

Columbia-Greene Community College

Board of Trustees

MINUTES

May 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College Board of Trustees was held on May 15, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Peter O'Hara, Secretary
Mr. Phil Abitabile
Mr. Bruce Bohnsack
Ms. Rosemary Lewis
Ms. Barbara Slutzky
Mr. Martin Smith
Mr. Ken Wilber

Mr. Mercury Mason, Student
Trustee

Mr. James Campion, President;
Ms. Carol Novack, Executive
Secretary to the Board of
Trustees; Dr. Joseph Watson,
Dean of Students and
Enrollment Management;
Ms. Dianne Topple, Acting Dean
of Administration; Ms. Carol
Doerfer, Assistant Dean of
Academic Affairs; Ms. Joan
Koweek, Director of
Development and Alumni
Affairs; Mr. Allen Kovler,
Director of Public Relations;
Ms. Melissa Fandozzi; Director
of Human Resources;

Mr. Michael Phippen, Professor of Transitional Studies and Ms. Sabra Simon, Student Trustee-Elect.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Secretary Peter O'Hara opened the Board Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

The Agenda for the May 15, 2017 meeting was presented. Mr. Bruce Bohnsack moved and Ms. Barbara Slutzky seconded to approve the Agenda as printed. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting were presented. Mr. Martin Smith moved and Mr. Ken Wilber seconded to approve the Minutes as printed. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Mr. Martin Smith moved and Mr. Phil Abitabile seconded to acknowledge Allen Kovler's 37 years of service to the College. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

A search committee has been formed to fill the vacancy.

BILLS & WARRANTS:

Mr. Ken Wilber moved and Mr. Bruce Bohnsack seconded to approve Operating Budget #04-17 in the amount of \$1,329,319.35. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A
COLLEGE PROGRAM
ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Bruce Bohnsack moved and Mr. Phil Abitabile seconded to approve a proposed new College

**TECHNOLOGY/PRESERVATION
CARPENTRY CERTIFICATE:**

Program entitled “Construction Technology/Preservation Carpentry Certificate.” Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

This 10-month, 30 credit certificate Program was approved through our Faculty Governance process on April 20, 2017, by President Campion on April 25, 2017.

The next step will be to forward this proposal to SUNY for approval.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Assistant Dean Carol Doerfer reported that the Automotive Faculty and students traveled to the International Car Show and the Greater New York Auto Show Dealers Association National Automotive Competition at the Javits Center. As part of these two days, “Automotive Career Days” were held; high schools from across the region send students to the event. C-GCC had a booth for automotive and Toyota T-Ten Program. We were also noted in the “Competition Journal” and billboards throughout the event as a supporter of the competition and Career Days.

On April 21 the Community College Science Advisory and Board meeting, SUNY New Paltz was attended by Ryan McCann, Stefanie Olstad and Debra Adair. As part of the day, they got a tour of New Paltz’s Science

Hall, containing state of the art labs for engineering physics and geology.

On April 24 Northeast Natural History Conference, Cromwell, Connecticut was attended by Dr. Rebecca Pinder, Lab Tech Nicole Sallese, and members of the Conservation Club. The conference is a forum for current research focused on promoting study and stewardship of the natural environment in the northeastern US and eastern Canada. Students were able to meet and talk to scientists studying a wide variety of things including rehabilitation, alpine plant communities, conservation of reptiles and amphibians, and 3-D printing of wildlife skull replicas.

On April 27 Criminal Justice Celebration and Awards Ceremony recognized degree candidate with the County Bar Association, the Greene County Police Officers Association Scholarship, the Bob Heisinger Forensic and Criminal Justice Award, and the William Hanna Sr. award Scholarships were presented.

COARC goes to College graduation Ceremony held on campus. Eighteen participants from COARC and Hudson High School. Fifteen mini-courses were taught by C-GCC faculty and staff and 18 human service students served as mentors for

the students. Courses included Orientation to Campus, Diversity, Creative Writing, Cyber stalking/Safety, Poetry, Self-Advocacy, Environmental, Health in Our World, Computer Concepts, Intro. to College Experience, Foundations and Fitness, Fitness for all Ages, Ballroom Dancing, Job Skills and Library Skills.

May 5 an Honors Ceremony was held on campus to induct new members into Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Sigma Lambda. For the first time, a ceremony was also held at the Brookwood College Program location to induct two students there. As part of PTK fundraising activity “Think Pink,” \$700 was recently donated to the Community Cancer Fund, Split between Columbia and Greene Counties.

May 7-11 faculty members Bill DeLuca and Frankie Beaver-Timmons escorted students on the annual National Criminal Justice Field Study trip to Washington, D. C. This trip allows students to be exposed to career options they may not ordinarily be aware of outside the local area. This year, the students visited the Arlington County VA Police Department, Metro Transit Police, FBI and FBI Police, U. S. Supreme Court Police and the U. S. Secret Service, including a tour of the Service’s Training Center in Laurel, MD. They also toured the FBI Headquarters Building,

the U.S Supreme Court, and the U.S. Capitol. They visited the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and the World War II and Vietnam War memorials. While at the Arlington County Police Department, they met with Captain James Wasem, originally from Ravena. He introduced the students to over a dozen officers who attended high school and/or college in upstate New York.

On May 8 Bob Bodratti attended the SUNY Community College Workforce and Continuing Education meeting.

Vice President Joseph Watson reported that Summer I has begun. We are up in applications and up 2% in acceptances and our head count is 310 students.

The College just had our Open Registration Day for summer and Fall 2017.

Admission staff are calling students personally and using robo call as well.

The College will be more visible this summer in both counties and beyond recruiting.

The High School Guidance Counselor luncheon was highlighted with presentations with Instructor John Santana on the History of Rock and Roll course, and Dr. Steven Gavlik about Agribusiness course.

Professor Bill Mathews talked about future program plans.

Sabra Simon has been elected as the new Student Trustee and will begin the term on July 1, 2017.

The Student Recognition Ceremony was held Monday, May 1 in the Arts Theater. Students were recognized for President and Dean's list as well as Athletic Awards and other Leadership Awards.

The softball team season went well; they participated in the playoff again this year opening round against the eventual national champions Herkimer C.C. Mountain Valley Conference Homers include; National Player of the week Region 3 Darcy Bittner.

Summer sports camps begin in July, new this year's group by age so campers get more out of their experience. Along with girls high school basketball summer league.

Joan Koweek reminded the Board that plans are moving ahead for the Scholar's Ball that will be held on September 9, 2017.

Chair of the C-GCC Day Care Center Carol Novack reported that 28 students are enrolled in the Extended Spring Semester Program.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Student Trustee Mercury Mason welcomed Sabra Simon as the new Student Trustee.

He expressed his gratitude to the Board for his positive experience as a Student Trustee and said he really enjoyed his time working with the Board.

FUTURE MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on June 19, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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