

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 15, 2020

The meeting was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via conference call.

PRESENT:

E. Christopher Murray	Chair
Shirley Coverdale	2 nd Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Secretary
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Kevin O'Connor	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
Kaitlyn Gambina	Student Trustee
Louis J. Petrizzo	Interim President
Alicia O'Connor	Deputy General Counsel
Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Mark Harris	V.P. for Business and Financial Affairs
Dr. Paul Beaudin	V.P. for Academic Affairs
Dr. Christopher J. Adams	V.P. for Student Affairs
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. for Institutional Advancement
Dr. Jeffrey Pedersen	V.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Shady Azzam-Gomez	V.P. for Information Technology Services
Angelica Rivera	A.V.P. for Employee Resources

Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 4:04 p.m. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Canary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray called for a motion to approve the Association minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting. Student Trustee Gambina so moved, Trustee Zarate seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray introduced Dr. Christopher Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Association financial report. Dr. Adams reviewed the Association Financial report that was as of September 30, 2020.

VP Adams reported that each of the cost centers within the Association were operating in the positive. The Association received the first installment of the student activity fee

in mid-September in the amount of \$1,361,812, and they are expecting that in October they will receive an additional \$340,453 that will be distributed among the various cost centers. He said that all activity was going extremely well, they are doing a lot more online activity and he was pleased with the amount of engagement that was happening with the students.

The Association did participate in two outside activities - one was a beach cleanup that was sponsored by Senator Boyle, where about 50 students came out on a Saturday and cleaned up the beach at Robert Moses State Park. They made sure to socially distance and wore masks. The second was another event sponsored by Senator Boyle - a food drive for all three pantries on each of our campuses that are still open for our students. The event was very successful - students received bags of groceries and donations that will go directly to the food pantries. VP Adams thanked Senator Boyle's office as well as Trustee Canary for the opportunities to have the students participate in both events. The Association is now in the process of looking into doing a blood drive - because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a shortage of blood across Long Island.

VP Adams said that in response to a question about the fund balances within the Association he would give a brief update. The audited financials from the 2018-2019 fiscal year showed that the Association has over \$2,219,836 in the fund balance. The financials for the 2019-2020 year are expected to be audited in the first week in December, however, they are estimating they will be able to send over approximately \$400,000 to the fund balance within the Association.

VP Adams then thanked the Board of Directors for their support and guidance over the years that has allowed the Association to be successful. He thanked Ms. Barbara Hurst and her team as well as the campus' administrators for creating policies to help balance the Association's budget. VP Adams then thanked Neftali Collazo, Director of Athletics, for his great work with the athletic program. He then thanked Trustees Pagdanganan, Gambina and Zarate for their guidance and leadership within the Student Success committee over the last couple of years. He said he was very happy to be able to leave the Association in good stead and knows that it was going to be in good hands going forward, and thanked everyone for their assistance and dedication to the Association.

Chair Murray thanked VP Adams for his hard work for the College in all the different capacities and congratulated him on his move, saying he would be missed and hard to replace.

Trustee O'Connor said he echoed Chair Murray's sentiments and congratulated VP Adams on all his accomplishments at the College saying he was sad to see him go.

Trustee Canary said to VP Adams that it had been a pleasure working with him over the past six and a half years, thanked him for all his dedication and hard work, and wished him all the best in his new position.

Trustee Coverdale said she too echoed her colleagues' sentiments, saying it has been wonderful to work with VP Adams, someone who always went above and beyond what was required. She said it was evident that he really cared about the College and the students, and would be sorely missed, but congratulated him as he moved forward.

Trustee Zarate thanked VP Adams for everything that he had done for the College and his service to the students. She said his dedication has been impeccable, and his departure would be a loss the College.

Trustee Pagdanganan said that on behalf of the Student Success Committee, she thanked VP Adams for his dedication and enthusiasm. She said the students' success was always his top priority, and wished him the very best and good luck in his next journey.

Student Trustee Gambina said that as her advisor, VP Adams had taught her so much and helped her throughout the year. She also thanked him on behalf of Student Government for all the work he had done through the years and wished him success in the future.

VP Adams thanked everyone and said it had been a privilege and an honor to serve at Suffolk County Community College.

Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:12 p.m. Trustee Pagdanganan so moved, Trustee Coverdale seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Canary
Secretary