
7           years, this applies to the Community  
8           Colleges. And it's getting a little better  
9           but I understand the confusion. We were  
10          confused also.

11   TRUSTEE GAMBINA:           We appreciate all the work the  
12                                   Administration is doing. It's been tough  
13                                   for all of us.

14   PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:        Thank you.

15   CHAIR MURRAY:               Thank you. Any other questions?  
16                                   Theresa, you just want to give us  
17                                   a brief status report on the presidential  
18                                   search? We'll discuss it a little later,  
19                                   too.

20   MEMBER SANDERS:             Yes. The search is going. I  
21                                   appreciate such a great search committee. I  
22                                   mean, you know, pulling together all the  
23                                   constituencies internally and externally and  
24                                   having them work towards a common goal which  
25                                   is to find a college president for Suffolk

1 Community College is not easy and it's a lot  
2 of personalities and a lot of competing  
3 interests.

4 But I will say for the record in  
5 this the Board Meeting that I am proud and I  
6 think that I speak also for the other board  
7 reps that it was a legion process. We  
8 didn't agree on everything, but it was  
9 polite enough that we got through to  
10 selecting three final candidates.

11 So we are not done yet. And  
12 thank you very much for all of the support  
13 and the guidance from the Board and, you  
14 know, we'll talk it over in a little more  
15 detail when we go into the Executive  
16 Session. And, Jim, did you have anything to  
17 add?

18 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Just agreeing with you  
19 completely, Theresa.

20 TRUSTEE CANARY: Ditto on that, Theresa.

21 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

22 Moving on to the Chair's report  
23 just briefly, again echoing what Kaitlyn  
24 just said, I want to thank the  
25 Administration for their efforts regarding

1 the Corona Virus. That's a difficult  
2 situation. It's an evolving situation. But  
3 they have been working extremely hard to  
4 deal with it, especially Lou trying to keep  
5 up with the different directives, different  
6 efforts.

7 And then on top of it having a  
8 ceiling collapse on one of your buildings,  
9 talk about timing. And, you know, this is  
10 obviously a very serious situation but it  
11 will be resolved. I'm still very optimistic  
12 about the College and the ability to move  
13 forward and do exciting things.

14 We will get through this, I'm  
15 confident of that. And, again, I'm still  
16 very optimistic about the future of this  
17 institution. And applaud the hard work of  
18 the administration and the board. And we'll  
19 carry on. That's my report. President's  
20 Report.

21 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Well, we have been asked not to  
22 have a presentation and keep our report very  
23 brief. I think circulated to the Board  
24 Members the actions that the cabinet took  
25 recently with respect to the employees and

1 with respect to alternate work sites and  
2 days. And the various other items that were  
3 in that memo to you.

4 We will continue to keep you  
5 updated on these developments as they occur.  
6 They are occurring fast and furiously. The  
7 Governor today I think went from 50 percent  
8 to folks being out of the work place to 25.  
9 I don't know what happened overnight that  
10 justified that, but these developments are  
11 coming at us almost faster than we can deal  
12 with them.

13 We had a cabinet meeting by  
14 conference call today to deal with those  
15 issues. AVP Rivera and others are working  
16 on a process whereby we can come into  
17 compliance with the Governor's latest  
18 directive.

19 We're doing the best we can.  
20 We're pedaling and paddling as fast as we  
21 can to keep the ship moving forward. The  
22 employees have been super. The cabinet has  
23 been great. We are all recognizing the  
24 seriousness of the situation. We recognize  
25 that there's a lot of fear among the

1 employees and we're doing our best to let  
2 them know that they will be paid in full  
3 through the end of March at least.

4 And hopefully that we'll be able  
5 to come to some kind of method of operating  
6 where we can continue that going forward as  
7 well. So, everybody's medical insurance is  
8 in place and secure. Paychecks will go out  
9 next week. And hopefully this can bring  
10 some calm to everybody to let them know that  
11 we're working in their best interest.

12 Nobody is being compelled to do  
13 anything right now. So those who are not  
14 feeling well, we're telling them to stay  
15 home. Those who have issues in their  
16 families, we're trying to make arrangements  
17 for them as well. And we're doing the best  
18 that we can under the circumstances.

19 So I won't drag this out. You  
20 know that there are many different aspects  
21 of this going on and just to let you know  
22 that we're being very mindful of our  
23 students and being very mindful of our  
24 employees and keeping in mind that not  
25 everybody is in the same situation.

1                   And some folks have issues and  
2                   circumstances that need to be addressed  
3                   more than others. So we're trying our best.

4 TRUSTEE CANARY:               Mr. Chairman, just very quickly.  
5                   Again, echoing the Chairman's thanks,  
6                   appreciation to the entire administration  
7                   and all of our professors and just about  
8                   everybody who is involved in trying to get  
9                   us through this. As somebody who has been  
10                  in government for a long time, I can tell  
11                  you that in the post 9/11 days, in the post  
12                  Superstorm Sandy days, and now dealing with  
13                  this, this one takes on a whole different  
14                  complexity.

15                                Because this one is statewide.  
16                   It is nationwide. As Lou said, the an  
17                   information changes on an hourly basis. I'm  
18                   working remotely. I can't even get into my  
19                   office because of the Executive Order. It's  
20                   very difficult to serve the people remotely,  
21                   let me tell you. We're on the Corona Virus  
22                   hotline phone calls, Senator Boyle and I  
23                   every day.

24                                Again, fast and furious as Lou  
25                   said, the information is just coming at us.

1           It's like information overload. But we're  
2           trying to all do our best here to help our  
3           constituents, to help our students. And,  
4           again, don't panic. We will get through  
5           this. We have gotten through other bad  
6           stuff.

7                         We will get through this. And,  
8           Lou, anything that the Board Members can do  
9           individual or collectively for the College,  
10          please don't hesitate to call on us.

11   PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:           Thank you. Appreciate that,  
12                                    thank you.

13   TRUSTEE SANDERS:             This is Theresa. I did want to  
14                                    again echo my thanks. You know, I have sent  
15                                    a lot of memos or e-mails last week with  
16                                    questions. And by being in the community  
17                                    very often, people are always associating,  
18                                    you know, they associate me with my role at  
19                                    the College and elected officials and other  
20                                    people.

21                                   And I appreciate you, Lou, giving  
22                                    me written documents and guidelines because  
23                                    then I'm consistent with what I am saying in  
24                                    response and just a funny story. A parent  
25                                    had a contact with high level official who

1           said the Ammerman Campus is open. Why is  
2           the Ammerman Campus open?

3                         And the official called me and I  
4           said the Ammerman is not open. Actually  
5           they were on Spring Break this week. I  
6           mean, put Corona aside, they are on Spring  
7           Break. And so the person busted out  
8           laughing. And said, what was the kid asking  
9           for money to get to school or something  
10          crazy?

11                        And the parent actually did end  
12          up going on the school's website,  
13          researching information themselves that  
14          really -- because we are transparent as an  
15          institution. So I want to thank you, Lou,  
16          for making sure that information is  
17          transparent. Because kids will be kids and  
18          tell their parents all kinds of stuff even  
19          during a crisis.

20                        But the information is  
21          transparent and clear. So what I responded  
22          to was what the parent found on the website.  
23          So I thank you and your team for making sure  
24          that the College remains transparent with  
25          the public. We're giving them as much



1 information as we have in real time. So  
2 thank you.

3 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you for that. And thanks  
4 for the laugh in there. We haven't had one  
5 this week, but that was a good one.

6 DR. ADAMS: We have had a couple.

7 CHAIR MURRAY: Anything else?

8 If not, go to roundtable.

9 Anything for roundtable?

10 No? Then I'm going to ask for a  
11 motion to enter into Executive Session to  
12 discuss the medical, financial, credit or  
13 employment history of a potential employee.

14 Is there a motion?

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO: So moved.

16 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

17 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: Second.

18 CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor?

19 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
20 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

21 CHAIR MURRAY: So we're going to move to  
22 Executive Session. There will not be any  
23 business done after the Executive Session.  
24 Again, thank you everybody for braving it  
25 and coming out under the circumstances.

1 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you. Stay safe, everyone.

2 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
3 TRUSTEES WAS CLOSED AT 5:01 P.M. BY THE  
4 CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY]

5 o0o

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

*Jamie Antos*



OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 19TH DAY  
OF MARCH, 2020 AT 4:01 P.M., AT SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVERHEAD  
CAMPUS, MLRC BUILDING, LEARNING RESOURCE  
CENTER, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.  
Interim President

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member (via video)  
GORDON D. CANARY, Member  
THERESA SANDERS, Member (via video)  
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Member (via video)  
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member (via video)  
PRISCILLA ZARATE, Member (via video)  
KAITLYN GAMBINA, Student Member

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson  
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Member/Second  
Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIR MURRAY: I'll request a motion for the  
2 approval of the minutes of the February 20,  
3 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.  
4 Everybody have a chance to review? Is there  
5 a motion?

6 MEMBER CANARY: Motion to approve.

7 MEMBER MORGO: I'll second.

8 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor?

9 Any opposed?

10 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
11 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

12 CHAIR MURRAY: I would introduce Vice President  
13 of Student Affairs, Dr. Christopher Adams to  
14 present the Association Financial Report.

15 Those that are on the video  
16 conference call, could you identify  
17 yourselves?

18 MEMBER PAGDANGANAN: I'm here.

19 CHAIR MURRAY: Bell is here. I know Gemma is  
20 here.

21 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: Yes, I am.

22 CHAIR MURRAY: Kevin, are you here?

23 MEMBER O'CONNOR: I'm on the telephone, yes.

24 CHAIR MURRAY: Is Priscilla on yet?

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Priscilla is not with us yet.

1 CHAIR MURRAY: Chris, do you want to give our  
2 report.

3 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Chair Murray and  
4 Members of the Board of Directors. Can you  
5 hear me okay?

6 MEMBER CANARY: Actually, it isn't working,  
7 but...

8 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: I can't --

9 MEMBER SANDERS: Hello, everyone. This is  
10 Theresa.

11 DR. ADAMS: So, I have the report for the  
12 Association. So we have the Association  
13 report September 1, 2019 to February 29,  
14 2020. In all of our cost centers in the  
15 association we are operating in the positive  
16 with the exception, again, of the Peconic  
17 cafeteria. The Peconic Cafeteria is much  
18 better than it was last month where we were  
19 \$20,000 in the red. We're actually only  
20 \$13,000 so we gained at net of about \$7,000.  
21 And we are continuing to monitor that.

22 Although I believe with the  
23 situation that we're dealing with right now,  
24 I have an idea that it will properly get  
25 larger over the next couple of months as

1 long as we have Dining Services that are  
2 available. So we are going to keep that as  
3 much as possible. In the Association, we  
4 have suspended all travel, overnight travel  
5 for our students. We are still allowing  
6 students to meet but in small groups only  
7 for meetings.

8 No activities, which I'm sure  
9 Interim President Petrizzo will get into. I  
10 just wanted to let everyone know that the  
11 Association, that we are taking this  
12 obviously very seriously. Our two child  
13 care centers are closed for this week and  
14 next week for the observance the answer  
15 extended Spring Break.

16 And we are looking again opening  
17 the facilities on March 30th, which is a  
18 Monday, the first day back of the extended  
19 Spring Break. That's it for the Association  
20 Financial Report. Does anyone have any  
21 questions?

22 MEMBER CANARY: Chris, all athletics have been  
23 canceled?

24 DR. ADAMS: Yes. All athletics have been  
25 canceled. We're not even allowed to

1 practice. We originally had the idea of  
2 practicing in competitions with Neftali, the  
3 Director of Athletics, even though we had  
4 canceled the spring seasons, we still  
5 decided to keep the group cohesion and  
6 student engagement to allow them to still  
7 practice. But the NJCAA came in and said  
8 that we couldn't even practice.

9 So we suspended the entire season  
10 for athletics. Any other questions? Anyone  
11 on line have any questions?

12 CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions?

13 MEMBER SANDERS: No questions.

14 DR. ADAMS: So we have one resolution that we  
15 have for your consideration and that is to  
16 accept the Independent Auditor's report for  
17 fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. It's in  
18 your packets. I also was on line, very  
19 happy that we have the Independent Auditor's  
20 Report. It was very successful. We had no  
21 management recommendations. Again, that has  
22 a lot to do with the leadership of Barbara  
23 Hurst and everyone that works within the  
24 Association that has done a great job over  
25 the last couple of years in keeping the

1                   financials of the Association.

2                   So I'm very happy to report that  
3                   and I ask for your approval of this  
4                   resolution and accepting the Auditor's --  
5                   Independent Auditor's Report. So any  
6                   questions? Thank you.

7   CHAIR MURRAY:                   Thank you.

8                   At this point, I would like a  
9                   motion to approve College Resolution Number  
10                  2020.A1. This is the Auditor's Report. So  
11                  we did have a conference call with the  
12                  auditors and it is a very clean audit, which  
13                  is good.

14                  So is there any discussion on the  
15                  motion? If not, I would ask or a motion to  
16                  approve Resolution 2020.A1.

17   MEMBER GAMBINA:                Motion.

18   MEMBER COVERDALE:              Second.

19   MEMBER SANDERS:                 Second.

20   CHAIR MURRAY:                   All in favor?

21                   [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
22                   VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

23   CHAIR MURRAY:                   Now I would request a motion to  
24                   adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and  
25                   call the Board of Trustees Meeting to order.



1 MEMBER COVERDALE: Motion.

2 MEMBER MORGO: Second.

3 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor?

4 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
5 DIRECTORS WAS CLOSED AT 4:08 P.M. BY THE  
6 CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY.]

7 o0o

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

*Jamie Antos*

