

**NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2021**

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**A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held  
on December 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.  
in person, via ZOOM, and live streaming**

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Jason Cafarella, Chairperson (arrived 4:45p.m.)  
Ms. Gina Virtuoso, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Kevin Clark, Financial Secretary  
Ms. Katherine Alexander  
Mr. William Ross  
Mr. Jerald Wolfgang  
Mr. Maurice Jackson, Student Trustee

**Board Members Present via ZOOM**

Ms. Bonnie Sloma, Secretary  
Ms. Sheila Smith

**Administration Present**

William J. Murabito, Ph.D., President  
Ms. Deborah Brewer, Director of Foundation  
Ms. Catherine Brown, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources (via ZOOM)  
Ms. Barbara DeSimone, Director of Public Relations  
Mr. John Eichner, Director of Business Services  
Dr. Fabio Escobar, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Mr. Jesse Goldberg, Chief Information Officer  
Mr. Wayne Lynch, Vice President of Administration  
Ms. Julia Pitman, Vice President of Student Services  
Ms. Lydia Ulatowski, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Ms. Barbara Walck, Assistant to the President

Vice Chairperson Virtuoso called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m. and asked Trustee Ross to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the military.

Vice Chairperson Virtuoso stated that the meeting is being recorded and live streamed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Vice Chairperson Virtuoso asked Robert McKeown, AVP of Enrollment Management to provide his presentation on Enrollment. Updates on items included: Winter Session Enrollment Update, Spring Recruitment Initiatives – Enrollment Update, Fall Recruitment Initiatives, and Current / Upcoming Marketing Campaigns. Lydia Ulatowski, VP of Academic Affairs discussed the flexibility of classes. Barbara DeSimone, Director of Public Relations discussed the marketing initiatives via a PowerPoint. The daily flash report on enrollment was handed out to trustees along with the PowerPoint provided by Robert McKeown.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Carafella asked if Board members wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. It was moved

by Trustee Wolfgang and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 board meeting, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and Grant Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairperson Cafarella asked Board members if there were questions regarding the Information Items. The following items were received and filed: Grant Tracking Chart, Personnel Status Chart, Foundation Report, Facilities Update, and Prospective Request for Bids (2).

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Cafarella stated that a majority of board members are available on March 22, 2022 for the March board meeting. Please mark this on your calendars as the official date.

He also stated the holiday board meeting / dinner at Savor on December 6 was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the Savor staff for the great food provided.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Murabito discussed the following:

- President Murabito discussed the new SUNY Interim Chancellor, Deborah Stanley, and she will begin serving effective January 15, 2022.
- Thank you to all who participated in the third annual Day of Giving; we netted over \$8,000 for the annual fund and many programs at the college. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.
- The Gingerbread Wonderland was not the usual life size, but we did offer take-home gingerbread kits to decorate, entertainment, and Santa was present, along with the gingerbread competition showcasing beautiful displays. Much work went into this year's event and we thank all those who made this possible.
- President Murabito and others participated in the Student Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 17, by serving our students in the Dining Commons. A carry-out event at NFCI was held on November 19 for their students.
- On November 17, we hosted a press conference in the Learning Commons for the Niagara Falls Flight Academy; Joe Wolfson is in contact with us daily, and is working aggressively on this.
- President Murabito attended a play production performed by our students in Fine Arts. The President encouraged everyone to take time to see the work they put into these productions.
- President Murabito had a meeting with John Simon and members of the World Weather Center, with interest in downtown Niagara Falls property for student housing and visitors in the summer.
- President Murabito had a meeting with John Simon, as a partner with P-Tech. There is interest with Niagara Falls students to be part of this program.
- On December 3, NCCC hosted area high school principals with a meeting luncheon, to discuss programs we offer; they also received a tour and it was important for all to see the college, along with the changes and upgrades. Everyone seemed encouraged with the tour and information provided. Last year we hosted the superintendents.
- A meeting took place to discuss the expansion of the Rainbow Mall, along with a possible expansion of the culinary community kitchen, a greenhouse, and a culinary training center for others across the country.
- On December 9, President Murabito attended a meeting with Joe Wolfson and others from NCCC. They met with Niagara County Economic Development to discuss the existing space at the Niagara Falls Airport.
- Lastly, we want to acknowledge Trustee Ross for being inducted into the Section 6 Hall of Fame on December 3. Congratulations on this achievement!

## STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Student Trustee Report was provided by Maurice Jackson. He provided handouts of the Basketball and Wrestling Schedules.

President Murabito stated the Dolce Valvo Art Center is open, and the testing center has been moved down the hall.

## FACULTY OBSERVER REPORT

The Faculty Observer Report was provided by Dr. Julie Woodworth.

President Murabito discussed the contingency plan discussed with other presidents. As of now, classes will be held as scheduled.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ACADEMIC/STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson Smith stated there are no agenda items to report on.

### FISCAL COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson Sloma asked Vice Chair Virtuoso to read the resolution.

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

NCCC Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO Collective Bargaining Agreement

Background: Niagara County Community College in good faith have negotiated a four-year collective bargaining agreement ('Agreement') with the Niagara County Community College Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO concerning wages, terms, and other conditions of employment for the term of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2025. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Niagara County Community College on October 6, 2021 the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:

**WHEREAS**, Niagara County Community College and Niagara County Community College Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO reached a settlement agreement on October 6, 2021 outlining the negotiated changes as attached.

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement has been lawful and properly ratified by the membership of the Niagara County Community College Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO on November 24, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, Niagara County Community College and Niagara County Community College Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO finds that the best interests for both parties are served by executing the aforesaid amendment.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the ratification of the union contract between Niagara County Community College and the Niagara County Community College Adjuncts Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO effective December 21, 2021.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Jason Cafarella  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
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It was moved by Trustee Ross and seconded by Student Trustee Jackson to approve the Resolution –  
NCCC Adjuncts  
Association, NYSUT/AFT, AFL-CIO Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Lynch provided the Business and Finance updates.

It was moved by Trustee Wolfgang and seconded by Trustee Clark that the Board go into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to discuss contract negotiations at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board come out of Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Wolfgang recognized Trustee Alexander on her new position at Niagara County.

**GOOD & WELFARE**

There was no Good & Welfare.

It was moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Student Trustee Jackson to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Sloma  
Secretary