



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Public Retreat/Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**April 13, 2023**

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, by Mr. Jerry Dasti, Chair, in the Conference Center and via Webex. Call to Order

The announcement of public meeting was made by Mrs. Jodi Heitmann in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. A notice of this meeting was publicized on April 10, 2023, 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. Frank Dupignac, Mr. Robert Fall, Mr. Charles Muller, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mr. Raymond Joseph Latshaw, Mr. Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Jon Larson, and Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Sara Winchester. Also, in attendance were Dr. Joseph Konopka, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Gerald Racioppi, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Middle States Co-Chair Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director, Institutional Planning. Attendance

A resolution was introduced and adopted upon unanimous roll call vote providing for a closed meeting to be held immediately following the adjournment of this public meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel action, the results of which will be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Resolution Adopted  
for Closed Meeting

#### Discussion Item

Dr. Larson introduced Dr. Racioppi, who provided a report on the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) grant, which was recently awarded to OCC beginning September 1, 2023. \$912,277.02 will be available over three years, providing two full-time positions to manage the grant, direct support towards student basic needs, and for professional development for OCC staff to enhance service to students who are low socio-economic status or from minority backgrounds. Grant staff will be using Ellucian Advise CRM to identify and reach out to students and the Grant director will report to Dr. Sheenah Hartigan, Executive Director of Enrollment Services. Dr. Racioppi commended Ms. Kayci Clayton, Director, Grant Administration, and the grants team for their efforts in securing the grant. The Trustees shared their support for receipt of this grant.

The next meetings of the Board are scheduled for:

Meetings  
Scheduled

<b>Thursday, April 27, 2023</b>	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
	11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee
	11:30 a.m.	Closed Session
	12:30 p.m.	Regular Public Monthly Meeting

With no further comments from the Board members or the public, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone  
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann  
Executive Assistant to the President