



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

October 13, 2022

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022, by Mr. Jerry Dasti, Chair, in the Conference Center and 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 2021 reorganization meeting and distributed as required by law. Also, a notice was publicized on October 7, 2022, 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.

Public Meeting
Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Dasti, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Stephen Leone, Mr. Robert Fall, Mr. Charles Muller, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mr. Steven Zabarsky, Mr. Raymond Joseph Latshaw, III, Mr. Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Jon Larson, Executive Vice President Sara Winchester, Vice President Eileen Garcia, Vice President Joseph Konopka, Vice President Gerald Racioppi, and Mrs. Connie Bello. Others in attendance were Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director, Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Compliance; Ms. Heidi Sheridan, Interim Executive and Artistic Director, Grunin Center; and Mr. James Marshall, Assistant Director of Assessment.

Attendance

Dr. Larson introduced Dr. Beshara-Blauth, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Sheridan, who provided an overview of the Self-Study activities during the past two months. A draft report was shared with the College community in August, and it was the focus of the September Colloquium breakout sessions. Minimal feedback was received from the College community for revisions to the report.

Middle States
Self-Study
Report Review

The purpose of this retreat was to provide the trustees with the opportunity to review the report, ask questions, and offer advice prior to finalizing the draft document for submission to Dr. Vicki Bastecki-Perez, Chair of the Middle States Visiting Team, by November 2, in preparation for her November 17 preliminary on-campus visit. Each of the seven standards and the recommendations for improvement were then shared with the trustees by Dr. Beshara-Blauth, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Sheridan.

The final Self-Study document will be shared with the campus community in January 2023, and the MSCHE visit is scheduled for April 2-5, 2023.

Dr. Larson congratulated Dr. Beshara-Blauth for her excellent management of this extremely important self-evaluation process. Dr. Larson and the trustees commended Dr. Beshara-Blauth for keeping the team well organized and prepared.

The following meetings were scheduled, which will be advertised in advance as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act:

Meetings
Scheduled

Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 12:15 p.m.
Friday, October 21, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

With no further business and no public comments forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann
Special Assistant to the President