Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York

January 28, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on January 28, 2020 at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, pursuant to a notice sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on January 14, 2020.

January 28, at 12:40 pm

Trustees Present:
Chairman Tisch, Vice Chair Perales, Trustee Burke, Trustee Corngold, Trustee Fogal, Trustee Kay, Trustee Lewin, Trustee Litow, Trustee Ostro, and Trustee Spiro.

Trustees Absent:
Trustee Belluck, Trustee Staller, Trustee Socarides, Trustee Duffy and Trustee Spielvogel.

Others Present:
Chancellor Johnson, Sandra Casey, and Terrance Pratt

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Tisch convened the Public Meeting at 12:45 pm, which was held at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. Mr. Pratt then called the roll of members, at which time Chairman Tisch declared a quorum. The Chairman ask for a motion to convene an executive session under the provisions of Section 1051F of the public offices law for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the appointment of particular persons and to seek legal advice pursuant to section 108 of the public officers law.

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:45 pm, Chairman Tisch called for an Executive Session under provisions of Section 105 of the Public Officers Law

Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Lewin

It was unanimously agreed to convene Executive Session

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board returned to public session at 4:35p.m.,
The following actions were taken in Executive Session, with all votes being unanimous:

1) **Resolution** to approve the Establishment of an Endowed Chair at the University at Buffalo;  
   (2020 – 1)

2) **Resolution** to approve the Establishing an Endowed Professorship at the State University of New York at Buffalo  
   (2020 – 2)

3) **Resolution** to approve the Establish an Endowed Professorship at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse  
   (2020 – 3)

4) **Resolution** to approve the Naming an Academic and Workforce Development Facility at the State University of New York Maritime College  
   (2020 – 4)

Chairman Tisch asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon motion by Trustee Litow
Seconded by Trustee Lewin

Meeting was adjourned.

**January 28, at 4:39 pm**

**Trustees Present:**
Chairman Tisch, Vice Chair Perales, Trustee Burke, Trustee Corngold, Trustee Fogal, Trustee Kay, Trustee Lewin, Trustee Litow, Trustee Ostro, and Trustee Spiro.

**Trustees Absent:**
Trustee Belluck, Trustee Staller, Trustee Socarides, Trustee Duffy and Trustee Spielvogel.

**Others Present:**
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CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chancellor Johnson announces resolutions for approval.

**Resolution: Appointment of Katherine P. Douglas as Interim President of Monroe Community College**

Resolved that the appointment of Katherine P. Douglas as Interim President of Monroe Community College, by the Monroe Community College Board of Trustees, effective February 3, 2020, at a salary to be determined, be, and hereby is, approved.  
   (2020 – 5)
Over the past eight years, Dr. Katherine Douglas served as president of Corning Community College until her retirement in 2019. In her capacity as president, Dr. Douglas showed excellence in leadership with a campus of almost 8,000 students with more than 40 degree programs in four locations. Overseeing an annual operating budget of nearly $25 million, Dr. Douglas was instrumental in working with SUNY System and local business and community leaders to build new programs and update facilities, as well as leading a capital campaign that raised private and state funds of $23.25 million. During her tenure, Dr. Douglas showed true support for students by instituting a Presidential Scholars Scholarship supporting local students graduating in the top 10% of their class with free tuition and collaborated with donors to establish a “Completion Grant” fund supporting students making academic progress who were unable to register due to outstanding bills of less than $1,000.

Prior to her tenure as president at Corning, Dr. Douglas served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Sussex County Community College in New Jersey; Dean, Division of Social Sciences at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts; and Associate Dean, Division of Behavioral Sciences, Professor and Department Chair of the Outdoor Leadership Program, Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts. Additionally, Dr. Douglas has extensive staff and organizational development experience as an executive coach and trainer with the Brimstone Consulting Group; Trainer and Founding Partner of PlayWorks; and Trainer for the New Games Foundation.

As a leader within the SUNY System, Dr. Douglas was a member of the Executive Committee of the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) and supported Corning Community College’s participation as part of the first cohort of the SUNY Guided Pathways Institute program.

Consistent with SUNY policy and guidance, as Interim President of Monroe Community College, Dr. Douglas has agreed that it is her intention to not be a candidate for the permanent presidency.

Dr. Douglas earned a Doctor of Education in Higher Education with a concentration in Community College Leadership; a Master of Education in Education Policy, Research, and Administration with a concentration in Staff Development; and a Bachelor of Science in Leisure Studies & Services/Outdoor Education with a concentration in Sociology at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst.

Secretary asks for the motion to approve
Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Burke
Chairman declares that the minutes are approved.

Chancellor Johnson continues with the next resolution for approval

Resolution: Appointment of Paul N. Patton as Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer

Resolved that the appointment of Paul N. Patton as Senior Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer, effective January 28, 2020, be, and hereby is, approved.
This resolution promotes Mr. Patton to Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer. His annual salary in this position will be $262,000. By Resolution 2019-01, Mr. Patton was appointed Vice Chancellor for Human Resources effective January 16, 2019. Mr. Patton has performed extraordinarily well in this position and has earned the respect of senior management and campus and System Administration staff.

Secretary asks for the motion to approve

Upon motion by Trustee Burke
Seconded by Trustee Litow

Chairman declares that the minutes are approved.

Katherine P. Douglas then joins via video to give thanks to the board for her appointment as Interim President of Monroe Community College.

Secretary Pratt continues with the resolution

Resolution: Awarding Honorary Degrees in Absentia

The proposed resolution authorizes the awarding of two SUNY honorary degrees in absentia and/or on a date different from what was initially approved in Board of Trustees’ Resolution 2019-72, by the Health Science Center at Syracuse and Monroe Community College.

Resolved that the State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse be granted authority to award an honorary degree to Sir Frederic Ballantyne, GCMG, MD in absentia, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees, as last amended June 2018; and, be it further

Resolved that Monroe Community College be granted authority to award an honorary degree to Dr. Alice Holloway Young on February 3, 2020 and/or in absentia if necessary, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees, as last amended June 2018.

According to the Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees, “Honorary degrees may be awarded in absentia, but only upon recommendation to the Board by the Chancellor in the case of extraordinary and compelling circumstances....” Further, the Guidelines note that the presentation of honorary degrees may also be permitted outside normal procedures in unusual circumstances.

The Presidents of the Health Science Center at Syracuse and Monroe Community College have provided information to the Chancellor sufficient to demonstrate the need to modify initially approved plans for the awarding of honorary degrees to Sir Frederic Ballantyne and Dr. Alice Holloway Young respectively, including well-reasoned challenges to the nominees’ ability to travel to receive such honorary degrees. Sir Frederick N. Ballantyne, GCMG, MD, has been a visionary leader, physician, statesman and
humanitarian on the island of St. Vincent for the past five decades. Dr. Ballantyne was Chief Medical Officer for the island and also served a term as Governor-General, an appointment by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Dr. Alice Holloway Young served as a founding trustee and long-time Chair of the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College. She celebrated over 60 years of distinguished service to the Rochester City School District with increasingly senior positions including Supervising Director of Elementary Instruction, Director of School Integration Programs, Vice Principal and Principal. The initial approval of both candidates was given by the Board of Trustees on November 20, 2019, as recommended by the Chancellor and by the University-wide Honorary Degree Committee, and formal approval to award the honorary degree was granted by Chancellor Johnson on January 3, 2020.

Secretary asks for the motion to approve

Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Litow

Chairman declares that the minutes are approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Lewin
Seconded by Trustee Litow

The Chairman declares meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.