

## BOARD MEETING

*For the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College on **Monday, February 24, 2025, at 4:00 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:** Doreen Davis, Vice Chairman; Ed Bloomer, Kelly Konsul, Maryanne Lee (via zoom), Charlie Millar, Susan Timan, and Chloe VanWagner, Student Trustee

**Excused:** Peter O'Hara and Ned Schneier

**Others Present:** Carlee Drummer, President; Amanda Bishop, Vice President for Administration and Finance/CFO; Victoria Walsh, Provost and Senior Vice President; and Mary Garafalo, Secretary to the Board of Trustee

**1. Call to Order, 4:01 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call, quorum present**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Request for Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**Resolution: Accepted**

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

**Motion: Seconded:**

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

**Resolution: Accepted**

**6. Introduction of Guests and Items from the Floor**

**7. Moment of Silence**

*Michael Overbaugh*

**8. Resolution:**

**Resolution No. 0225-2286 Approve LPN Certificate Program**

**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 LPN Certificate Program,

**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. Konsul; Seconded: Ms. Timan

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

**Resolution: Accepted**

## **9. President's Report**

**President, Carlee Drummer:**

### **Leader College Distinction**

Columbia-Greene is one of 10 community colleges in the nation selected as a Leader College by Achieving the Dream. This prestigious honor marks a milestone in the history of the College. President Drummer acknowledged the arduous work of the ATD Core Team co-chaired by Dean Drew Ledoux and Professor Matthew Kenny. Columbia-Greene is one of only three SUNY community colleges to tout this distinction that will open new doors for moving the institution forward.

### **Welcome, New Team Members**

The College extends a warm welcome to new team members who have joined our community since the January meeting: Urooj Tabassum Mohammad, Senior Research Analyst in Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness; Sarah Celt, Assistant Director of External Programs; and Mela Kuieh, Assistant Director of Marketing.

### **Albany Action**

President Drummer and Provost Walsh will be meeting with New York State Senators Fahy and Stavisky and Assemblymember Hyndman, all members of the Higher Ed Committee, to gain strong support for Governor Hochul's Opportunity Promise (Free Community College); an additional \$100 million in Operating Aid that includes attracting and retaining high-quality employees (\$30 million); supporting high-cost programs such as nursing (\$30 million); scaling and creating new workforce programs in high-demand fields such as health care and technology (\$30 million); and supporting student services such as mental health and food security (\$10 million).

SUNY also is asking Governor Hochul to maintain the funding floor; and continuing the \$8 million dispersed in 2024 for new operating expenses.

In addition, Chancellor King met with the Community College Presidents just before this meeting to discuss the status of Executive Orders concerning federal institutional funding and DEI. At issue is that the EOs are "vague" and never define "DEI."

According to the Chancellor, a Court Order has halted temporarily moving forward with this EO and advises that "SUNY will not deviate from its values."

## **10. Trustees Report**

### **a. Student Trustee, Chloe VanWagner:**

#### **Programming**

Student Engagement kicked off the spring semester with a diverse array of programming options ranging from music to mental wellness to jewelry-making and a Valentine's Card donation drive that was done in collaboration with Senator Hinchey's office. We piloted our first evening event, a trivia night, with 40+ attendees making it a resounding success. We also launched "Get Fit February," to promote wellness through encouraging students to visit our Fitness Center.

#### **Collaborative Programming**

Student Engagement is working closely with our colleagues in the Wellness Center as well as Health Services to promote health and wellness through a variety of initiatives. Erik Swift has been leading a wellness group every Monday which has consistently attracted attendees. Student Engagement has been working with Athletics who recently ran a basketball skills challenge and will partner for the upcoming e-sports Madden tournament this Thursday.

#### **Student Workers/Volunteers**

Student Engagement successfully grew the number of student workers, as well as receiving approval through HR and Financial Aid to have students who do not qualify through FAFSA participate on a volunteer basis within the division. Engaging students through work and volunteering helps our students to continue to develop their leadership skills while making meaningful contributions to campus life.

#### **Screens Initiative**

Student Engagement activated screens throughout the main building that advertise upcoming events and activities. These screens are both decorative and functional and have received positive feedback already from students as well as colleagues.

#### **Club Updates**

Our Animal Advocates club sponsored our most recent round of trivia. The Senate, Criminal Justice Club, and Gaming Club are very active on campus. Upcoming club meetings are now being advertised through the screens around campus as well as via email to students.

### **b. Co-Chair of the President Search and C-GCC Board Trustee, Doreen Davis:**

There is 15 members on the Presidential Search Committee. We have a landing page on our website for the Presidential Search.

## **11. Vice President and Provost Reports**

### **a. Provost and Vice President Walsh:**

With the current correctional officers' strike, we have not been able to instruct any classes at the correctional facilities.

Columbia-Greene was one of 22 SUNY community colleges that received \$50,000 from the State University of New York's Adult Learner Leadership Initiative. The grant, that "aims to eliminate barriers that prevent students 25 and older from obtaining a college degree", will provide funding for marketing and recruitment efforts targeting adult learners.

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

Vice President Bishop reviewed the monthly Financial Statements of January 2025

**12. Announcement of the Monthly March 2025 Meeting**

Monday, March 17, 2025, 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. Millar; **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:** Ms. Timan

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

**Resolution: Accepted**

**Exited Executive Sessions at: 5:48 p.m.**

**Resolution:**

**Resolution No. 0225-2287 Approve Tenure and Promotion**

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

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

**Resolution: Accepted**

**Adjournment:**

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

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

**Resolution Accepted**

**Adjournment at: 5:50 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 24, 2025**

**Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2025, Board Meeting**

**Operating Warrant Approval:**

Warrant No. 01-25, Operating Warrant