

**NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 19, 2019**

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**A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held  
on March 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.  
in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room  
at Niagara County Community College**

**Board Members Present**

Mr. William Ross, Chairperson  
Ms. Gina Virtuoso, Vice Chairperson  
Ms. Bonnie Sloma, Secretary  
Mr. Vincent Sandonato, Financial Secretary  
Mr. Jason Cafarella  
Mr. Kevin Clark  
Mr. Jerald Wolfgang

**Board Members Absent**

Ms. Sheila Smith

**Administration Present**

William J. Murabito, Ph.D., Interim President  
Ms. Deborah Brewer, Director of Foundation  
Ms. Catherine Brown, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Barbara DeSimone, Director of Public Relations  
Mr. John Eichner, Interim Vice President of Finance and Information Technology  
Ms. Patrice Elnicki, Director of Financial Accounting and Reporting  
Mr. Wayne Lynch, Interim Vice President of Operations  
Mr. Dennis Michaels, Chief Information Officer  
Ms. Victoria Orzetti, Assistant Director of Human Resources  
Mr. James Trimboli, Director of Financial Aid  
Ms. Barbara Walck, Assistant to the President  
Mr. Bradley Wingert, Interim Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Invited Guests Present**

Ms. Cheryl Beyer, ESPA Union President  
Mr. David Nemi, Faculty Union President  
Mr. Marc Pietrzykowski, Faculty Senate President

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and asked Trustee Clark to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in respect for the men and women who are serving our country.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one public comment given by Violet Matalavage, a current student.

## **PRESENTATION**

Presentations were provided by Professor Kathy Gerbasi on the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) and Dr. Matthew Clarcq, regarding the Student Showcase; a handout was provided.

President Murabito thanked both presenters for their dedicated work regarding the conference and showcase they are working on.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson Ross asked if Board members wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Virtuoso and seconded by Trustee Clark that the Board approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Sloma and seconded by Trustee Virtuoso to approve the revised minutes from the December 11, 2018 board meeting, along with the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the Grant Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairperson Ross asked Board members if there were questions regarding the Information Items. There were no questions. The following items were received and filed: Grant Tracking Chart, Personnel Status Chart, Foundation Report, Facilities Update, and State Education Letter approval to add Distance Education Format to Certificate in Chemical Dependency Counseling.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Ross stated the Men's Basketball Team would be playing this evening in the National Tournament, and the Women's Basketball Team will play tomorrow in the National Tournament. Good Luck to both of our teams.

Chairperson Ross briefly discussed the newspaper article on The Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government and stated we would look into this matter. President Murabito also discussed the article and provided a handout from Barbara DeSimone, Public Relations Director listing the membership of the Coalition and some background information.

Chairperson Ross discussed the bylaw change regarding the Executive Committee resolution. President Murabito recommended during Old Business, this item should be tabled. It is important to find a date and time that accommodates all board members. Chairperson Ross feels we are getting closer to a governors appointment. Board members discussed attendance at board meetings.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Murabito discussed the following:

- Western New York Consortium recently held a Presidential meeting, and determined that a different model will be needed, as colleges are opposed to paying increased fees.
  - Leadership Breakfast was held on March 7 at NFCI; possibly to be held once or twice a year.
  - Niagara USA Chamber Awards Dinner was held on March 15, thank you to the trustees who attended.
  - The Student Showcase will be held on April 4; Trustees Ross, Sloma and Virtuoso have volunteered to judge this event.
  - The basketball teams will be playing in the National Tournament, as was previously discussed.
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- Professor Emeriti letters were mailed to award recipients. On April 29, there will be a reception from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., followed by FRCAE Keynote Speaker Carolyn Stanko.
  - The Culinary Institute is currently working on a new transition. The liquor license will now be through

the college, and board members will need to be named on the license and part of the process. An application will be sent shortly to board members.

#### **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

There is no Student Trustee Report.

#### **FACULTY OBSERVER REPORT**

Faculty Senate President Marc Pietrzykowski provided his report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Academic/Student Life Committee**

It was moved by Trustee Wolfgang and seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Sabbatical request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **Fiscal Committee**

It was moved by Trustee Sandonato and seconded by Trustee Sloma that the Board amend the summer work schedule to extend through July, with the college closed on Fridays. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Virtuoso and seconded by Trustee Sloma 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 and update on the Child Development Center at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Trustee Sloma and seconded by Trustee Clark that the Board come out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

It was moved by Trustee Sloma and seconded by Trustee Clark to table the Executive Committee Resolution. One trustee was opposed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **GOOD & WELFARE**

There was no Good & Welfare.

It was moved by Trustee Sloma and seconded by Trustee Clark to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Sloma  
Secretary