

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, September 23, 2021

WD 4th Floor Ballroom

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, in the Workforce Development Building, 4th Floor Ballroom. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Corrine Burger at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Corrine Burger, Vice-Chair
James R. Fowler
Stephanie Green
Terri Meldrum, Esq.
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler
Dr. Richard D. Rosen

Absent: R. Anthony Joseph, Esq., Chair

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

President David T. Harrison advised that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPENING REMARKS FROM VICE-CHAIR BURGER:

Vice-Chair Burger shared the Board's annual evaluation of President Harrison's performance for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Board of Trustees met earlier in the year to review President Harrison's annual performance evaluation. After input from the Board of Trustees, Chair Joseph and Vice-Chair Burger met with President Harrison to discuss his annual performance evaluation. The Board of Trustees continues to have great confidence in President Harrison's leadership, including his exemplary leadership throughout the pandemic.

The Board has been impressed with the overall performance of cabinet and the leadership team. Under President Harrison's leadership, there has been sustained improvement in key student

success metrics and the Board is proud of the College's active role working with local superintendents to address critical needs of high school students. The Board greatly appreciates President Harrison's thoughtful guidance on the process to hire the College's first Chief Diversity Officer and his personal commitment to building effective diversity, equity, and inclusion programs within the college.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON:

President Harrison thanked the Board for their gracious remarks. He noted the incredible circumstances of the pandemic that brought out the best in the Columbus State team. He expressed gratitude to the Board of Trustees for acknowledging College leadership for their support of students, faculty, and staff through challenging circumstances. President Harrison thanked the Board for their support and guidance throughout the pandemic as well.

President Harrison introduced Tenisha McKay, Student Ex-Officio to welcome the student guest speaker. Ms. McKay introduced Adeina Davis, Student Ambassador and campus leader. Ms. Davis, a North Carolina native shared her reasons for choosing Columbus State Community College and why that proved to be the right choice for her. Ms. Davis expressed gratitude the investments of support and resources, and for the sense of community she built at Columbus State.

President Harrison thanked Vena Hill, outgoing Staff Ex-Officio for her service to the College. He presented her with a plaque as a token of appreciation for her time and service.

President Harrison congratulated faculty who received their first promotion in rank and tenure appointments for the 2020-2021 academic year and the 2021-2022 academic year.

2020-2021 Recipients:

- Jeremy Banta, Engineering and Transportation Technologies
- Kendra Barker-Poirier, Allied Health Professions
- Abbey Billups, Nursing
- Ruey Bruce, Biological & Physical Sciences
- Rochelle Burton, Nursing
- Angela Howard, Biological & Physical Sciences
- Andrew Kerr, Mathematics
- Lawrence McWherter, Information Systems Technology
- Robert Platt, Information Systems Technology
- Ericka Purtee, Nursing
- Sean O'Neill, Mathematics
- Jill Ritchey, Nursing
- Alison Romanowski, Nursing
- Diane Souza, Sports & Exercise Studies and Hospitality Programs
- Elycia Taylor, Languages and Communication
- Jessica Wohlgamuth-Benedum, Biological & Physical Sciences

2021-2022 Recipients:

- Madeline Cardona-Lebron, Information Systems Technology
- Michael Greer, Information Systems Technology
- James Hofe, Nursing
- Heather Less, Nursing
- Jennifer McCord, Business Programs
- Edna McQuesten, Nursing
- Beth Vetter, Allied Health

AWARDING OF EMERITUS STATUS:

Dr. Martin Maliwesky, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, reviewed the qualifications for Emeritus status. The following individuals were presented to the Board for approval of Emeritus Status:

- Dr. Rick Bartlett, Business Management
- Treschelle J. Costa, Human Resources
- Professor Debra Dyer, Information Systems Technology
- Professor Dianne Fidelibus, Human Services
- Patty Gabrenya, Conference and Events Services
- James Hamberg, Office of Institutional Effectiveness
- Professor Rita Krummen, Nursing
- Professor Susannah Longenbaker, Biological and Physical Sciences

Member Rosen moved, Member Meldrum seconded, that individuals recommended for Emeritus status be approved, as presented.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Burger, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish,
Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

**NAMING OF FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
AND CULINARY ARTS**

Discussion was held at the June 2021 Board of Trustees meeting; no further discussion.

Member Green moved, Member Fowler seconded, that the Board of Trustees approves the recommended naming of facilities in the School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Burger, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish,
Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

REVISION TO COLLEGE POLICY NO. 1-06 – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole meeting; no further discussion.

Member Ritzler moved, Member Rosen seconded that the Board adopt the recommended revisions to College Policy No. 1-06 – Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Burger, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish,
Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

TUITION WAIVER FOR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS NONPUBLIC STUDENTS:

Discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole meeting, no further discussion.

Member Fowler moved, Member Meldrum seconded, that the Board adopt the tuition waiver for College Credit Plus students attending nonpublic high schools.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Burger, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish,
Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021:

The Financial Statements as of and for the Two Months Ended August 31, 2021 are presented to the Board for information purposes only.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Personnel Information Items are presented to the Board for informational purposes only.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- **Trustee Rosen, Thank You**

President Harrison expressed gratitude to Trustee Rosen for his 12 years of service on the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees.

- **Leadership Columbus welcomes its 48th Class**

President Harrison congratulated Royce Carpenter, Assistant Professor, Human Services and Charles Noble III, Esq., Chief of Staff, Office of the President, for their participation in the Leadership Columbus Class of 2022.

- **Dr. Renee Hill Presents to the Ohio Collaborative Police-Community Advisory Board – September 1, 2021**

President Harrison acknowledged Renee Hill, Senior Advisor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, for her work with the Columbus State Police Department. Dr. Harrison also noted that Dr. Hill and Sean Asbury, Chief of Police, were asked to participate in a community advisory board with Ohio Police Departments. Dr. Harrison underscored the importance of their work for the College community.

- **STEAMM Rising Initiative Announcement**

President Harrison shared that earlier in the day, he attended a press event for the launch and announcement of the STEAMM Rising. The initiative is focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics, and medicine. STEAMM Rising is a partnership between the City of Columbus, The Ohio State University, Columbus City Schools, and Columbus State Community College. By focusing on teacher training and STEAMM education in elementary and middle schools, the initiative will serve as a catalyst for economic mobility.

- **Columbus College Promise**

Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, provided an overview and update of the Columbus College Promise initiative. A broad team from across the College has worked with key stakeholders to make Columbus Promise a reality. Dr. Butler underscored the opportunities for increases in equitable access to higher education and barrier removal for Columbus City School students.

- **Resiliency Bridge**

Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided an update on the Resiliency Bridge Program. In September 2020, Columbus State launched a housing program for eligible students with three components, including: counseling and consultation, short-term rental assistance, and mid-term housing assistance.

This work is a collaborative partnership between the Homeless Family Foundation, Affordable Housing Alliance, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Community Shelter Board, and the College. The Success Bridge Program has allowed the College to provide students with emergency rental assistance, and middle-term housing through the relationship with Capital University.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Initiatives**

Mr. Almar Walter, Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, shared overarching strategic initiatives to enable the College to continue moving forward with diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.

Mr. Walter shared that the College was selected to participate in the Racial Equity Leadership Academy (RELA), which is the culmination of a partnership between Achieving the Dream and the University of Southern California's Race and Equity Center. The College will administer a climate assessment as part of its learning journey with the Academy.

This assessment will be distributed to faculty, staff, and students, ultimately allowing the College to obtain data that will inform the creation of DEI goals and strategy. Additionally, the planned diversity audit, and equity data walk will provide the College with data to assess equity across different measures. Mr. Walter also shared the next steps for building capacity for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as specific goals around key deliverables.

- **Enrollment Report**

Mr. Allen Kraus, Vice President of Enrollment Services and Marketing Communications shared current and historic enrollment data. Both undergraduate enrollment and credit hours have decreased, compared to previous semesters. Enrollment and credit hours have also decreased for College Credit Plus students. Enrollment however, in nursing, information technology, and skilled trades have increased this Autumn.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no items to bring before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chair Burger proposed that the Board approve the nomination of Chair Joseph and Trustee Green to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. Chair Joseph and Trustee Green will partner with President Harrison to bring forward the recommended slate of new officers for 2022 at the November Board meeting.

Member Meldrum moved, Member Fowler seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Chair Joseph and Trustee Green to the Nominating Committee, as presented.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Burger, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish,
Ritzler, Rosen

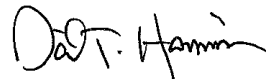
NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Dr. David T. Harrison

Secretary, Board of Trustees