



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

April 11, 2019

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 12:15 p.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2019, in the Boardroom of the Administration Building on the College campus.

Call to Order

The announcement of public meeting was made by Mrs. Connie Bello in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. Notice of this meeting was publicized through a resolution adopted at the November 1, 2018, reorganization meeting and distributed as required by law.

Public Meeting
Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak (by phone), Mr. Jerry Dasti, Mr. Kevin Ahearn, Mr. Thomas Monahan, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. John Peterson, Mr. Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Jon Larson, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Sara Winchester, and Mrs. Connie Bello, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board.

Attendance

Miscellaneous

At 12:16 p.m., a resolution was adopted, upon unanimous roll call vote, to move into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining, and pending and anticipated litigation, the results of which will be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Resolution
Adopted for
Closed Session

The public meeting resumed at 12:57 p.m.

Public Meeting
Resumed

Joining the trustees for the public meeting were Dr. Joseph Konopka, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Rosann Bar, Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences; and Ms. Heidi Sheridan, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. Also in attendance was Mr. Thomas Gialanella, Executive Director of School Relations.

Presentations

Dr. Konopka introduced the updated 2019-2022 Academic Master Plan, which was revised to align with the College's Strategies for Success and its updated mission, vision, and guiding principles, all of which resulted from a comprehensive analysis of the College beginning in 2013. This revised Academic Master Plan incorporates strategies from the overall strategic plan, with an emphasis on Strategy #2, Building Resilience through Innovation, Reinvention, and New Programs.

Ms. Sheridan described the process used for the development of the new plan. Research was undertaken, historical College documents were reviewed, and the academic plans of other institutions were examined in order to identify a plan design that would best serve Academic Affairs and the College. Individuals from across the campus contributed to the revision of the Master Plan.

The goals of the Academic Plan, each with a number of clearly described objectives, are:

- Build on Strategic Planning Documents to Establish Priorities
- Improve Academic Student Success
- Deliver Innovative Curricula Programs and Assess Current Programs
- Enhance Academic Support Systems
- Develop New and Enhance Current Partnerships

Dr. Bar discussed the Academic Plan indices, the first of which lists the mission and goals of each of the Academic Affairs departments as well as the specific strategies to which those goals are mapped.

The second index lists all current programs, new programs, and certificates as well as programs and certificates under development and planned for the future. This listing is a living document as it will be consistently revised as programs and certificates are updated for the benefit of the students.

Finally, the last index is a listing of all OCC articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities as well as with local high schools and the Ocean County Vocational Technical School. This document, too, will be changed as new articulation agreements are signed.

Dr. Konopka stressed the need to ensure that the changing mission of the community college is recognized. The mission is not only to provide transfer opportunities for students but it also must prepare students to be job-ready. To fulfill this mission, Academic Affairs must be innovative, always creating and implementing new student pathways.

Mrs. Novak suggested that a review of the Library might be undertaken. A redesign of the learning space and a campaign to highlight the many available resources would increase student utilization. She also inquired about the efforts being made to address the need for remedial education. Dr. Konopka responded that he will provide the trustees with a report on the new multiple measures approach that will be used in the fall semester.

The trustees thanked Dr. Konopka, Dr. Bar, and Ms. Sheridan for their presentation and for the extensive work that was done to update the Academic Master Plan. The new plan will be recommended for formal approval at the April 25, 2019, Board meeting.

Mr. Gialanella reported on several of the initiatives currently underway through the New Jersey Network for School Success. During this academic year, 18 Ocean County high school districts are participating in the Ocean County College Professional Development Academy. The Academy completed eight workshops, which brought 700-800 kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers to the campus, some of whom had never visited OCC.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar Series brought AP teachers from throughout the county to OCC over four days, with each day focusing on a different academic content area. These seminars encouraged communication among the teachers and provided professional development to improve instruction.

Many positive comments have been received about the College and the professional development program. The teachers are finding much value in the workshops being offered.

In addition, the pilot of Magpie, the software program developed with PLS 3rd Learning, was recently rolled out to focus groups for feedback. The development of core software for model curriculum is being finished. The unique part of this software is the professional development, which will be individualized for teachers based on their needs.

Mr. Gialanella also spoke briefly about the Early College Program, the Pathways Program, the STEM Steering Committee, and the Mentorship Program.

Dr. Larson thanked Mr. Gialanella for his collaborative efforts with the Ocean County schools. The College is forming stronger partnerships with the public schools as a result of his outreach.

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for:

Thursday, April 25, 2019	9:30 a.m.	International Programs Committee (As Needed)
	10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee
	10:00 a.m.	Bylaw, Policy, and Curriculum Committee (As Needed)
	10:30 a.m.	Buildings and Grounds Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Personnel Committee
	11:00 a.m.	Closed Session
	12:30 p.m.	Regular Public Monthly Meeting

Meetings
Scheduled

With no further business or comments from the trustees or the public, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Connie Bello
Assistant to the President