



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the July 25, 2014, Board Meeting

DATE: July 22, 2014

Trip Abroad

I will be attending the 3rd **Universia International Presidents Meeting** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 27 to 29. The theme of the meeting is "The University of the 21st Century: An Insight from Latin America." Its purpose is to create a collaborative interchange of ideas and insights into higher education to identify ways in which relationships among the Ibero-American universities and other universities can be enhanced as well as to promote the diffusion of knowledge through the Internet.

This event is sponsored by Bank Santander through its Santander Universities Global Division, which has supported Universia in all of its activities since its establishment in 2000. Universia is a most important university network that includes 1,262 universities in 23 countries, representing a total of 16.2 million students and teachers. Over 900 presidents have registered for this Universia International Presidents Meeting.

Meetings are being scheduled for me to talk with university presidents from Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, and Chile. I have also been invited to dinner with Mr. Román Blanco, who is Santander's new Country Head for the United States. I am looking forward to the trip and am eager to discuss partnerships with international universities.

Ocean County College Foundation

- On Wednesday, July 16, members of the Ocean County College Foundation and Ocean County College Board of Trustees, as well as staff members, took part in the

OceanFirst Foundation's Fifth Anniversary Scholarship Reception at Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club, Farmingdale.

The OceanFirst Foundation graciously donated \$50,000 to the Ocean County College Foundation to provide 50 incoming students with \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship recipients are graduates of schools in the OceanFirst Bank service areas of Ocean and Monmouth counties with grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. They also must be entering as full-time freshmen in the fall semester.

Overall, the OceanFirst Foundation donated \$200,000 this year for scholarships at Ocean County College, Brookdale Community College, Georgian Court University, and Monmouth University. Since the inception of the program, the OceanFirst Foundation has awarded \$1 million to local students.

- The Ocean County College Foundation's 2014 Scholarship Celebration is being held on Saturday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Health and Human Performance Center. This year, the Foundation is recognizing 50 Years of Excellence in Education at Ocean County College.

The event chair is Mr. Kenneth J. Malagiere, and the Honorary Chair is Mr. Philip G. Zitelli. All proceeds from the Celebration will benefit the Foundation's endowment to support student scholarships. During the past year, the Foundation awarded 581 scholarships totaling over \$456,000.

Please join us for this very special evening to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ocean County College. Gourmet food will be served, music will be provided, and a silent auction will take place.

Finance and Administration

➤ Office of Information Technology

- Prior to the start in June of the many Kids on Campus camps being offered this summer, Information Technology worked with Continuing and Professional Education to develop an instant enrollment process to facilitate registration. Registration can now be done online, and all required information associated with having children on campus can be obtained easily, including the best way to contact parents, if necessary. Additionally, name tags for the children can be generated quickly as a result of electronic information collection.
- Information Technology is currently collaborating with Academic Affairs to install and configure *Accudemia*, a new web-based academic center management system that offers many benefits, universal accessibility, and quick implementation. It can be used for tracking students, appointment management, academic early warnings, referrals, feedback collection, and student-faculty interactions.

- Final testing is completed for *Student Finance Views*, a self-service solution by Ellucian that provides a complete real-time view of a student's financial record in an elegant, modern web interface. The new view will be in place for the start of the fall semester.
- College Relations
 - Four additional banners highlighting successful OCC alumni will be installed on campus. Very large banners will be located on the Nursing Building, Administration Building, Fine Arts Building, and Bartlett Hall. The banners will be changed every two years to highlight different alumni and celebrate new accomplishments.
 - As part of Ocean County College's 50th Anniversary celebration, you are invited to enjoy the BlueClaws at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood on Friday, August 15, in the First Base Picnic Area for a BBQ buffet, ball game, and fireworks. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., and the game begins at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$19.95 for adults and \$11.95 for children, discounted from the regular entrance fee, which can be purchased in the Student Life Office. Attendees will receive free OCC 50th Anniversary t-shirts to wear for the evening to demonstrate OCC's team spirit.

- *Ocean Views* (our Alumni magazine) highlights the best of Ocean County College and communicates its new programs, outstanding accomplishments by staff, students, and alumni, along with other items of interest. This edition highlights the 50th Anniversary of OCC and focuses on where we were, where we are, and where we are going for the next 50 years.
- A new logo design has been created for the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts. The logo strikes a balance between Ocean County College's long history of commitment to the arts and the Grunins' generous donation to support exciting new programs. The new logo will be incorporated in all OCC publications, communications, and the website.



Jay and Linda
GRUNIN CENTER
 FOR THE ARTS

➤ Performing Arts

The faculty and staff of Performing Arts have been busy planning performances and events made possible by the recent gift from the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation. The 2014-2015 Grunin Spotlight Series includes the following performances:

- October 11, 2014 Bernie William's Jazz All-Star Band
- October 30, 2014 Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway
- January 17, 2015 Sutton Foster
- February 9, 2015 Anthony McGill
- February 24, 2015 Chanticleer
- March 28, 2015 Emerson String Quartet
- April 11, 2015 The Hit Men

Ms. Bobbi Krantz, Part-Time Director of the Arts and Community Center, and Mr. Mark Wilson, Lecturer II in Music and Dance, will join us on Friday to highlight the Grunin Spotlight Series.

➤ Facilities

- During the past year, the Facilities Work Control Center dispatched surveys to SchoolDude end users to evaluate its services and determine ways in which the Center can be improved. The response from the campus community was extremely positive, with respondents remarking on the professionalism and excellent service offered by the Center's staff.
- The newly established and improved Safety Committee will meet in the near future with key members of the campus community to promote awareness, encourage participation, and communicate safety processes. The committee looks forward to establishing a renewed focus on safety throughout the campus.
- The Facilities Warehouse has begun a partnership with Fastenal, a distributor of industrial, safety, and construction supplies. Fastenal will be providing solutions for small inventory control and re-order management to reduce labor costs and materials on hand. Implementation of this partnership is scheduled for the week of July 14.

➤ Security

- On June 5, Ms. Jan Kirsten, Executive Director of College Relations, Mr. Sydney Stroman, Security Lieutenant, and Mr. Bob Kumpf, Director of Security, attended training sponsored by the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. The program, entitled *The Aftermath, Higher Education Active Shooter Recovery Workshop*, provided an overview of planning; economic recovery; health and social services; relationships with local, state, and federal partners; and public information and warning systems. The workshop included three modules: Active Shooter - First 24 Hours, The First Week, and Long-Term Recovery.

A version of this workshop was recently conducted as part of our College Security Training (to date, 14 officers have received Security Officers

Registration Act (SORA) training). Officers who completed the training found it to be **extremely beneficial**, which suggests that it should be **expanded** to other areas of our **College community**.

- The **Clery Act** is a **federal law** that requires **colleges and universities** to disclose information about **crime** on their **campuses**. As part of the **Clery Act requirements**, institutions must **identify individuals** who have **significant responsibility** for **student activities** and **designate** them as **Campus Security Authorities (CSA's)**. The role of a CSA is to **report** to the **appropriate officials** any **crime information** that was provided to him or her in "**good faith**."

Because CSA's play a **vital role** in **ensuring compliance** with the law, **training** will be offered to those who are considered **CSA's on campus**. To date, **several members** of the **coaching staff** have been **trained**, and **additional training sessions** will be offered for **other departments** on campus.

- **Mr. Kumpf** was recently sworn in as **President** of **New Jersey CUPSA (College and University Public Safety Association)**. **NJ CUPSA** is an organization consisting of **40 colleges and universities**, with **1,800 police and security professionals** protecting over **350,000 students**.
- **Planetarium**
 - On **Saturday, July 26**, the **Planetarium** is presenting **Summer Laser Fest**. The shows will include **Laser Beatles**, **Laser Vinyl**, **Laser Zeppelin**, **Laser Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon**, and **Laser Pink Floyd: The Wall**.
 - On **Saturday, August 2**, the **Planetarium** will be hosting a **Pajama Night Show**.
 - Also on **Saturday, August 2**, the **Planetarium**, along with the **Astronomical Society of the Toms River Area (ASTRA)**, will be hosting a **Star Watch Party** at **Island Beach State Park**. The **Seaside Park Environmental Committee** and the **Parks Committee of Island Beach State Park** approached the **Planetarium** to **organize** this **unique event**. The **Star Watch Party attendance** is **limited**; however, the **Planetarium** has a **few tickets** available should a trustee be interested in attending. Hopefully, this event will be the **first** of **many partnership possibilities** with the **Seaside Park community**.
- **Ocean County College ID Cards**

As a result of our **partnership** with **Santander Bank**, **Santander** is providing new **smart identification cards** to the **College** at **no cost**. The cards will be **branded** with the **OCC logo** and issued to all **students and staff** and will **replace** the **current OCC ID cards**. The new cards will allow students to **link Santander checking accounts** to their **Ocean County College ID cards**, and the new cards will be capable of **additional functionality**, such as **opening swipe-card doors**, **paying for copies**, and

ordering food in the new Student Center. It should be noted that these are not credit cards, and students do not have to open a Santander account in order to receive the ID cards. The cards will be delivered in the next few weeks and will then be issued to students for the start-up of the fall semester.

Partnership with Ellucian

On Friday, July 18, Mr. John Speer, President and CEO of Ellucian, met with me on campus as a follow-up to our recent conversations regarding Ocean's interest in becoming an Ellucian channel partner. Ms. Sara Winchester and Mr. Hatem Akl, Chief Information Officer, were also present, as were members of the Ellucian team, including Mr. Chuck Keller of Ellucian Managed Services, Mr. Jeff Davison from Professional Services, and Mr. Matthew Alonzo, Sales Executive. During the full-day working session, we discussed in detail the components necessary for OCC to form a successful three-party relationship with Ellucian and another college. The discussion was extremely productive; the next steps include meeting with potential partner institutions. I will keep the trustees informed as the project continues to move forward.

Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

On September 18, 2013, Mr. Robert Moss submitted an OPRA request for records regarding a public meeting discussing the proposed west driveway as mentioned in the 2008 OCC Facilities Master Plan. After extensive research, no records had been found matching his request; a response with that information was given to Mr. Moss, along with the suggestion to check with the Ocean County Engineer. On October 15, 2013, Mr. Moss filed a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) claiming unlawful denial of access to government records. On June 26, 2014, the GRC found that Ms. Sara Winchester, Custodian of Records, met the burden of proof and did not unlawfully deny access to the complainant's OPRA request. The matter is closed.

Student Affairs

- Dr. Norma Betz, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, will speak briefly at Friday's meeting regarding the reorganization and transition of Enrollment Management and the Student Affairs Division, formerly under the supervision of Mr. Don Doran. At the same time, Dr. Betz will share with you some of her future plans to continually improve our interaction with and service to students.
- The Ocean County College Athletics Program has been named ninth in the nation in the Non-Scholarship Colleges category by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletics Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup Program. The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Congratulations to Ms. Ilene Cohen, Executive Director of Athletics, Mr. A.J. Trump, Athletics Director, and all of the coaches, staff, and students who contributed to this success.

Academic Affairs

- An implementation plan for the one-year trial period approved by the trustees last month for the revised Lecturer II job description has been developed. Dr. Wang met with Lecturer II's on July 17 to review the plan, which was well received by the attendees.
- The final segment of the College Readiness program has brought 28 high school juniors from all three Toms River high schools to the College campus for a college-level math course, a student success course, and a college English seminar. Dr. Wang and I visited the students in class on July 22, and a majority of them indicated they would be registering for OCC Jump Start courses in the fall semester. The program has received very positive responses from the participating students, parents, and school teachers and administrators. A follow-up plan will be developed to continue these successful efforts in the future.

Commendation

Mr. Dom Alagia, the College's sports announcer, was recently featured in the June 2014 edition of *The Voice*, the newsletter of the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA). The prominently placed article lauded Mr. Alagia's more than fifty years as a sports announcer. He has been the voice of 18 teams on a regular basis and backup for 8 other teams, announcing an incredible 3,267 games and events during his career. This is the record for the most events ever announced by an NASPAA member.

A copy of the article is attached. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Alagia for his outstanding accomplishments.

Board of Trustees Retreat

Please note that the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Retreat will take place on Friday, August 15, at 12:00 noon in the Boardroom. If you would like to suggest items for discussion, please let me know.



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Alagia Dominates Record for Most Events Announced

By Rick Wolff, Staff Writer

For more than half a century, Dominic Alagia has had a little "hobby," as he calls it. The hobby is being a sports public address announcer. Dom kept saying "yes" whenever another new team called for him to use his announcing skills, and now—as his career continues—he has been the voice of 18 teams on a regular basis and 8 other teams as a back-up to another announcer. Besides regular season and post-season contests, Dom has also worked 16 tournaments.



Dom Alagia

As close as he can count, he's announced the astounding number of 3,267 games and events, and his career is still going strong. This is the record for the most events ever announced by an NASPAA member.

Dom's fondest memories are of the years from 1972 to 2003. During those 32 years he announced Army football. Besides the games, he introduced two presidents and numerous other dignitaries, including Gulf War Coalition Commander Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf. He called 15 Army-Navy games, voiced a Pearl Harbor tribute carried nationally on CBS-TV, and five NCAA Basketball Eastern Regionals at the Meadowlands Arena, also televised by CBS. He was a lucky charm for Duke University, which won the regional four times under coach Mike Krzyzewski, a graduate of Dom's beloved West Point.

This past basketball season, Dom worked his 34th year for the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association state championships. His current P.A. roster includes three colleges (Georgian Court University, Richard Stockton and Ocean County College); three high schools, a radio station-sponsored Christmas Tournament and Division 3 basketball and baseball tournaments.

Dom remembers first sitting down behind the microphone for a St. Peter's College game in a dreary, cavernous Jersey City

Armory in 1960. He called action for the Peacocks for a total of 18 years. His resume also includes stops at Seton Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson, Monmouth, Rider, Montclair State and William Paterson. He called games for the Jersey City Reds, an International League team which had fled Havana, Cuba during the revolution. Dom was first to voice the name of many future major leaguers on that roster, including Mike Cuellar, Chico Cardenas, Luis Arroyo, Cookie Rojas and Jim

"Pappy" Pendelton.

He also worked for the Brooklyn Cyclones, a Mets affiliate, as well as the ill-fated professional franchise New Jersey Generals, where his boss was Donald Trump and the headliner was Herschel Walker. Dom also called college football games at Giants Stadium matching Rutgers vs. Boston College and Grambling vs. Howard. He even announced an NBA charity game in Atlantic City, which was telecast by Showtime.

"Needless to say, I've been around the block a few times and enjoyed every minute," said Dom. "Besides, it keeps me off the streets," he joked.

Dom grudgingly admits he has been honored "a handful" of times, the most significant being the New York Sports Hall of Fame (1993), the Army Football Club Meritorious Award (2006), and, just last year, he was inducted into Ocean County College Hall of Fame.

"It's been a wonderful ride," said Dom. "And as a senior, though I prefer the term 'chronologically gifted individual,' I hope, as the late, great Bob Sheppard said, to continue to call the games as long as my voice holds up."

As a member of the NASPAA, Dom talks about the need to keep sports public address announcing as professional as possible. To those announcers who think they, and not the game, are the thing, Dom has a succinct suggestion. "Join the circus."