



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

July 9, 2020

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 12:05 p.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2020, via Webex. 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 2019 reorganization meeting and distributed as required by law. Also, given the current healthcare crisis, a notice was publicized on July 6, 2020, indicating this meeting would be held via Webex, as provided for by New Jersey Public Law 2020, Chapter 11, approved on March 20, 2020, for public bodies to conduct meetings by electronic means during periods of emergency. Public Meeting Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Stephan Leone, Mr. Frank Dupignac, Mr. Robert Fall, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Joseph Teichman, 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

Finance Committee

Ms. Winchester presented the Finance Committee Report, which was unanimously approved upon roll call vote. Finance Report Approved

- A resolution was adopted to award the following contract: Resolution Adopted For Contract Award
 - A maximum of \$50,398.60 to Hands-On Labs, Englewood, Colorado, to purchase online science lab kits through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Higher Education Emergency Relief funds, for use by the Science Department at Ocean County College.

Discussion Items

Dr. Eileen Garcia, Vice President of e-Learning and Learning Enterprises, introduced Dr. Maysa Hayward, Associate Vice President of International Programs, who shared with the trustees the pandemic's impact on the Egyptian program and daily efforts provided by Dr. Hayward and e-Learning to ensure students in the program were able to complete the semester successfully. Dr. Hayward also provided an update on the development of special programs with Kean University, New Jersey City University, and William Paterson University. OCC Egypt and the Pandemic

At Mr. Leone’s request, Ms. Winchester will provide to the trustees at an upcoming meeting an economic overview of each of the student cohorts underway in Egypt to date.

Ms. Winchester discussed the fall semester reopening plan for limited Nursing and Science labs, as well as Continuing and Professional Education Healthcare programs, while adhering to necessary protocols as set forth by the Governor and Secretary of Higher Education. A Return to Campus Committee has been established and will be meeting regularly to address the many requirements that must be met to ensure the safety of students and employees as a broader College reopening is planned.

Fall Semester
Return to Campus

OCC was awarded \$750,000 from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. Ms. Winchester reported that this money is less restrictive in its use so it can assist in balancing the College’s FY 2021 budget to offset the loss in State operational funding as a result of the pandemic.

GEER Funding

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for:

Meetings
Scheduled

Thursday, July 23, 2020	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

With no further business or comments from the trustees or the public, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann
Executive Assistant to the President