

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 27, 2024

Trustees Present: Mr. Michael Francis Dupree, Chair; Mr. Frank Castella, Mr. Stephen Caswell, Ms. Darrah Cloud, Ms. Angela Flesland, Mr. Ibis Guzman, Ms. Evelyn Panichi, Ms. Linda Pratt, Ms. Maya Chinkan and Dr. Peter Grant Jordan President

Absent: Ms. Lisa Gharthey

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson Dupree.

II. Ms. Panichi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call by Ms. Ponticello, quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Upon motion made by Mr. Guzman, seconded by Ms. Flesland, voted on and duly carried the agenda was approved as distributed.

V. Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Board.

VI. Consideration of Minutes for Meeting held on January 23, 2024:

Upon motion made by Mr. Caswell seconded by Mr. Castella, voted on and duly carried, the minutes were approved as distributed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Dupree noted for the minutes that all of the resolutions that are presented to the Board for approval are reviewed and discussed at committee meetings prior to the Board meeting.

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee (D. Cloud)

Ms. Cloud provided the Board with a summary of items discussed at the last Academic and Student Affairs Committee held on February 14, 2024.

B. Board Policy (I. Guzman, Chair)

Mr. Guzman provided the Board with a summary of items discussed at the last Board Policy Committee meeting held on February 14, 2024:

1. Approval of the Reaffirmation of the Consensual / Amorous Relations in the Workplace Policy (Res #2024-28)

I. Guzman offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in keeping with good governance practices, the Board of Trustees Policy Committee reviews Board and College administrative policies on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, based upon this review, the Policy Committee has determined that the policy on Consensual / Amorous Relations in the Workplace should be reaffirmed and remain in effect, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, based upon the recommendations of the Policy Committee, the aforementioned policy on Consensual / Amorous Relations in the Workplace is hereby reaffirmed and is to remain in effect, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reconsider this policy again within five years or earlier should it be determined revisions are needed prior to the scheduled review date.

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Seconded by L. Pratt

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Approval of the Reaffirmation of the Whistleblower Policy (Res # 2024-29)

I. Guzman offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, in keeping with good governance practices, the Board of Trustees Policy Committee reviews Board and College administrative policies on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, based upon this review, the Policy Committee has determined that the Whistleblower Policy should be reaffirmed and remain in effect, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, based upon the recommendations of the Policy Committee, the aforementioned Whistleblower Policy is hereby reaffirmed and is to remain in effect, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reconsider this policy again within

five years or earlier should it be determined revisions are needed prior to the scheduled review date.

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Seconded by F. Castella

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Finance & Facilities (S. Caswell, Chair)

Mr. Caswell provided the Board with a summary of items discussed at the last Finance & Facilities Committee meeting on February 12, 2024.

D. Personnel & Community Relations (F. Castella)

Mr. Castella provided the Board with a summary of items discussed at the last Personnel & Community Relations Committee meeting held on February 15, 2024.

VIII. Report of the Student Trustee

Ms. Chinkan reported on her attendance at the Nation Legislative Summit in Washington, DC on February 4-8, 2024.

Ms. Chinkan reported on the first meeting for the Muslim Student Association held on Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00 PM featuring henna tattoos and snacks for the students that attend.

Ms. Chinkan reported on dining options for students and the addition of pre-packaged salads and a Café Coffee machine housed in the Conklin Hall Atrium.

Ms. Chinkan reported on the date for the Black Student Union Mascaraed Ball which will be held on April 4, 2024 from 5-10pm at the Grandview.

IX. Report of the Chairperson

Chairman Dupree highlighted college-wide activities for the month of February 2024.

X. Report of the President.

President Jordan reported on upcoming events; the Corey Ingram Circle Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on February 29, Celebrating the life of Susan Peltz Hochhauser on March 3, and the NYS Announcement of the DSP Program Expansion on March 20.

Scott Schnackenberg provided the Board with an update on spring enrollment numbers.

Dr. Raymond Houston introduced Anne Deutsch, Director of the Library.

Adam Rathbun introduced Dr. Irene Okwang, Associate Vice President for Human Resources.

Scott Schnackenberg introduced Brian Sondey, Associate Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success.

Scott Schnackenberg also announced title changes for two members of his team; Steven Posada to EOP and Dr. Melissa Carlo to Assistant Dean of Enrollment and Student Success.

XI. Other Business

There was none.

XII. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Castella, seconded by Mr. Guzman, voted on, and duly carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joia Ponticello
Executive Assistant