

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 21, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: P. Coombe, Chair, S. Drobysh, L. Dyrszka, R. Ernst, J. Finn, R. Heyman, G. Sandoval

ALSO PRESENT: M. Howard Golladay, E. Kubenik, C. Kashan, R. Schultz, S. Mitchell, J. Isadore

P. Coombe called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Presentation by P. Dollard, et al.

Patrick Dollard, CEO of the Center for Discovery, and others from the organization; and John Adams and Ramsey Adams from the Catskill Mountain Keeper were in attendance. Mr. Dollard addressed the Board about the possibility of the New School for Social Research developing a branch campus in Sullivan County. This branch of the university would focus on agricultural, environmental and medical education. The New School also has an interest in teaching their students about food systems and food security, and the number of farms in the area makes it an attractive location. Orange County Community College has also been informed about the potential of a four-year university here in Sullivan County. If the project does move forward, discussions will continue regarding articulation agreements with the community colleges. P. Coombe thanked Mr. Dollard and the group for the informative discussion.

J. Finn joined the meeting.

Consent Calendar

Motion by S. Drobysh to approve the consent calendar including the minutes of December 17, 2009 and January 7, 2010, and the disbursement reports for December 2009, seconded by L. Dyrszka. P. Coombe asked that the minutes be amended to strike the word *special* in the heading of the December 17, 2009 minutes and to state that L. Holmes would *consider* becoming the NYCCT Representative. **Motion by S. Drobysh to approve the consent calendar including the minutes of December 17, 2009 and January 7, 2010, as amended, and the disbursement reports for December 2009, seconded by J. Finn, and passed.**

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes

Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	absent
Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	absent
Joan Farrow	absent	Greg Sandoval	yes

Approval of Honorary Degree Policy and Procedures

The State University of New York and the State Department of Education have enacted policies allowing community colleges to confer honorary associate degrees to deserving individuals in recognition of outstanding service, scholarship, accomplishments, and/or contribution to Sullivan County Community College, society or Sullivan County. The following policy and procedure further delineates the process for selection and recommendation for Board of Trustees consideration and approval.

Purpose

- Sullivan County Community College shall be highly selective in awarding an honorary degree to qualified candidates. The Board of Trustees shall govern the selection of honorary degree recipients.
- The College seeks to recognize individuals of outstanding achievement and contribution to an academic discipline, society, or the Sullivan County community through scholarship, accomplishments, or service.
- Recipients should reflect the College's ideals and values and exemplify the concepts of excellence, service, and integrity.

Guidelines

- Only one honorary degree will be awarded in any academic year. However, there is no requirement that an honorary degree must be awarded in every academic year.
- Candidates must be present to receive the degree which is awarded at commencement or another significant event as determined by the President. The honorary degree shall be conferred by the Chair of the Board of Trustees or her/his designee.
- Members of the College faculty, staff, administration, or Board of Trustees are not eligible to receive an honorary degree until five years after their active service.
- Currently elected and/or appointed public officials and current candidates for public elective and/or appointed offices are not eligible.

Selection Process

- Nominations shall be made in writing to the President, and shall include a detailed letter outlining the contribution(s) the individual has made. Support letters from others might be included in the documentation.
- A confidential selection committee appointed by the President shall review the nomination materials and make recommendations to the President.
- The President shall present candidates through formal resolution for honorary degrees to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Available Degrees

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science

- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate in Occupational Studies
- Associate of Civil Law (ACL)
- Associate of Commercial Science (ACS)
- Associate of Divinity (AD)
- Associate of Fine Arts (AFA)
- Associate of Hebrew Letters (AH Litt.)
- Associate of Humane Letters (AHL)
- Associate of Jewish Theology (AJT)
- Associates of Laws (LLA)
- Associate of Letters (A Litt.)
- Associate of Music (A Mus.)
- Associate of Pedagogy (A Pd.)
- Associate of Sacred Theology (AST)

Motion by R. Ernst to approve the Honorary Degree Policy and Procedures seconded by S. Drobysh, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	absent
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	absent
	Joan Farrow	absent	Greg Sandoval	yes

Community/Public Feedback

None

Monitoring Information

- J. Isadore and R. Stevens presented information on ENDS 008, Student Development Services.
- J. Isadore and R. Stevens presented information on ENDS 009, Access.

Incidental Information

President's Report

- Dr. M. Howard-Golladay and members of her administration updated the board on recent College activities, programs, and events.

Russ Heyman left the meeting.

Correspondence

None

Executive Session

Motion by R. Ernst to enter Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues, seconded by S. Drobysh, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
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Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	absent
Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	absent
Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	absent
Joan Farrow	absent	Greg Sandoval	yes

Motion by S. Drobysh to resume regular session at 6:10 p.m., seconded by L. Dyrszka, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	absent
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	absent
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	absent
	Joan Farrow	absent	Greg Sandoval	yes

Motion by S. Drobysh to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by L. Dyrszka, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	absent
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	absent
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	absent
	Joan Farrow	absent	Greg Sandoval	yes

Respectfully submitted,

M. Howard-Golladay
Secretary to the SCCC Board of Trustees

Recorded by K. Ambrosino
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