

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 18, 2019

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**A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held
on June 18, 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 (via teleconference)
Mr. Jason Cafarella
Mr. Kevin Clark

Board Members Absent

Mr. Vincent Sandonato, Financial Secretary
Ms. Sheila Smith
Mr. Jerald Wolfgang

Administration Present

William J. Murabito, Ph.D., Interim President
Mr. Ross Annable, Chief of Campus Public Safety/Peace Officer
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. Terry Gill, Assistant Chief of Campus Public Safety/Peace Officer
Mr. Wayne Lynch, Interim Vice President of Operations
Mr. Robert McKeown, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management
Mr. Dennis Michaels, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Julia Pitman, Vice President of Student Services
Ms. Lydia Ulatowski, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
Ms. Barbara Walck, Assistant to the President

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 4:40 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 were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

President Murabito introduced Marlee McCabe, Public Relations Assistant. Marlee is the recipient of the third place prize for Excellence in Photography Award from SUNYCUAD (State University of New York Council for University Advancement) for her photos taken for brochures of plated food items at Savor/LaPatisserie at NCCI. This is the first time an employee from NCCC has been recognized at this statewide conference for their work. A PowerPoint was provided of the photos taken by Marlee. Congratulations!

Mr. Ross Annable, Chief of Campus Public Safety/Peace Officer and Mr. Terry Gill, Assistant Chief of Campus Public Safety/Peace Officer provided an update on the active shooter drill to take place on Friday, July 26 at the Sanborn Campus at 10am. The goal of this drill is to give security the opportunity to coordinate with local law enforcement, record response times, review individual's responsibilities, etc. Employees are invited to observe the drill.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no quorum for approval of the consent agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairperson Ross asked Board members if there were questions regarding the Information Items. Wayne Lynch, Interim Vice President of Operations provided updates on D building roof repair, front roadway repair, and LED lighting. The following items were received and filed: Grant Tracking Chart, Personnel Status Chart, Foundation Report, and Facilities Update.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Ross stated that Matthew Clingersmith, NCCC Baseball Coach would be inducted into the Niagara Falls Hall of Fame. Again this year, the NYCCT conference will be held in Saratoga Springs on September 20 and 21. Please see Barbara Walck for more information. The annual ACCT Leadership conference will be held in San Francisco from October 16 – 19; which is the same Saturday as our Scholarship Gala. The Niagara Falls Education Foundation provided a thank you letter for our sponsorship to their foundation event.

INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Murabito discussed the following:

- On June 6, Dr. Merryl Tisch, Vice Chairperson of the SUNY Board, Johanna Duncan-Poitier and Jennifer Mero visited our campus, as they are visiting all SUNY campuses. A group of individuals met with them and discussed enrollment, national trends, etc. They also met separately with four students.
- On June 4, Dr. Murabito and others attended the Athena Awards Ceremony in Buffalo, as Gail Tylec, a faculty member, was selected as one of ten finalists. The Leadership Award was presented to JoAnn Falletta, Music Director, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Congratulations to Gail for being nominated for this prestigious award.
- On June 10, Dr. Murabito attended the NYCCAP meeting in Albany. In the evening, there was a reception for the Distinguished Academy.
- On June 11, Dr. Murabito attended a SUNY Presidents' meeting in Albany, hosted by Chancellor Johnson. General education, online courses, health safety, etc. was discussed.
- The Foundation Board meeting was held on June 12, followed by a reception where the Distinguished Student awards recipients were recognized. Deborah Brewer, Foundation Director gave a brief update.
- The Learning Commons project was a finalist for the Buffalo Business First Brick by Brick Awards, under the Collegiate category. The winner in the category was Mackenzie Complex at Alfred State College.
- The Roy Sommer golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 24 at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club. Please contact Barbara Walck for more information.
- President Murabito received a call regarding our Bylaws, and mentioned accepting personal gifts. This policy falls under the Public Officers Law.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Chairperson Ross stated our new student trustee Eric Lipps was in attendance today, and his first official meeting will be on August 6, 2019. There was no Student Trustee Report.

FACULTY OBSERVER REPORT

There was no Faculty Observer Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fiscal Committee

There was no quorum to vote on the committee agenda.

Vice Chairperson Virtuoso provided an update on the draft timeline for the extended Presidential Search.

Chairperson Ross discussed the resolutions for NYCCT awards for Vice Chairperson Gina Virtuoso, Secretary Bonnie Sloma and Chairperson Ross.

Chairperson Ross also requested that Barbara Walck send an email to board members to change the August board meeting to August 6, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GOOD & WELFARE

There was no Good & Welfare.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Barbara Walck
Secretary