

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Summary of Public Discussion on December 17, 2013

There was a call to order made by Vice Chair Weiss at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John P. Donnelly, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio
Arnold W. Drucker, Jocelyn Molina, Student Trustee.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn, Mary A. Adams, John A. DeGrace, Wanda Jackson, Edward W. Powers

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Chuck Cutolo

Vice Chair Weiss announced that the meeting could not occur due to the absence of a quorum.

Although there could be no "public comment" as part of a meeting, the Board members present invited any member of the public in attendance to speak.

Debra DeSanto, NCCFT President, expressed concern regarding the current collective bargaining negotiations between the Board of Trustees and the NCCFT and whether all of the members of the Board are being kept informed of the status and the substance of the negotiations. She indicated that the NCCFT negotiating team also was disturbed by the process of negotiations in which certain issues of a more collateral nature appeared to interfere with a discussion of more central issues. Some members of the Board cautioned Professor DeSanto about discussing the substance of the negotiations in a public forum, and she responded that she recognized the need to limit further discussion of these issues in public.

Phyllis Kurland, Student Personnel Services, expressed concern as to whether the College's outside labor counsel is accurately representing the position of the Board in collective bargaining negotiations with the NCCFT, and she indicated coordination between the College's negotiating team and the Board is necessary if the negotiations are to arrive at a successful conclusion. She also spoke of the need for the campus community to have an opportunity to provide input with respect to the draft Master Plan that was presented during the Capital and Finance Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Weiss announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Full Board meeting. The Board will open the public session between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Donnelly
Secretary