

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 26, 2016

Trustees Present: Mr. Thomas E. LeGrand, Chairperson; Mr. Dale L. Borchert, Ms. Betsy Brown, Ms. Barbara Hugo, Mr. Richard Keller-Coffey, Mr. Daniel P. Kuffner, Dr. Sherre Wesley, and Mr. Richard Recchia, Student Trustee
Dr. Pamela R. Edington, President

Absent: Mr. Michael Francis Dupree and Ms. Denise Doring VanBuren

Also Present: Ms. Micki Strawinski, Dutchess County Legislature Liaison

- I. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Chairperson LeGrand.
- II. Roll Call by Ms. Beasimer, quorum present.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Upon motion made by Dr. Wesley, seconded by Mr. Borchert, voted on and duly carried, the agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Swearing-in of Trustee Barbara Hugo

Chairman LeGrand administered the oath of office to Ms. Barbara Hugo, who was appointed by the Governor to serve another term as a Trustee of the College.

V. Public Comment

- A. Associate Professor Renee Lathrop addressed the Board regarding the agenda item related to faculty appointments. She thanked them for their support of faculty and gave examples of how she, as a faculty member, positively affects the life of her students.
- B. Professor Johanna Halsey, President of Dutchess United Educators, addressed the Board regarding several non-agenda items.
 1. She thanked Trustee Keller-Coffey for taking the time to visit the campus and interact with members of the faculty and staff.
 2. She briefly spoke about the upcoming Legislative visit that DUE is hosting in conjunction with the Board of Trustees.
 3. She expressed her appreciation to administration for sharing information during the negotiations process and for the open communications between DUE and the College.

- 4. Professor Halsey invited Board members to attend the DUE Awards, which are scheduled for May 4th.

VI. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on March 22, 2016: Upon motion made by Mr. Kuffner, seconded by Mr. Borchert, voted on and duly carried, the minutes were approved as distributed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

It is noted for the minutes that all of the resolutions that are presented to the Board for approval are reviewed and discussed at committee meetings prior to the Board meeting.

A. Personnel and Community Relations

1. Approval of Faculty Appointments

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-36

Ms. Hugo offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
 BE IT RESOLVED, that, based upon the recommendation of the President of the College, the following faculty appointments for the 2016-2017 academic year are hereby approved:

TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Teresa Burke, Instructor of Biology, Department of Allied Health and Biological Sciences, at an annual salary of \$55,270

Jordon Dawdy, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, at an annual salary of \$54,190

Lindsey Guile, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, Department of Performing, Visual Arts, and Communications, at an annual salary of \$58,882

Gordon Lake, Instructor of Biology, Department of Allied Health and Biological Sciences, at an annual salary of \$56,654

Holly McCabe, Instructor of Visual Arts, Department of Performing, Visual Arts, and Communications, at an annual salary of \$56,654

TEMPORARY, FULL-TIME FACULTY

Jason Gumaer, Instructor of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Physical and Computer Sciences, at an annual salary of \$55,270

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Seconded by Mr. Kuffner

Resolution adopted unanimously

VIII. Report of the Student Trustee

- A. Student Trustee Recchia announced that Student Government Association (SGA) officers have been elected for next year.

President/Student Trustee: Matthew Lahey
Vice President: Angelique Malcolm
Treasurer: Andrea Gariolo

- B. The SGA has created two new positions: A Director of Athletic Relations and a Director of Resident Relations.
- C. A clean-up of Morgan Lake was held.
- D. Mr. Recchia informed Board members that preparations are underway to start a student newsletter.
- E. The SGA is investigating ways to better use technology to communicate. A student government group has been formed to help disseminate meeting minutes, legislative information, etc.
- F. Student Trustee Recchia reported that manuals for SGA positions have been created to help future leaders fulfill their roles.
- G. The SGA is in the process or reorganizing its budget for 2016-2017.
- H. As President of the SGA, Mr. Recchia has been in contact with the President of the Professional Staff Organization (PSO) about student recruitment for PSO committees and the possibility of students attending PSO meetings.
- I. The Annual Club Recognition Dinner is scheduled for May 9, 2016.
- J. A carnival was held in the center of campus last week and was very well attended.
- K. Various activities related to Mental Health Awareness Week were held.
- L. Student Trustee Recchia informed Board members that, working with administration, Dutchess 101, which was a quiet study lounge, has now been converted to a regular student lounge. Administration agreed that there are currently enough quiet student lounges located in the Library.
- M. The SGA is exploring how to ensure the student emergency fund will continue in the future. Discussions with the DCC Foundation are underway about making it a restricted fund and possibly, in the future, turning it into an endowed fund.
- N. The SGA and the History, Government and Economics Department co-sponsored a conversation about economics and racism.

- O. Student volunteers are being recruited to work at the graduation ceremony.
- P. Mr. Recchia reported that students are also being recruited to meet with candidates for the position of Dean of Student Services.

IX. Report of the Chairperson

- A. Chairman LeGrand remarked on the fiscal health of the College. Dr. Anderson gave a presentation on the budget at the Workshop meeting held earlier in the evening, and Mr. LeGrand commended administration on the work that is done to ensure the College remains financially sound and well-run.
- B. On behalf of the Board members, Chairman LeGrand congratulated Trustee Kuffner on receiving an award for his work with the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse.

X. Report of the President

- A. President Edington informed Board members that we are in the process of hiring faculty for the 2016-2017 academic year and are very pleased with the candidate pool. Recommendations for appointments will be brought to the May Board meeting.
- B. Dr. Edington announced that the College will be co-sponsoring and hosting the Gateway for Entrepreneurial Tomorrows Hudson Valley Latino Forum in October.
- C. President Edington reported that the College has been invited to participate in *Achieving the Dream*. This Community College National Reform Network was established in 2004, and its purpose is to increase student success in community colleges using data and networking to support member institutions. It focuses on low income, first generation students and those students from under-represented groups. Participating colleges work with other institutions to help them develop a student-focused culture.

Achieving the Dream, which includes over 200 community colleges across the country, is funded by major corporations. The Kresge Foundation has offered to underwrite DCC's participation in the amount of \$120,000 over three years. We are in the process of contacting potential donors to fund the balance of membership fees (\$35,000/year).

The possibility of participating in *Achieving the Dream* was discussed with the Professional Staff Organization and the President's Advisory Council, where it was unanimously agreed that the College would benefit from such a relationship.

- D. Dr. Edington told Board members that she has been holding open forums with faculty to discuss the optimal organization of academic departments. Four forums have been held so far, and four more are scheduled. These forums have been a good opportunity to talk about what is working and what can be improved.
- E. President Edington informed Board members that she and Chairman LeGrand attended the first Regional Community College Council. Associate Professor Kevin Cavanaugh joined them. The Council will work towards strengthening collaboration between colleges and employers, which will help the regional economy. We have offered to host the next meeting.
- F. Dr. Edington and Diana Pollard, the Executive Director of the DCC Foundation, recently travelled to Washington, D.C. and met with Llelanie Orcutt, a major donor of the College. They also had the opportunity to meet with some alumni and friends of the College who live in the area.
- G. We are in the process of developing a lease agreement with the Family Partnership Center so we can move our HSE and ESL classes there starting in July. This is a good opportunity for the College to have a presence in the City of Poughkeepsie and strengthen our relationship with the community.
- H. President Edington told Board members that she attended the Community Wealth Building Summit that was held at Vassar College recently. It was designed to bring community leaders together to talk about ways to support the social and economic fabric of our area.
- I. Dr. Edington reported that she has been invited by the Teagle Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies to attend a meeting in October to discuss ways to expand their mission and resources to support community college faculty.

XI. Items for Future Agendas

There were no items for future agendas; however, Trustee Keller-Coffey offered the following comments:

- A. He said he appreciated receiving *The Monday Post*. He found it very informative and liked learning about the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students.
- B. Mr. Keller-Coffey expressed his appreciation to the members of the faculty and staff who met with him during his recent visit to campus.

XII. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Hugo, voted on, and duly carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Beasimer
Recording Secretary

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