



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

October 24, 2019

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 12:20 p.m., on Thursday, October 24, 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. This meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, October 17, 2019. The meeting was publicized as required by law with notice by campus posting and through email messages to newspapers and the County Clerk.

Public Meeting
Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Jerry Dasti, Mr. Stephan Leone, Mr. Robert Fall, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. John Peterson, Mr. Erick Garcia-Vargas, 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

At 12:22 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 1:27 p.m. Joining the meeting at this time were Mr. Hatem Akl, Associate Vice President of International Programs – Operations; Dr. Maysa Hayward, Associate Vice President of International Programs – Academics; Mr. Matthew Kennedy, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management and Construction; and Ms. Heather Tatarian, Manager of Mail and Event Services.

Public Meeting
Resumed

Finance Committee

Upon unanimous roll call vote, a resolution was adopted to amend the following contract:

Resolution
Adopted for
Contract Award

- An additional \$7,500, for a maximum total of \$94,600, to Ocean Construction, LLC, Marmora, New Jersey, to provide new sidewalks, stairs, and curb replacements at the H. Hovnanian Health Sciences Building at Ocean County College (contract originally awarded at the August 22, 2019, Board meeting).

Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Tatarian presented the first architectural renderings for the proposed new College Administration Building. Ms. Tatarian reviewed the floor plans for the three-story building and provided the rationale for determining the location for each of the offices.

A question arose regarding the number of required parking spaces to accommodate the occupants of the building. Mr. Kennedy will provide that information for the trustees. Additionally, the trustees would like to learn many more details about the facility, which will be forthcoming; the renderings are only a first step in the process.

Mr. Akl and Dr. Hayward then shared with the trustees updates on partnership activities with Egyptian universities. As the Supreme Council of Universities continues to learn more about the American community college system, it was requested that OCC offer additional programs for the next two years similar to those currently underway at Ain Shams University wherein OCC offers the first two years of instruction and a four-year U.S. partner university and Ain Shams offer the junior and senior year instruction. Eleven governmental universities have signed Memoranda of Understanding with OCC to offer their students any of the 14 degree programs already approved by the Supreme Council. Assuming all of the necessary approvals are received during spring 2020, courses will most likely begin in fall 2020.

Dr. Larson, Mr. Akl, and Dr. Hayward will be returning to Egypt for a week in November for the purpose of discussing additional partnership options, which would offer a number of triple-degree options for students to enroll in master's degree programs at American universities.

Because only 10 to 15 percent of Egyptian high school graduates continue on to college, the Egyptian government made a decision to prioritize the education of its citizens by adopting the American or European style of instruction. OCC is in a unique, and enviable, position to assist in this very significant transformation.

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for:

Meetings
Scheduled

Thursday, November 7, 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.	Annual Reorganization Meeting
	Immediately Following	Regular Public Monthly Meeting

Mr. Thulin requested public comments. Dr. David Bordelon, Professor of English, introduced Mr. Mike Rollins, NJEA Consultant. Dr. Bordelon encouraged the College to work closely with the Faculty Association during negotiations to, hopefully, avoid a long delay in settling the contract. Dr. Larson and the trustees pledged to do so.

Public
Comments

Dr. Bordelon expressed regret for Mr. Neil Schiller, Associate Professor of Engineering and President of the Faculty Association, who was in attendance but had to leave to meet his class. Dr. Bordelon invited trustees to attend the robotics contest on November 6, 2019, in the Gym. Mr. Schiller has worked for many years with middle and elementary school students on this exciting and fun event.

With no further business or comments from the trustees or the public, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Connie Bello
Assistant to the President/
Secretary to the Board of Trustees