

Columbia-Greene Community College

Summary of Action Taken and Reports Given

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 17, 2017

Chairman Ned Schneier opened the Board Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for retirees of the College Christine Lehman, Cathy Libruk and Ed Nitsky.

I. ACTION

The Board of Trustees acted on the following items:

1. APPROVED Operating Warrant #03-17 in the amount of \$2,980,420.58.
2. APPROVED Resolution #0417-2048 to accept a Stewart's Foundation Grant of \$500 to be used for our College-in-the-High School Program.

II. REPORTS

President's Report:

President Campion reported that Bill Mathews is working on a preliminary program proposal for a new Certificate Program in Historic Preservation. There is still a lot of work to be done to see if this program can be added to the College's curriculum. The President will keep the Board up-to-date on the progress of this proposal.

President Campion discussed the new initiative by the Governor The Excelsior Tuition-Free Plan for SUNY Colleges. He indicated there is not enough information yet to determine if we would benefit by increased enrollment or not. Further information should be forthcoming in May and he will keep the Board informed.

Assistant Dean Carol Doerfer reported that March 18-19th the Annual Twin County Science Expo was held on campus. It was a successful event with 95 students from eight local school districts participating. Students in grades 5 through 8 displayed 75 science projects.

March 23 – Assistant Professor Nicole Childrose presented “Suffragettes: 100 years, 10 stories from Hudson: We’re Counting” at the Hudson Library as part of their local History Speaker Series. Sixty people attended the lecture.

March 27 – Assistant Professor for Human Services Dawn Defino attended Suicide Prevention Training at Schenectady Community College.

March 28 – Presentation “Follow the Money” held on campus for our criminal justice, business and computer science students. Faculty from Utica College’s Economic Crime and Justice Studies Program were presenters highlighting the need for traditional law enforcement investigative methods to be paired with financial and computer expertise to successfully investigate criminal and terrorist activity.

March 30 – “a History Colloquium: Preserving Our Heritage, Shaping Our Future” was held on campus as part of the College’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. This faculty-sponsored event attracted over 125 people, including 36 local historians and their guests. Panel discussion, moderated by our own Ted Hilscher featured Dr. Thomas Wermuth and Mr. Vernon Benjamin.

Thanks to Associate Professor Hilscher, Professors Gregg Berninger and Geralynn Demarest and Community Services Director Bob Bodratti for their hard work planning this successful event.

March 30 – Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Bill DeLuca attended the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State. Bill is currently serving as President of the Executive Board.

March 30 – Professor of Transitional Studies Michael Phippen attended the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Plenary meeting as part of his responsibilities as Faculty Council Chair.

Hudson City School District Student Art show is on display for the month of April in both our Kaaterskill and Blue Hill Galleries.

April 5-6 – Assistant Professor of History Nicole Childrose was a presenter at the SUNY Research Foundation Administrator Symposium “Breakthrough to Excellence” held in Albany. Her presentation was entitled, “Organizational Effectiveness for Research Administration.

April 6-7 – C-GCC employees Diana Smith, Cindy White and Jan Winig attended the Assessment Network of NY Annual Conference “Recipes for Sustainable Assessment” in Hyde Park.

April 7-9 – Assistant Professors of Mathematics Stephanie Olstad and Ryan McCann attended the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference in Syracuse.

April 9 – Zone 14 Police School Graduation was held on campus with ten officers graduating.

April 12 – In celebration of National Poetry Month, the library held a poetry reading with students and staff reading poems of significance to them. Assistant Professor of English Sandy Longley read from her recently published chapbook “Navigating the Waters.”

April 13 – as part of our Science Seminar Series, guest speaker Dr. Mary Beth Kolozvary, Siena College Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Sciences, presented “Creating Vernal Pool Ecosystems: Is This a Wise Approach to Conserving These Systems?”

We invite you to attend Malcolm Cecil’s 80th Birthday Bash Concert on April 29, 7:30 p.m. in the theatre.

Vice President Joseph Watson announced hours in place for students who need to take care of business until 6:30 p.m.

Monday: Dean of Student’s Office
Tuesday & Wednesday: Special Services & Supported Education
Thursday: Admissions & Financial Aid’s designated rush hours

Rachael Kappel attended SUNY Enrollment Professional Training Day last week with experts from across the county dealing with Strategic Enrollment Management.

The Admissions Office will be at more upcoming events targeting the community and adult students in the summer. This year we will also have a presence and sponsorship at Mountain Jam.

Dr. Watson commended the Women's Softball Team, Men's Baseball Team and Men's and Women's Golf and Men's and Women's Track and Field for hanging in there with the inconsistent weather.

Summer camps are being planned and a brochure has been sent out.

The Student Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 1st.

Graduation will be Saturday, May 13th and we will be featuring special events for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The Hudson High Choir will sing before the ceremony.

Past Chancellor's Award winners will be invited back.

Mercury Mason and Mariah Szlachetka received the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence in Albany with President Campion.

Dean Watson announced that the College will be sponsoring an AG Day on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10 -3. The College has partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Displays, demonstrations and live farm animals will all be featured. Families, children and guest will be able to learn more about their neighbors – the farms and farmers who are providing a large economic and tourism base for the counties.

Chair of the Day Care Board of Directors Carol Novack announced that the C-GCC Day Care has registered 28 children for the Extended Spring Semester.

Also, the recent fundraiser selling spring bulbs has netted a \$900 profit for the Day Care Center.

Trustee Report:

Student Trustee Mercury Mason announced the students will be having a Spa Day this week with many relaxing techniques to help with the end of semester stress.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017.

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