

SUNY SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 17, 2023

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ann Fleming Brown, Renee Bradley, Tina Chericoni Versaci,
Gary Hughes, Michael Karl, Margaret King, Rondacia McPherson
and Ray Gillen

ALSO PRESENT: Steady Moono, Patrick Ryan, Hamin Shabazz, Paula Ohlhous,
President's Council, and other College faculty and staff.

ABSENT: Damonni Farley

1) WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fleming Brown called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 20, 2023 AND CONSENT AGENDA**

23-41 **RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting be approved as
submitted and read; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

3) CONSENT AGENDA

23-41A Professional Development request for Brian Kasler, Assistant Vice President of
Administration, to attend the Community College Business Officers Association
Conference in Watkins Glen, NY, June 5-8, 2023.

23-41B Professional Development Request for Patrick Ryan, Vice President of
Administration, to attend the ACCT Leadership Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada,
October 9-12, 2023.

Upon motion by Vice Chair Chericoni Versaci and seconded by Student Trustee
McPherson, the resolution was unanimously approved

4) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Student Trustee Report was provided by Trustee Rondacia McPherson. The
updates that were provided by Trustee McPherson included:

- The establishment of a new student organization on campus. The Muslim Student Association (MSA).
- The Student Government Association (SGA) planning an event block for the Annual SGA award ceremony (May 3, 2023).
- On May 5, 2023 the Annual Student Government Association (SGA) Awards Ceremony will take place. This event will be co-hosted by TRIO, EOP, CSTEP and the Early College High School Program.
- Progress is being made in the translation of course material into the native languages of our international student population to help them better understand course material.

Foundation Report was provided by Vice Chair Chericoni Versaci. The highlighted Foundation updates included:

- Seventy-five students took part in cooking and performing for our 200 plus guests at the 31st annual *Food for Thought & All That Jazz*. Corporate support came in at **\$60,750**, exceeding 2022 sponsorships by \$8,500. A total of **\$85,269** has come in to date. The Trustees were asked to please save the date for the 32nd annual event on **April 2, 2024**.
- The campaign feasibility study is coming to a close. Fifty-two interviews were conducted. Special thanks were given to all who spoke with the consultant, Joe April. A summary of those meetings and initial campaign recommendations will be presented to the Foundation Board in May.
- Trustees were asked to be on the lookout for the Foundation's *April is Community College Month!* posts where featured alumni and future grads will be highlighted sharing their SUNY Schenectady stories, including Foundation intern, Amber, who is a **Smart Transfer Early High School** student and will graduate SUNY Schenectady with a Business Administration A.S. degree (with a 4.0) before she graduates Schenectady High!

5) REPORT OF THE TREASURER

APPROVAL FOR THE KEY BANK N.A. WARRANTS #29 THROUGH #33

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has reviewed Key Bank N.A. Warrants #29 through #33 and recommends payment of same, it is hereby

23-42 RESOLVED, that Key Bank N.A. Warrants #29 through #33 be hereby approved for payment.

Upon motion by Vice Chair Chericoni Versaci and second by Trustee Karl, the resolution was unanimously approved

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board has received the Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2023, as prepared by the Office of the Vice President of Administration in advance of the meeting, it is hereby

23-43 **RESOLVED**, that the Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2023, be accepted as received.

Upon motion by Trustee Karl and seconded by Trustee King, the resolution was unanimously approved.

6) **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Moono talked about the Many Voices One Call highlighting the regional workforce challenges such as low employment participation rates, limited access to wrap-around services, lack of awareness of career pathways and substandard life and employment skills. He also highlighted SUNY Schenectady’s proposed initiatives to address these challenges such as a Student Opportunity Endowment, Wrap-Around Resources, Mobile Skills Labs and a SUNY Schenectady Fund.

Click on link for full report:

[President’s Report – April 2023](#)

7) **NEW JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION**

APPROVAL OF TITLE TO BE ADDED TO THE COLLEGE’S PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LISTING

WHEREAS, the College President has recommended the new title listed below be included in the College’s Professional Services Listing; and therefore, be it

23-44 **RESOLVED**, that the President be authorized to submit the following title to the Chancellor of the State University of New York for inclusion in the Professional Service Listing for SUNY Schenectady effective immediately.

Human Resources Recruitment Specialist and Chief Diversity Officer

Upon motion by Trustee Hughes and seconded by Student Trustee McPherson, the resolution was unanimously approved.

8) PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NNEKA MORGINI AS PARTICIPANT SERVICES SPECIALIST (GRANT FUNDED)

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Nneka Morgini be appointed as Participant Services Specialist at the Schenectady College and Career Outreach Center (SCCOC); and

WHEREAS, Nneka Morgini has indicated that she will accept the position if offered by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the President concurs with said recommendation, it is hereby

23-45 **RESOLVED**, that Nneka Morgini be appointed as Participant Services Specialist at Schenectady College and Career Outreach Center (SCCOC) at a prorated salary of \$52,000 (Grant Funded) for the period of April 18, 2023 to August 31, 2023, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Personnel Policies of the Board of Trustees, and the Temporary, Grant-Supported Staff Positions and Temporary Assignments

Upon motion by Trustee Hughes and seconded by Trustee Karl, the resolution was unanimously approved

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DR. LAWRENCE MULLEN AS ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Dr. Lawrence Mullen be appointed as English Instructor in the Liberal Arts Division; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Mullen has indicated that he will accept the position if offered by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the President concurs with said recommendation, it is hereby

23-46 **RESOLVED**, that Dr. Lawrence Mullen be appointed as English Instructor in the Liberal Arts Division at a prorated salary of \$47,802 for the period of August 21, 2023 to August 31, 2023. His annual salary for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 will be \$47,802, subject to the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the UFP contract and the Personnel Policies of the Board of Trustees.

Upon motion by Trustee Hughes and seconded by Trustee Karl, the resolution

was unanimously approved

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MARIANNE SENNECA AS VICE
PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Marianne Senneca be appointed as Vice President of Development and External Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the President has concurred with said recommendation, it is hereby

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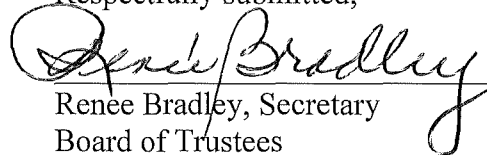
RESOLVED, that Marianne Senneca be appointed Vice President of Development and External Affairs, with an annual salary of \$97,000, prorated accordingly, effective April 30, 2023 to August 31, 2024. The College Foundation will assume the salary cost above \$65,000.

Upon motion by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Hughes, the resolution was unanimously approved

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Upon motion by Trustee Hughes and seconded by Trustee Karl, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Renee Bradley, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Recorded by:

Dr. Hamin Shabazz, Chief of Staff