

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
ALUMNI ROOM, BROOKHAVEN GYMNASIUM
AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW YORK
September 14, 2017

The meeting was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Alumni room of the Brookhaven Gymnasium on the Ammerman Campus, in Selden, New York.

PRESENT:

Theresa Sanders	Chair
Jim Morgo	Vice Chair
Gordon D. Canary	Secretary
Bryan Lilly	Trustee
Denise Lindsay Sullivan	Trustee
Gemma deLeon Lopresti	Trustee
Jerome Bost	Student Trustee
Shaun L. McKay	President
Louis Petrizzo	College General Counsel
Alicia O'Connor	Deputy General Counsel
Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel
Jeffery Pedersen	V.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. for Institutional Advancement
Gail Vizzini	V.P. for Business and Financial Affairs
Christopher Adams	V.P. for Student Affairs
Paul Beaudin	Associate V.P. for Academic Affairs

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Sanders welcomed everyone; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Gordon Canary. Trustee Canary then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and reflection for the tragedies that had befallen the nation -- the two terrible hurricanes that hit Texas, Florida and the Caribbean Islands, as well as the forest fires out in the northwest.

Chair Sanders thanked Trustee Canary and moved forward with the recognition of guests. Dr. McKay introduced Tom Lupo from the Suffolk County Comptroller's office, and thanked him for joining the meeting. Mr. Lupo said he brought greetings and praise from Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 9:11 a.m. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan so moved, Student Trustee Bost seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:14 a.m. Trustee Morgo so moved, Trustee Lindsay Sullivan seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan so moved, Trustee Morgo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders introduced Gail Vizzini, VP for Business and Financial Affairs to present the College Budget and Financial report. VP Vizzini reported that her office is very busy closing out the 2016 -2017 fiscal year. They are processing payments and year-end transactions and therefore it is premature to determine how the fiscal year will end. The monthly expenditure and revenue projections for the 2016-2017 operating budget are trending in line with her previous reports. For 2016-2017, enrollment was less than anticipated in the budget and the College experienced a revenue shortfall in state aid, tuition and fees of \$2.3 million. Through prudent fiscal management, the College was able to mitigate the shortfall by generating surpluses in light, power and water, supplies, salaries and benefits.

She added that the 2017-2018 operating budget was sent to SUNY for approval by the SUNY Board of Trustees. With only two weeks into operation VP Vizzini said she did not have any projections for 2017-2018 but will begin those projections at the next meeting. She then shared with the Board the summary of tuition increases as reported by the Politico newsletter. Undergraduate students at the 30 SUNY community colleges will see an average increase in tuition of \$156 for the 2017-2018 school year or a percentage increase of 3.6%. In comparison, Suffolk's Board of Trustees set tuition at \$4,870 for 2017-2018, an increase of \$100 or 2.09%, which is less than the SUNY average. Nassau Community College is now at \$5,102 or \$232 more than Suffolk.

Trustee Morgo asked VP Vizzini if she would share the Politico article with the board. Dr. McKay asked VP Vizzini to discuss the SUNY charge back rate. VP Vizzini said that each year SUNY approves a charge back rate which is the rate that the counties are charged when their residents attend other institutions. . It is most commonly known as out of county tuition. Trustee deLeon Lopresti asked if a Suffolk County resident attended Nassau Community College, if the College would be financially penalized. VP Vizzini replied no, if a Suffolk County resident chose to go to Nassau Community College, they would be charged double tuition as a non-County resident because they are a Suffolk County resident, unless they got a certificate of residency from the Comptroller's office. If they get a certificate of residency, then the County pays the difference between the resident tuition and the charge back rate.

Dr. McKay noted that the College does get the lists from the Comptroller's office and then sends out an inquiry to the students that do not come to the College to find out why are going elsewhere in an effort to mitigate those factors. He said they will be asking for the Chair and the Board's indulgence to advance a letter to the Comptroller's office and the legislature to say that if the College is offering the same degree programs that students are travelling to Nassau for, they

should not receive a waiver. If a student elects to go to another County, the total cost would be borne by the student. If there are mitigating factors, such as the student is working in the city or working and there's a traffic mitigation problem, there should be an appeals process.

Trustee Canary gave a historical perspective and said there had been a time when the State of New York covered the out of County tuition. Back in the eighties after one of the financial downturns, the legislature took it upon itself to put that into the State budget and pass it down to the counties to bear those expenses. He added it is something they have discussed with Senator LaValle, and they would like to see the State Legislature pick it back up in the State budget. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan noted that sometimes students pick a college based on a lot of different things. Oftentimes it can be sports related. She said she knew of a student who was a star football player, was being recruited by many different colleges and ended up going to Nassau because he was playing football. Dr. McKay said that is why there needed to be a waiver process because there could be mitigating circumstances. With no further comments Chair Sanders thanked VP Vizzini for her report.

Chair Sanders called for a motion for the approval of College Resolutions 2017.54 through 2017.58. Trustee Morgo so moved, Trustee Lindsay Sullivan seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2017.54 - Approving Monthly Sponsor Services for Suffolk County Community College

WHEREAS, the State University of New York Regulation No. 602.7 requires the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees to review and approve all Sponsor provided services and their estimated value in advance of the service being rendered, and

WHEREAS, the regulation also requires the approval of the payment of each Sponsor Service satisfactorily performed, and

WHEREAS, health insurance is considered a Sponsor Service, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the health insurance payments to the County of Suffolk in the amount of \$2,410,715.29 for the month of August 2017 (*Attachment I*) are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017.55 - Adopting a Religious Observance Policy and Procedures

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Community College is committed to providing an academic and work environment that is respectful of the religious beliefs of its students, faculty, and staff, and

WHEREAS, the College's Calendar Committee, comprised of representation from various College constituencies, undertook a comprehensive review of calendar practices and religious observance policies at other colleges and universities, and

WHEREAS, 86% of SUNY community colleges and 79% of SUNY four-year colleges and universities do not cancel classes for religious holidays, and

WHEREAS, in order to treat all religious observations equitably and to minimize disruptions to class schedules, the Calendar Committee recommends the adoption of a religious observance policy and procedures, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the *Religious Observance Policy and Procedures* (see, Attachment II).

RESOLUTION NO. 2017.56 - Accepting Grant Funds from the Suffolk Community College Foundation in Support of Suffolk Community College's Office of Veteran Affairs

WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted on March 17, 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized the acceptance of an amount up to \$10,000 from the Suffolk Community College Foundation (Foundation), which constituted a portion of a \$50,000 grant award received by the Foundation from the *Island Outreach Foundation*, to fund staff positions in the Office of Veteran Affairs at Suffolk County Community College, and

WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted on October 20, 2016, the Board of Trustees authorized the acceptance of an amount up to \$19,000 from the Foundation, which constituted a portion of this grant award received by the Foundation from the *Island Outreach Foundation*, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has authorized an additional amount of up to \$10,000 to be transferred to Suffolk County Community College to help fund staff positions in the Office of Veterans Affairs at the College, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the acceptance of an amount up to \$10,000 from the Suffolk Community College Foundation, which constitutes a portion of the grant award received by the Foundation from the *Island Outreach Foundation*, to fund staff positions in the Office of Veteran Affairs at Suffolk County Community College.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017.57 - Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift from the Suffolk Community College Foundation

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Community College Foundation, Inc. is the recipient of 2003 Volvo S80 sedan, valued at \$2,200, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation wishes to further donate this automobile to Suffolk County Community College for use in its Automotive Technology Program, and

WHEREAS, the Academic Chair of the Automotive Technology Program has been consulted and has indicated a need for this vehicle for instructional purposes in its general program, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the College's acceptance of a 2003 Volvo S80 sedan, valued at \$2,200, from the Suffolk Community College Foundation, Inc., for use in the College's Automotive Technology Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017.58 - Accepting Automotive Equipment from the Suffolk Community College Foundation

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Community College Foundation, Inc. is the recipient, on loan, of automotive equipment, provided by Hunter Engineering Company (Hunter), as follows:

- WA473-CM – Hawkeye Elite Aligner with Premium Compact Cabinet & 24" Widescreen LCD
- 20-2882-1 - Cordless remote Indicator Kit
- 20-2621-1 - Medium Duty Truck Spacer Kit – This kit contains 4 each spacers for medium duty trucks. These spacers may be used with kit 20-2640-1
- TCR1S - Fully Automatic Tire Changer
- RFE02 - GSP9700 Road Force Elite (5th Generation)
- 20-1839-1 - Adjustable Flange Plate & Stud Kit

WHEREAS, the Foundation wishes to permit this automotive equipment to be utilized by Suffolk County Community College for use in its Automotive Technology Program, and Hunter wishes to utilize the automotive technology facility to facilitate training of Hunter's representatives, pursuant to a license agreement between the College and Hunter, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the acceptance, on loan, of the above-described automotive equipment provided by Hunter Engineering Company, pursuant to a license agreement, to be used by the College's Automotive Technology Program and by Hunter for instructional and training purposes.

Chair Sanders moved on to the committee reports, starting with the Governance Committee. Trustee Canary reported that after essentially cancelling the meeting because of a scheduling problem with Trustee Murray, an ad hoc meeting was convened following the Executive and Finance Committee meetings in the President's conference room on Sept 11th, which Trustee Murray attended. The presidential evaluation was discussed, and it was agreed the committee would attempt to expedite it. The committee realized it made sense to schedule future meetings piggybacking with the Executive and Finance Committee meetings as all members would already be present, and this change of venue and time would be presented in writing and finalized.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan gave the Student Success Committee report. She said Chair Sanders and Student Trustee Bost joined the meeting by phone and VP Araneo, VP Adams, Dr. Beaudin and Ms. Wickliffe-Campbell were in attendance. She said Dr. Beaudin discussed applied learning, a new mandate from the State--basically taking what is being learned philosophically

and applying it to the real world, for example, giving students opportunities for internships, practicums, and clinical experiences. She reported that apparently two community colleges have made this a graduation requirement, but the committee decided to build up these initiatives more before making that move. She stated there are over 4,000 students currently engaged in these activities. The committees had also discussed the virtual orientation that is now up and running on the student portal on the College website, open to full- and part-time students, for those who cannot or prefer not to participate in a face-to-face orientation. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan stated it also serves as a great marketing tool for prospective students.

Another topic of discussion was the Excelsior program. With the growing number of students participating, the College is faced with the problem of many of those scholarships turning into loans which it will be responsible for if the students don't complete their requirements. She said if the College ends up with 400 Excelsior students and 200 of them default, that translates to \$1 million. She stated Dr. Adams and the financial aid department is making outreach and there is extra support being put in place to address the issue. Chair Sanders added that because of the marketing of this program, so many families jumped at the chance but there is real pressure now for student performance. She said she appreciated all the work that Dr. Adams' team put in to make sure this program will work, as well as Dr. McKay's support.

Dr. McKay and Chair Sanders spoke about the compounding effect of the Excelsior program as year one turns in to year two, etc., and the amount of extra, intense work that counselors and financial aid staff will have to take on in order to process these students and follow up on their progress. The Chair reported that she and Dr. Adams would be going to Albany shortly to meet with the Chancellor and others, and would be raising this point with the other presidents there. She asked if there was a way to quantify the College's extra expenses to put the program in place to date. Trustee Canary agreed it would be very difficult but very important to quantify the impact of getting the program up and running and then to oversee the success of the students, all of which must be reported back to SUNY.

Trustee Morgo gave the report for the Budget and Finance committee. He noted that the Excelsior program was on the agenda but because it had just been discussed, he would move on to other agenda items, one of which was the hiring of the Academic Search firm to recruit the best candidates for three senior Cabinet positions. He said it came up because of an article in Newsday that mentioned the connection Dr. Pippins, who works for that firm, has with the College in her former position here, the implication being that the hiring of that firm might not be incidental. Trustee Morgo reported that Beatriz Castano went over the protocol and the selection process in great detail at the meeting and he was very impressed with how much detail and negotiation went in to the search, and that Dr. McKay explained why it could not be done in-house. After a lot of questions, the committee was satisfied with the process.

Trustee Morgo reviewed the committee's discussion on enrollment, down now by 2.7%, and noted they were advised that enrollment was not actually finalized until late October. He said the Excelsior program and Police Academy enrollees would also have to be factored in. He stated the committee would continue to monitor enrollment, with meetings now being held year-round. The mechanism of how to monitor the budget was discussed and would start with Ms. Vizzini going over what actually goes in to forming the budget, when the committee meets next. He

added that the Chair suggested that Ms. Vizzini also provide all the trustees with the details of this process at the Board retreat in November.

Trustee Morgo emphasized one important aspect of the Excelsior program that Dr. McKay had previously touched on--the issue of finding a unified way for all the colleges, particularly community colleges where so many students need developmental courses, to deal with those unpaid loans when their budgets are delayed one year. He said he was glad this would be discussed in Albany.

Trustee Canary asked if the College, so attuned to ethics, should respond in writing to the Newsday article that implied favoritism in the hiring of Academic Search, or just let the issue lie. Trustee Morgo responded that he would have to read the article more closely but his feeling was to let it alone, and that the important thing was that the committee discussed it in such detail and was satisfied with the explanation provided that the College had followed exactly what should have been done. Chair Sanders agreed that as part of the Board's role in governance, it is appropriate to respond to issues such as this and verify and validate facts in order to be prepared to respond to any questions that may come as a result of the Newsday article. Trustee Morgo offered to share the very detailed minutes of the explanation prepared by Ms. Busching.

Trustee Lilly reported the Facilities Committee did not meet but would be discussing some proposals that were coming before the College later in the day. He praised the Facilities personnel for doing a great job keeping the buildings up and running during an electrical outage, mentioning that even number one-ranked Stony Brook was experiencing multiple outages this week. Trustee deLeon-Lopresti stated that LIPA and PSE&G started doing community advisory board meetings where they discussed with members of the community, not-for-profits, labor and business, issues that are coming down the pike. She attended the last meeting and learned that the biggest complaint from community participants was communication between LIPA PSE&G and large institutions that do business on Long Island. She suggested if there is not enough communication with the two community colleges, Nassau and Suffolk, then perhaps there should be representation on that Board from the schools.

Dr. McKay explained the utilities have priority ranking as to who gets service and power, and that it is important for the College to have communication with them not only in public session but also in one on one sessions, because the College is competing with all the other large institutions for this priority. With so many various issues on the different campuses it is important to have the utilities be in direct communication not only with the College's Facilities department but with Public Safety as well. He asked Trustees deLeon-Lopresti and Lilly to assist with trying to get the College on a par with the hospitals as far as priority ranking.

Trustee Lilly brought up the debacle of LIPA and PSE&G's pole replacement project on County Road 51, and Trustee Canary wondered if that was what prompted the community outreach. He suggested that, being a very large customer to the utilities, and it being hurricane season, this might be a great opportunity for Facilities and Public Safety to ask for a meeting with them to discuss projects that might impact the campuses, and hurricane response and recovery issues. Chair Sanders agreed, stating if there is not a clear and coordinated plan, people will fall through the cracks as happened in Florida during and after the recent hurricane. She said the College has

26,000 people to deal with and make sure everyone is safe if something happens. Trustee Lilly thought Trustee Canary's suggestion was excellent, and because the College is an evacuation center, that should factor into a discussion on hurricane preparedness.

Student Trustee Bost gave his report, first recognizing Ramon, the student government secretary for the Ammerman Campus. Mr. Bost reported that he had a phone meeting with the student government offices from the three campuses, to provide an opportunity for them to get to know each other and for Mr. Bost to get to know them. He said they discussed Student Assembly, a conference the officers attend twice a year, and he made sure the Chief of Staff was on the call to prepare them for what they would need when they attend the conference. He reported he briefed Dr. Adams on the call and they made a commitment to meet monthly. Student Trustee Bost attended Campus Activities Day on some of the campuses and learned more about some of the outstanding clubs that are offered on campus. He stated he had a call scheduled on Friday with Phi Beta Kappa and students from Eastern and Ammerman who are looking to get involved with the Center for Social Justice and the DACA Committee, and would give an update on that call at the next meeting.

Dr. Diaz reported on the activities of the Foundation, thanking everyone for being part of the golf event in August, which was greatly supported by faculty and staff as well as the community, including several new significant sponsors. She stated the event achieved 114% of its goal. Dr. Diaz announced the Foundation is trending very favorably towards the completion of the \$7 million campaign Dr. McKay charged them to complete by the end of the calendar year, funds that are vital to the students. She said this September they reached a milestone of \$6.23 million, a figure that could change momentarily, and thanked those who gave.

Dr. Diaz announced the launching of the faculty staff campaign in the next couple of weeks as well as the annual fund appeal, and the Governance and Chancellor's awards to be held October 20 at Lombardi's on the Bay in Patchogue. She said the Foundation is already preparing to kick off the start of Gala season, the event scheduled for May 3, 2018, which would be recognizing the 30th anniversary of the College's wonderful Automotive Program, with many partners to support this great event. She thanked the Board for their support in all these programs.

Chair Sanders gave her report. She talked about the natural disasters and the need to be prepared all the time with so many lives potentially impacted. She shared information about the new airline at MacArthur airport, Frontier, which was offering great discounts for those who needed to fly to the impacted areas and help out. She said the FEMA budget was exhausted and Congress was convened to add more money to it, and that America is challenged as a nation to help not only at home but overseas, stretching its resources. In addition, there is the internal chaos and the effects of dismantling DACA. She said Dr. McKay signed onto a letter with other college presidents in support of coming up with a fair resolution for DACA, and Trustee Morgo remarked that the College Brief the President sent out was much stronger than that universal letter. Dr. McKay clarified that it was a team effort, with all the different voices of the different entities needing to be heard in that letter, and it was the result of collaboration of a six-member team.

Chair Sanders continued, emphasizing the impact of civic engagement on the electoral process, with the primary elections just past, and stating if the College does not get engaged and is not training the next generation of leadership, bad policies and bad governance will continue. She said the College is at a really good point in training leaders to have ethics and integrity with the goal of moving people who are concerned about other people into political positions.

The Chair stated the College was moving into the Presidential Lecture Series, very timely when the nation is going through different changes. She said there was a meeting for the Board retreat to be held in November with Dr. Diaz, the leadership of the Foundation, and the leadership of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Renee Ortiz, to come up with a training agenda with the goal of planning and training the College's leadership together rather than separately. She said they would even be sitting down with legislators, then move into Dr. McKay talking about presidential and college goals, tied into Middle States, and have ethics training, and breakout sessions. She said the retreat would be held on campus this time.

Chair Sanders spoke about ACCT training this month, stating the College has two representatives as delegates for Suffolk County Community College, Jim Morgo and Jerome Bost, who would be attending the Las Vegas conference. She also announced she received an e-mail that NYCCT, the New York State body, is holding their conference, and encouraged anyone that missed the larger national conference to attend the statewide conference to be held October 20-21 in Syracuse. With that the Chair turned the meeting over to the President to give his report.

Dr. McKay said Dr. Rose had been selected as the College's Middle States lead coordinator and the College has been in contact with him confirming the dates and times he will be at the College for a visit in November. Dr. Rose will then decide which members of the College community he wants to meet with. The Middle States report is in its final stages and should be posted next week for feedback. Once the feedback is in, they will prepare the report for the Board's review and final approval to be sent to Middle States.

Dr. McKay said the College is moving along with ATD this fall, which has been linked with the Center for Social Justice and the work of the Assistant Directors of Multicultural Affairs on each campus. He then asked Dr. Paul Beaudin to give a brief update on ATD. Dr. Beaudin said they submitted the College's three year plan to ATD a week ago. The coaches will be coming to work with the ATD team at the end of October. He added also that ATD would be the theme for Professional Development Day on October 11th, with over 300 faculty and staff members in attendance. The ATD Team is also working on a video to help to tell the story of student transformation and expects to be able to show the video at the next board meeting. Dr. McKay added that on Monday the President's Diversity Council will be meeting to continue these discussions.

Dr. McKay noted that Dr. Beaudin has received a letter from the national organization recognizing the work the College has done with Quantways. When the program was started at SUNY the College was asked to join, and is now leading the entire SUNY Community College system by having the most progressive program on Quantways. The College is running

14 sections, and has 300 students enrolled in the developmental math program. Dr. Beaudin added that the College far exceeds other community college partners throughout the State. SUNY gave the College a \$20,000 grant to help to ramp up and scale up the program, which has a 75% success rate for students taking a course the very first time.

Dr. McKay announced that he and Dr. Adams, would be travelling to Albany on Monday to attend a SUNY Presidents meeting, and he would also be meeting one on one with the Chancellor. He planned to discuss with the Chancellor the state of the College, of Long Island, and what the College has been faced with as a community college within the SUNY system. He will also express to her that the College needs to be a priority when it comes to discussions of statewide funding for higher education.

Dr. McKay then introduced Dr. Jim Keane, Executive Dean of the Michael J. Grant campus for an update on the campus. Dr. Keane began by introducing himself and explaining that his areas of responsibility for the campus are overseeing academic affairs, student affairs, budget and finance and plant operations. He reports directly to Dr. McKay and works collaboratively with the president's cabinet.

Dr. Keane joined the Michael J. Grant campus in 2010. He spent the first six to eight months walking the campus, talking to people, putting out surveys and finding out what the needs were of the campus. As a result of the initial review, certain strategic initiatives were identified, and were as follows: 1. Provide a student-centered, professional and collegiate environment for all members of the Campus Community; 2. Provide robust programs, academic programs that meet the needs for today's industry, moving students to either transfer or to employment; 3. Streamline Campus services (student and academic affairs) to provide easy access to an affordable and quality education; 4. Enhance student success through academic support programs: Writing Studio, Math & Science Center, Skill Enhancement Center; and lastly 5. Provide a robust offering of professional development programs and activities for renewal and best-in-class teaching practices.

These initiatives along with working with Dr. McKay and the campus help set the target for the next few years: one stop for enrollment, creating gathering spaces for students on campus, enhancing the academic learning environment, growing academic support programs, new academic programs/curriculum, design and completion of capital projects, offering more support programs for faculty and staff.

Dr. Keane then reviewed some of the improvements and accomplishments they have made in the last couple of years towards those initiatives. This year they have completed bringing all student service enrollment functions over to Caumsett Hall. The renovations that took place were done almost all in house and included a new special needs student support testing room, upgrades for Admissions such as a new waiting room, a new counter and work stations as well as student wall murals. Upgrades were also made to the Counseling center, the Career and Transfer Center as well as the Faculty Advising Center, Welcome Center and Call Center.

Enhancements for campus life included creating class waiting areas and gathering spaces throughout the campus. Some of these areas were created with materials that were left behind from the annual Home Show that happens yearly at the HSEC; bricks that were left behind were

used to build a patio outside of Asharoken. Other improvements included upgrades to classrooms, new playground for the Kids Cottage, Campus Welcome & Directories and new adjunct faculty spaces.

Dr. Keane was excited to share that this year one of the capital projects that Dr. McKay worked tirelessly to be able to bring to the Grant Campus was completed, the new Learning Resource Center opened this fall semester. The campus went from a 20,000 square foot library to a 60,000 square foot building that has over 20 group and individual study rooms. The library includes an Academic Skill Center, Center for Teaching & Learning, Library Services, five computer classrooms, 100 seat auditorium, a board room, over 300 computer stations and 120 student study carrels on the second floor, all of them are piped with electric and data ports. With the new library open, the old library and skill center will be transformed into a performing and creative arts center. This new facility will include a dance studio, digital labs, photography, painting studios, ceramics room, theatre arts studio, a black box theatre and a chemistry lab.

The next project for the Grant campus is the Renewable Energy and STEM center. The center will be about a 30,000 square foot building that is going to foster new academic programs and multipurpose classrooms and a modern biology lab. Some of the new academic programs will be Cybersecurity, a wastewater treatment type program, energy management, and solar energy. Dr. Keane added that the architects promise that the building will be up and running for the fall of 2019. There will also be a new 12,000 square foot Plant Operations building. The historic red barns from Pilgrim State were going to be demolished but will now be refurbished and moved to the Center for Social Justice, where they can display art work.

Lastly Dr. Keane reviewed some of the new academic programs coming to the Grant Campus. The campus has been working on bringing a dental hygiene program, performing arts, and sonogram program, as well as the new STEM center will allow for programs in Wind, Geo-, Nano, Solar, Water Management, Energy Management, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity. The Grant Campus also offers Teaching and Learning Programs for faculty who opted into one of the cohorts. Some of the TLC programs are: Faculty Learning Community Program, Counselors Learning Community, New Honors Faculty Learning Community, 30 Minute Technology Programs, Administration & AME Programs, New Employee Workshops and a Humanities Center.

Dr. McKay thanked Dr. Keane for his presentation and commended him and the entire campus community on the accomplishments and improvements across the campus.

Trustee Canary said to Dr. Keane that Mike Grant, Sr. is smiling down on how proud he would be to see what a great metamorphosis has occurred on the Grant Campus, and thanked him. Trustee Morgo thanked Dr. Keane for his passion and enthusiasm and asked if the expenses for the renovations and expansion he talked about come from the operating budget or the capital budget.

Dr. Keane replied that renovations he described to Sagtikos, the LRC, and the new STEM center are from the capital budget. Other improvements such as the Welcome Center, Financial Aid and Admissions, were all done in house through operating funds. He noted the Plant Operations team had done a great job on all the construction; putting in doors, knocking down walls, carpet,

lights -- all that is done internally. Trustee Morgo then asked about the cost of new materials. Dr. Keane replied that each year they prioritize how the funds are allocated from the campus budget. For example some years when they experienced good winters and did not have to spend on sand and salt, they used those funds for some upgrades throughout campus. Trustee Morgo commented that it sounded like he was being fiscally responsible and looking for economies. He asked if this type of presentation was ever presented to the State and the County sponsor. Dr. McKay replied that the College does go before the legislature's Education Committee to update them on the improvements and expansions on each of the campuses, as well as the efficiencies.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan thanked Dr. Keane for his presentation and asked if they have ever thought about sponsorships for some of the courtyards or spaces on the campus. Dr. Keane replied he and Dr. Diaz, Executive Director of the Foundation, have had some conversations about those options.

Chair Sanders asked Dr. McKay if it was possible to have the presentation at the board retreat during the breakfast portion of the agenda when the legislators would be present. Dr. McKay said the presentation would be available for the board retreat.

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Chair Sanders asked if there were any items for the Roundtable discussion. With no comments for Roundtable, Chair Sanders requested a motion to recess the Board of Trustees meeting until 4:00 p.m. later that afternoon at which time the Board intends to go into executive session. She announced there would be no further business conducted at the 4:00 p.m. session. Trustee Morgo so moved. Trustee DeLeon Lopresti seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board of Trustees meeting was recessed at 10:53 a.m.

Chair Sanders reconvened the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:04 p.m. in the Alumni room of the Brookhaven Gymnasium on the Ammerman Campus, in Selden, New York.

Present:

Theresa Sanders	Chair
Jim Morgo	Vice Chair
Gordon D. Canary	Secretary
Denise Lindsay Sullivan	Trustee
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Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Trustee
Jerome Bost	Student Trustee
Louis Petrizzo	College General Counsel
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Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel

Trustee Morgo reported to the Board of Trustees that he was contacted by Suffolk County Economic Development regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) recently issued by Amazon for its new headquarters. Suffolk County will be submitting a response and contacted Trustee Morgo this week about the College serving as a partner for the response. Trustee Morgo reviewed that the RFP seeks space for Amazon's second headquarters and partnerships with higher education institutions. The RFP indicates Amazon projects that the headquarters will bring approximately 80,000 jobs to the area. Suffolk County is interested in listing the approximately 40 acres of vacant land on the College's Michael J. Grant Campus as part of its response. This land currently carries covenants that the land be used for educational purposes. There are nature trails on the land, and the land is used by some of the College's science classes. Trustee Morgo advised the Board of Trustees that Suffolk County Economic Development contacted him again today, stating that Suffolk County intends to highlight the College as a partner in its response and requested whether the County could identify any resources other than the 40 acres of land at the Grant Campus from a partnership with the College. Suffolk County Economic Development is also soliciting a letter of intent from the College to submit with its response to the RFP.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti noted that there could be opposition from local labor groups to the initiative to bring Amazon to Long Island, particularly if public funds were used to do so. The politics of a decision by the College to partner on the response need to be discussed further. Trustee Canary questioned whether the 40 acres of land on the Grant Campus could be subject to environmental restrictions given the current use and proximity to designated wetlands. There is no official environmental designation of the land of which the College is aware; there are, however, covenants on the land requiring the land be used for educational purposes. Trustee Morgo proposed a response to Suffolk County Economic Development on behalf of the Board of Trustees that the College has not had sufficient time to analyze the RFP and the College's potential role as a partner and requires more information in order to make a decision; Suffolk County Economic Development should contact Administration directly.

Chair Sanders requested a motion at 4:18 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, the terms of a contract, or matter leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. She stated there would be no further business after Executive Session. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan so moved, Trustee deLeon-Lopresti seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

With no further action after Executive session, the meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is October 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Learning Resource Center, on the Grant Campus in Brentwood, New York.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Canary
Secretary