

Columbia-Greene Community College

Board of Trustees

MINUTES

February 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College Board of Trustees was held on February 22, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Ned Schneier, Chairman
Mr. William Haltermann, Vice Chairman

Mr. Peter O'Hara, Secretary

Mr. Phil Abitabile

Ms. Rosemary Lewis

Mr. Martin Smith

Mr. Kenneth Wilber

Mr. Chance Ryan, Student Trustee

Mr. James R. Champion, President;

Ms. Mary Garafalo, Senior Associate for Academic Affairs;

Ms. Phyllis Carito, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs;

Dr. Joseph Watson, Vice President and Dean of Students and Enrollment Management;

Ms. Dianne Topple, Assistant Dean of Administration; Mr. Allen Kovler, Director of Public Relations;

Ms. Joan Koweek, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs;

and Ms. Nicole Strevell-Childrose, Assistant Professor of History.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Ned Schneier opened the Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed for retired employee Joanne Tschinkel, Friends of the College Stan Card and Pamela White and John Durso, Toyota T-TEN Consultant.

AGENDA: The Agenda for the February 22, 2016 meeting was presented. Mr. Martin Smith moved and Mr. Phil Abitaible seconded to approve the Agenda as printed. Voice mail – motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were presented. Mr. Ken Wilber moved and Mr. Peter O’Hara seconded to approve the Minutes as printed. Voice vote – motion pass with Mr. William Haltermann abstaining.

BILLS & WARRANTS: Mr. William Haltermann moved and Mr. Ken Wilber seconded to approve Operating Warrant #02 in the amount of \$1,222,782.40. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Vice President Phyllis Carito reported that this Spring we are running 31 sections of Internet classes. According to the enrollment data from Fall 2015, 317 students or 17.8% of the total headcount were enrolled in distance learning classes. This is a continuing growth area with varied students being offered. The

separate schedule helps students easily identify different options.

February's faculty meeting included presentations from Assistant Professor Wanda Drazan of the Physical Education A.S. Program; and Associate Professor Berne Bendel on her Cultural Diversity presentation at SUNY New Paltz. Faculty share program and best practices to keep informed and each other in the interaction with students.

Assistant Professor Nicole Strevell-Childrose presented "How the World was Won: Man, Nature Progress" on February 11th through the community services lecture series, to an audience of student and community. The lecture was well received and discussion following the talk was lively.

The 2016 20th Annual Juried Art Show reception on January 16 gave recognition to our local high school artists and awarded first prize to Eric Ball of Taconic Hills High School, 2nd prize to Tianyl Zhao, Hawthorne Valley School, third prize to Michael Brochetti, Red Hook High School. In addition, honorable mentions and a Gallery Director's prize were awarded. Details and a photograph appear on the News page of College web site.

Vice President Watson reported that 1,679 students registered as of Census February 9th. The process of verification is occurring. Here each student file is examined and verified in Admissions, Registration

and Financial Aid. Dr. Watson thanked his staff for a job well done.

SUNY Financial Aid Day was this past weekend, the staff welcomed and worked with a couple of families filling out their Financial Aid information.

The Admissions office is sponsoring an Open House on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Student lead Welcome Day for accepted students are set one each month March through June. Students are sent a postcard and called by our student ambassadors.

Catherine Carlson will be hosting the 2nd Annual Transition Conference on March 24 here on campus.

Dr. Watson's Office is still assigning mentor and mentees for students who want one. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to be a mentor.

The Aware Committee is sponsoring a Brown Bag Series "History & Diversity" facilitated by Associate Professor Ted Hilscher this week.

The Men's Basketball Team finished their season this past Saturday and also had Senior Day for three students who are moving on. President Campion was there to present the Foul Shooting Award for 2015-2016 to Chance Ryan.

Women's Softball and Men's

Baseball are still practicing getting read for their upcoming season. Track and Field begins this semester.

The Softball Team is getting ready to go down south over spring break.

Mascot Madness begins March 8th with Rip as a contender, watch for more details.

Dr. Watson announced that the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American Awards this year go to Chance Ryan (2nd Team) and Shannon LaChance (3rd Team).

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT:

Student Trustee Chance Ryan reported that the Student Activities Board sponsored a Coffee House this week.

The Student Senate is in discussion about the budget process.

Baseball, Softball and Track are starting soon. The Men's Basketball Season has ended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. William Haltermann moved and Mr. Ken Wilber seconded to convene to Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Vote vote – motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peter O'Hara moved and Mr. Phil Abitabile seconded to reconvene the meeting. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, Mr. Ken Wilber moved and Mr. William Haltermann seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.



CHAIRMAN



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