



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Retreat/Meeting

Minutes

April 15, 2016

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016, 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.

Public Meeting
Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Jerry Dasti, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Joseph Teichman, Mr. Jack Sahradi, Dr. Jon Larson, and Executive Vice President Sara Winchester. A quorum was established when Mr. Stephan Leone and Mr. Thomas Monahan arrived at 12:15 p.m. and 12:20 p.m., respectively.

Attendance

A series of retreats will be scheduled over the summer months to provide the opportunity for trustees to meet and interact with College administrators through informal conversations for a better understanding of their extraordinary talents, their various responsibilities, and their potential leadership capabilities. This retreat was dedicated to Academic Affairs. In attendance were: Dr. Lisa DiBisceglie, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Rosann Barr, Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences; Ms. Tracy Walsh, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences; and Ms. Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Director of Library Services.

After brief introductions, a number of topics were discussed:

Discussion Items

- The development and introduction of new programs for the recruitment and retention of students, such as the recently nationally accredited Fire Science Program and the Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Management Program, which is currently in the State approval process.
- The Supplemental Instruction Program, which assists students in gaining the necessary skills to ensure success in College through collaborative learning with peer tutors and faculty members.
- The continuing need for libraries and librarians despite the widespread use of computers, the extensive collections being integrated into the Ocean County College Library, the in-action with high schools and the Library as a recruitment tool, the coordination of activities with the Ocean County Library, and the development of a research course that would be useful to all student and community learners.

- The ways in which nursing and nursing education have changed over the past several years, the need for the Nursing Program to always be current, the future anticipated demand for nurses, the need for additional clinical sites and instructors in order to address the ongoing waiting list for students to enter the Ocean County College Nursing Program, and the efforts being made to offer a BSN Program on campus.
- The development of new pathways and initiatives, such as partnerships with school superintendents to work together to integrate curricula, the College Readiness Program, an NJIT dual admissions program, the STEM Academy and other possible academies within the high schools, the TRIO Talent Search grant, the outreach by the TV Production Studio, and the overall proactive approach of the Academic Affairs group.

The trustees expressed their gratitude for this opportunity; they were very impressed with the many activities and programs being undertaken to strengthen the College and recruit students. Dr. Larson, likewise, was pleased with the conversations, which reinforced the amazing talent and energy found throughout the institution.

At 1:40 p.m., upon roll call vote, the Board adopted a resolution 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

At 2:15 p.m., the closed session concluded and the public meeting resumed. Public Meeting Resumed

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for: Meetings Scheduled

Monday, April 25, 2016	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 Monthly Public Meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Connie Bello
Secretary to the Board of Trustees