

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
BOARD ROOM, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The meeting was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Learning Resource Center, on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood, New York.

PRESENT:

Theresa Sanders	Chair
Jim Morgo	Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Secretary
E. Christopher Murray	Trustee
Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Trustee
Shirley Coverdale	Trustee
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Kevin O'Connor	Trustee
Jerome Bost	Student Trustee
Louis J. Petrizzo	General Counsel/Executive V.P.
Alicia O'Connor	Deputy General Counsel
Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel
Jeffery Pedersen	V.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Gail Vizzini	V.P. for Business and Financial Affairs
Paul Beaudin	V.P. for Academic Affairs
Christopher J. Adams	V.P. for Student Affairs

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 4:07 p.m. Trustee Murray so moved, Trustee Canary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to approve the Association minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Student Trustee Bost so moved, Trustee deLeon-Lopresti seconded, and the motion to approved the minutes was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders introduced Dr. Christopher Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Association financial report for the period ending January 31, 2019. Dr. Adams said he was happy to report that all the various cost centers of the Association were operating in the positive. The Association is awaiting the disbursement of the student activity fee for the Spring semester. He expects it will be forthcoming by the end of the month and will update them at the April meeting.

Dr. Adams reported that he and Chair Sanders had a conference call with the auditors of the Association for the 2017-2018 year and it was a glowing report. He attributed and thanked Ms. Barbara Hurst, Director of Business Affairs, who was responsible for putting together policies and practices that are currently in place. He added that just five years ago the Association had somewhat of a challenge after their audit in which they had twenty recommendations to clean up. He thanked Director Hurst and the Campus Associate Deans of Student Services, as well as the three Directors of Campus Activities for a job well done. Chair Sanders congratulated and complimented Dr. Adams and his department for a job well done, and concurred that the Association had come a long way from a few years ago.

Dr. Adams then said he was also happy to report that the men's basketball team remained undefeated and was #1 in the country. They just recently beat the Borough of Manhattan Community College by 78 points. Channel 12 news has caught onto the team's success and will be doing a piece on the team later that evening.

Chair Sanders asked Dr. Adams to speak on the recent advocacy trip to Albany. Dr. Adams shared that every year the College plans two advocacy trips to Albany in which they also take students. Unfortunately, this year due to inclement weather the trip on February 12th had to be cancelled. However, they were able to go that Saturday and attend the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. He added that it was the 48th year that they've had the Caucus. The College, along with the Urban League of Long Island, sponsored the trip. He and Chair Sanders took 54 individuals up to Albany. The students were engaged and they had the opportunity to go to several workshops, and attend Assembly Speaker Heastie's open house. The group also had the opportunity to meet with Senator Kevin Parker, who is the majority leader of the Senate. He gave the students a tour of the chambers and gave them some history. One of the things that he pointed out to the students is the power that the students have if they would use it. He gave the example: if he had 200 students in the lobby or 20 senior citizens, he would go see the 20 senior citizens before he saw the students because he knows those senior citizens are registered and they are going to vote. Dr. Adams said that message really resonated with the students. He and Chair Sanders were pleased at how positive the students were on the way back and engaged in conversation about their trip to Albany.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:16 p.m. Student Trustee Bost so moved, Trustee Coverdale seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Canary
Secretary