

**BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 28, 2010
Official**

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT Angelo Mastrangelo, Timothy Grippen, Robert Moppert, Zachariah Riley, James Orband, Margaret Coffey, Joyce Majewski, George Akel, Marc Newman

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Nicholas Serafini

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Newton, Julie Peacock, Martin Guzzi, Rich David, Elizabeth A. Wood, Robert Behnke, Patricia O'Day

Chairperson Mastrangelo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Trustee Coffey made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riley and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.**

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

NO ACTION ITEMS WERE PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1 Audit Presentation by Mr. Angelo Gallo and Ms. Jeri Fiorentino of Piaker & Lyons**

Auditor Angelo Gallo of Piaker & Lyons gave a presentation of Broome Community College's audit for the year ending August 31, 2009.

Grant Newton, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, discussed the Management's Discussion and Analysis section located on pages 4 through 14 of the Financial Statements report.

Mr. Newton thanked Jeanette Tillotson, Controller and her staff as well as Regina Losinger, Budget Officer for working with the auditors in preparing the report.

Mr. Gallo thanked Mr. Grant Newton, Jeanette Tillotson, Controller and Regina Losinger, Budget Officer and their staff for their assistance during the audit.

3.2 President's Report

In Dr. Deans Absence, Mr. Newton highlighted items in the President's Report.

Mr. Newton reminded the Board members of the Welcome Reception for Dr. Drumm scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. to be held in the Decker Building Atrium.

He reviewed the PHEEIA, the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovations Act with the Board members.

We can potentially be faced with a \$2.6 million deficit in our 2010-2011 academic year if the Governor's proposal is approved. If approved, the proposed 15.5% reduction in state aid will result in a \$1.34 million reduction in the College's state aid next year. We are looking at other ways to fill the gap that wouldn't raise tuition by \$500.

One of the advantages of the PHEEIA is that it allows the SUNY system to increase tuition each year at 2.5 times the average of the last five years of HEPI (Higher Education Price Index), this year it would have been 10.5%.

Dr. Drumm has already been involved with the New York Community College Association of Presidents and are in the process of proposing changes to the legislation. There are two cuts, \$285 per FTE and \$130 per FTE, they are proposing to leave the \$130 cut and restore the \$285 cut. If the \$285 was restored, the College would not have to raise tuition as much if it were to be left into the proposal.

The College will still be holding, filling positions, creating positions, cut back on equipment, contractual expenses, supplies expenses, and travel and will be looking to cut costs in each of those areas to try to hold the tuition increase to a minimum.

The Governor's proposal still has to be approved by the Legislature.

3.3 BCC Foundation Report

Dr. Judy Siggins presented the January 2010 Foundation report to the Board and a copy of this report was included in the Board package.

3.4 BCC Campus Operations Activity

Updates were given on various capital projects for January 2010 by Mr. Newton and a summary of these updates was included in the Board package.

Mr. Newton reported that the Alms House Building is still being abated and is expected to be completed within a couple of days. The building is expected to be demolished on either Thursday or Friday of next week.

3.5 Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers for December 2009 were included in the Board package.

3.6 Grant Approvals

Grant approvals for December 2009 were reviewed by Ms. Peacock.

3.7 Investment Report

This report is routine and for informational purposes.

3.8 Personnel Activity Reports

These reports are routine (with planned activity) and for informational purposes.

3.9 Budget Update

This report is routine and for informational purposes.

3.10 Press Clippings

This report is routine and for informational purposes.

Mr. David stated that many articles were about our new President Dr. Drumm. But the most noteworthy articles are a reference of the disaster in Haiti and how it affected our students. There are BCC students that were impacted by this and Dean Morello is the point person for the fundraiser that the College will be holding. There are 8 students from Haiti, 7 of which did have family that were lost in the earthquake.

3.11 BANNER Overload Compensation

Mr. Newton reviewed the proposed Banner Overload payments for the fall 2009 semester.

3.12 Annual Report Faculty-Student Association

As required by the Faculty-Student Association's Bylaws, a copy of the Faculty-Student Association Annual Report, including the Management Letter, was included in the Board of Trustees package for information.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Minutes from Finance and Facilities Meeting of January 19, 2010

Vice Chair Grippen submitted his Minutes for the January 19, 2010 meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Letter to the Board of Trustees

A letter addressed to Mr. Newton concerning long distance learning fees was included in the Board Packet for the Boards information. Also included was Mr. Newton's response letter.

5.2 Haiti Fundraiser Flyer

Dean Debbie Morello commended the Vice Presidents, Deans and Counselors who were there for the students. Many of them personally met with the students. The deans put money on their calling cards for the students to phone home to speak with family in Haiti. Within the last two days \$500 has been collected from faculty and staff for a fund to help these students and their families.

The event is scheduled for February 13th. Our International students designed the logo on the flyer and are selling tickets to the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Mastrangelo called for Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and financial and credit history of a particular corporation.

At 7:09 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Newman to adjourn to Executive Session and seconded by Trustee Akel. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Newton was asked to attend Executive Session.

Trustee Riley made a motion to end Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Majewski.

Trustees went into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:43 p.m.

Trustee Orband made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Riley and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

THE NEXT FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 IN THE DECKER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER BUILDING.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE KLEE DINING HALL AND THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE LIBOUS ROOM.