



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Public Retreat/Meeting

January 17, 2014

#### Minutes

A retreat/meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Chair, at 12:25 p.m., on Friday, January 17, 2014, in the fifth floor Conference Room of the Gateway Building on the College campus.

Call to Order

The announcement of public meeting was made in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975.

Public Meeting  
Announcement

Those in attendance were: Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mrs. Linda Novak, Mr. Stephan Leone, Mr. Emil Kaunitz, Mr. Thomas Monahan, Mr. Joseph Passiment, Mrs. Joanne Pehlivanian, Mr. Jack Sahradek, Dr. Jon Larson, and Executive Vice President of Finance/Administration Sara Winchester. Others were in attendance to discuss specific items, as noted throughout the minutes.

Attendance

#### Discussion Items

- ◆ Strategic Initiatives, Inc. – Dr. Don Norris and Dr. Tim Gilmour are prepared to assist the College in implementing the recommendations resulting from their assessment of Ocean County College. They will discuss their proposed plan of action with the trustees at a meeting on Friday, January 31. A contract recommendation will be forthcoming.
- ◆ FY 2015 Ocean County College Budget - The FY 2015 Ocean County College budget will be presented to the trustees for action at the January 27, 2014, meeting. The parameters on which the budget will be developed were discussed by Ms. Winchester. A modest increase will be recommended in tuition and several fees. There will be no increases to the student or technology fees.
- ◆ Five-Year Financial Plans – The Five-Year Financial Plans, Operational and Capital, are “live” documents in that they will be updated as necessary because there are so many uncertainties in the future. Despite that, however, the plans provide a financial roadmap for the next several years.
- ◆ Online International Education – Both Kean University and Fairleigh Dickinson University have expressed a strong interest in partnering with OCC to offer online inter-

national education through Pearson International's worldwide cloud. Such partnerships would be beneficial in increasing enrollment for both OCC and its partners.

- ◆ New Jersey Tuition Equality Act – Senate Bill 2479, the New Jersey Tuition Equality Act, was recently passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. This law reinforces OCC's recent policy change. The College will develop, as required by law, an affidavit for students to sign of their intent to legalize immigration status.
- ◆ Performing Arts Academy – Kean University, the Ocean County Vocational-Technical School, and Ocean County College are meeting to discuss the possibility of offering a Performing Arts Academy on the College campus.
- ◆ Gateway Building Water Problem – Mr. Matthew Kennedy, Assistant Vice President of Facilities, Mr. Mike Bruno, Associate Director of Facilities Planning, and Mr. Jose Fierro, Interim Plant Manager, discussed the recent water pipe break in the Gateway Building. A temporary solution took care of the problem; and a plan has been developed for a permanent solution to avoid a reoccurrence in the future.
- ◆ Combined Heat and Power Plant – Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Bruno, and Mr. Fierro explained the design problem with the CHP as well as detailed the steps being taken to correct it to ensure greater efficiency.
- ◆ Student Center – The formal groundbreaking for the new Student Center will be held following the Board meeting on Monday, January 27. The construction area has been fenced, and all is moving on schedule thus far.

At 2:05 p.m., the Board adopted a resolution upon roll call vote to move into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining, and pending and anticipated litigation, the results of which will be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Resolution  
Adopted for  
Closed Session

The closed session ended and the open meeting resumed at 3:08 p.m.

Open Meeting  
Resumed

#### Personnel Committee

Upon unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Trustees approved the personnel actions as presented.

Personnel Actions  
Approved

#### Miscellaneous

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for:

Meetings  
Scheduled

**Monday, January 27, 2014**

10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee

10:00 a.m.

Bylaw, Policy, and

(as needed)

Curriculum Committee

10:30 a.m.	Buildings and Grounds Committee
10:30 a.m.	Personnel Committee
12:30 p.m.	Regular Public Monthly Meeting

With no further business or comments from the trustees or the public, the meeting  
adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone  
Secretary

Connie Bello  
Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees