

BOARD MEETING

*For the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College on **Monday, February 26, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 614** on the College campus, 4400 Route 23 Hudson, New York.*

The following matters were submitted for consideration and action.

Present: Peter O’Hara, Chairman; Bruce Bohnsack, Doreen Davis, Kelly Konsul, Charles Millar, and Marvin Morales, Student Trustee

Excused: Maryanne Lee, Peter Markou, and Ned Schneier

Others Present: Carlee Drummer, President; Amanda Bishop, Vice President for Administration and Finance/CFO; Victoria Walsh, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Development, and Strategic Initiatives; and Mary Garafalo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

1. Call to Order, 3:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call, quorum present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Request for Approval of Agenda

Motion: Ms. Konsul; **Seconded:** Mr. Bohnsack

Vote: Yes - 6; **No** - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

5. Request for Approval of the Items in the Consent Agenda

Motion: Mr. Millar; **Seconded:** Ms. Davis

Vote: Yes - 6; **No** - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

6. Introduction of Guests and Items from the Floor

7. Moment of Silence

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8. Resolutions:

a. Resolution No. 0224-2254 Approve Sports Management A.S.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College must approve all curricula to be offered at this institution and

WHEREAS, the curriculum committee of the Faculty Council, the Faculty Council, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined and approved the proposed curriculum for Sports Management A.S. degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College approved this curriculum for submission to SUNY and the New York State Education Department.

Motion: Ms. Davis; **Seconded:** Ms. Konsul

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

b. Resolution No. 0224-2255 Approve Human Services Concentration in Social Science, A.A.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College must approve all curricula to be offered at this institution and

WHEREAS, the curriculum committee of the Faculty Council, the Faculty Council, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined and approved the proposed curriculum for Human Services Concentration in Social Science A.A. degree.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College approved this curriculum for submission to SUNY and the New York State Education Department.

Motion: Mr. Bohnsack; **Seconded:** Ms. Konsul

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

c. Resolution No. 0224-2256 Approve the Discontinuance of the Human Services A.S. Degree

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College must be advised of all curricula to be discontinued at this institution; and

WHEREAS, the Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Council, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined the factors leading to the proposed discontinuance of the Human Services A.S. degree program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College supports the discontinuance of this program and submission of this request to SUNY and the New York State Education Department.

Motion: Ms. Konsul; **Seconded:** Ms. Davis

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

9. President's Report

a. President, Carlee Drummer:

President Drummer welcomed Dr. Michael Nester, the new Dean of Academic Affairs, who joined the team on January 29, 2024. During his 30 years in higher education, Dr. Nester has served in various academic positions, mostly recently at Middlesex Community College in New Jersey where he was the Dean of Liberal Arts.

President Drummer also welcomed Joel Phelps, in her new role as Interim Dean of Enrollment Management. Her long tenure in higher education administration and her proven leadership and established relationships with various offices at Columbia-Greene including Admissions, Records and Registration, and the Foundation, position her well to develop and implement enrollment strategies to attract more students to the College in Fall 2024 and beyond.

State Budget Update

Jeanette Moy, Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services, was on campus this morning to deliver Governor Hochul's 2025 budget priorities to the Capital Region. Ms. Moy was given a copy of the *Empire State Community College Promise* that spells out the need for an additional \$97 million for the community colleges' workforce development programs as well as the data collected by the New York State Community College Trustees showing the disparity of funding between the universities and the community colleges.

Achieving the Dream

Last week, Vice President Bishop, Dean Drew Ledoux, Director of Institutional Research Racheal Chubb, and Professor Matthew Kenny attended the annual Achieving the Dream Conference. They returned energized and ready to move the 2024 ATD Action Plan forward that continues the progress the College has made in preparing students for the digital economy; identifying and closing equity gaps; developing and strengthening community partnerships; and fostering a culture of evidence.

Foundation

The Foundation received a \$100,000 gift from the late Purcell Palmer who helped launch the *Scholars' Ball* fundraiser in 2014.

Television Coverage

Earlier this month TV News Anchor and Reporter Kumi Tucker was on campus to produce a news story about the Use-of-Force Simulator Training Room managed by Professor Emeritus Bill DeLuca. Reporter Tucker then asked dozens of questions about the various scenarios available and conducted interviews with Bill, Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf, Greene County Sheriff Peter Kusminsky, and Hudson Chief of Police Mishanda Franklin. Her coverage aired on Tuesday, February 13, and again on Sunday, February 18. The two-minute segment is still available on Channel 13's website.

High School Partnerships*Taconic Hills*

Lynnette Brunger, the newly appointed Superintendent of the Taconic Hills School District, spent two hours at the end of January becoming acquainted with the College. Following her tour of the campus that included a demonstration by Bill DeLuca in the Use of Force Simulation Room; and conversations with Andrew Soltano and Johnny Moree in Building Construction Technology and Marc Gilbert in Automotive Technology, she exuded visible enthusiasm and called the College "a hidden gem." She already is working with the Taconic Hills Principal Lisa Cardillo to organize after-school field trips for students to visit the campus and explore various programs and is keen on hosting an "instant admissions" event for seniors in early spring.

Questar III

Seven high school seniors enrolled in Questar III's "New Visions Program in Business, Finance, and Marketing" will be on campus next Monday, March 4. Their teacher, Mike Loomis, will be moderating a panel discussion followed job shadowing to allow the students time to learn about several types of careers in higher education.

In other Questar III news, we have scheduled an in-person meeting at the high school with District Superintendent Dr. Gladys Cruz and Associate Superintendent Dr. James Niedermeier to discuss pipeline programs, a topic we began exploring in Fall 2019!

SUNY News

Rockefeller Institute recently announced that SUNY's economic impact reached \$31 billion -- up eight percent from 2016 -- and returns \$8.67 for every \$1 of New York State Investment. In addition, the 64 campuses graduate more than one-third of the State's college-educated workforce.

Upcoming Meetings for Trustees

Just a reminder that the AGB National Conference on Trusteeship is March 26 – March 28, 2024, in Boston. Dr. Walsh will be attending.

On April 13, the NYCCT Board of Directors will be hosting its spring meeting at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. Each community college will have one vote on all matters of business. State Senator Rachel May will be the keynote speaker, and a Micron representative will be addressing the chips industry and its importance to workforce development.

High Notes!

- The ninth-ranked Twins' Men's basketball team will travel to Hudson Valley Community College where they will battle the eighth-ranked Vikings in the NJCAA Region 3 Sub-Regionals. This is the first time the team has advanced to the playoffs since 2019! If successful, the Twins will move on to the Regionals and will play against Herkimer Community College on Friday.
- Phi Theta Kappa just named Columbia-Greene a 2023 REACH Chapter! This honor recognizes chapters that excel in membership development.
- The *President's Report to the Community* for 2023 has been printed and will be mailed on Friday.

b. CampusWorks, Senior IT Executive Bill Ouchar:

Mr. Ouchar gave an GLBA (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) Compliance update to the trustees. Some of the information security program progress was establishment of data governance committee & processes, cybersecurity awareness training program and vulnerability management program.

Mr. Ouchar also gave what the next steps will be for 2024: IT Review of action plan for 2024, prioritize tasks & develop milestones & measures, identify resource needs & gap analysis, ensure quarterly cabinet update on progress to plan, and ensure compliance with annual update to the board.

c. Executive Director, Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation, Laura Goodwin: Ms. Goodwin gave a presentation on the goals, needs and strategic investments for the C-GCC Foundation. Also, how the foundation can increase unrestricted funding to deploy as needed.

She also spoke on the Comprehensive Fund Development plan which entails an actionable dashboard to track progress, suite of fund development tools, connect and recognize leadership and major giving and to create stewardship on all levels. She will also be building operational capacity by institutionalizing new processes of data collection, accounting, gift documentation, and investment & spending.

10. Trustees Report

Student Trustee, Marvin Morales:

Athletics

Men's Basketball's spring semester has concluded their regular season with a record of nine wins and 16 losses resulting in being slotted the 9th seed in the NJCAA Region III Division III playoff bracket. The next game will be against Hudson Valley Community College on Tuesday, February 27th.

At their last game against Genesee CC, we celebrated sophomore day with three of our own students; Jayden Hines-Perry, Shawn Haye, and Chrischen Chung.

The Athletics Department continues to look for qualified individuals to fill the vacancy of head coach for the softball team.

The Golf Team will begin in April with six students committed to the team. The Head Coach for the Golf Team will be Connor Maisch.

Sierra May was recently hired to coach the Women's Basketball Team for fall/spring semester. Recruitment is underway.

Joe Napolitano will coach the Men's Baseball team. Many students have signed letters of intent for the following season.

Student Activities and Leadership Development

The Student Activities Office celebrated Black History Month with two dynamic events:

- An African Drumming Workshop which introduced students to the rhythm and spirit of Africa and its diaspora.
- An interactive lunch and learning discussion titled, "Harmonic Heritage: A Deep Dive into Black Music History."

On February 1st, the Student Senate voted Jayden Cross to fill the vacancy of Vice President. Student Senate brought up an idea to organize a tax workshop or motivational speaker to provide information and guidance to students who are unfamiliar with filing taxes.

There will be a Student Senate meeting on Thursday, February 29th with two representatives from Tilt36t for an introductory meeting to our new school mascot process.

11. Vice President's Report

a. Provost and Senior Vice President, Victoria Walsh:

Provost and Senior Vice President Walsh's provided rationale to support the board's motion for the discontinuing of the Human Service A.S. Program, the creation of a Human Service Concentration in the AA Social Science Program, and the creation of an A.S. Sport Management Program.

b. Vice President for Administration and Finance/CFO, Amanda Bishop:

Vice President Bishop reviewed the monthly Financial Statements as of January 2024. We have some changes in the Business Office - Bursar Jessica Sachs will be the Interim Director of Accounting. Also, Nancy Rudberg will be leaving Columbia-Greene to become the Deputy Controller at SUNY Albany.

We will be welcoming Eliza Niebrzydowski as the Director of Accounting for C-GCC Foundation at the end of March.

12. Announcement of the Monthly March 2024 Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

13. Public Comment

14. Executive Session

To discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion: Mr. Bohnsack; **Seconded:** Ms. Konsul

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

Entered Executive Session at: 4:30 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Millar; **Seconded:** Mr. Bohnsack

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution: Accepted

Exited Executive Sessions at: 5:15 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Konsul; **Seconded:** Ms. Davis

Vote: Yes - 6; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

Resolution Accepted

Adjournment at: 5:16 p.m.

Peter O'Hara

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Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mary E. Garafalo

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Executive Secretary to the Board

CONSENT AGENDA

February 26, 2024

Approval of the Minutes from January 22, 2024, Board Meeting

Capital Fund Expenditure

Warrant No. 57, Renovations, and Improvements C06138

Operating Warrant Approval

Warrant No. 01-24, Operating Warrant

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution No. 0224-2253 Accept a Vehicle Donation to the Automotive Program