Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York
May 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on May 6, 2020 via conference call pursuant to a notice sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on April 29, 2020.

May 6, at 11:00 am

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

Trustees Absent:
Trustee Spielvogel

Others Present:
Chancellor Johnson, Sandra Casey, Robert Megna, Tod Laursen, and Terrance Pratt

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING
Chairman Tisch convened the Public Meeting at 11:00 am, which was held via conference call. Mr. Pratt then called the roll of members, at which time Chairman Tisch declared a quorum.

The Chairman turned the floor over to Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, President SUNY Old Westbury for a Moment of Reflection

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 11:40 am, 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 Corngold
It was unanimously agreed to convene Executive Session

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Board returned to public session at 12:16 pm
No actions were taken in Executive Session.

CONVENING OF FORMAL BOARD
At 12:50 pm, Chairman Tisch called on Vice Chair Perales and Secretary Pratt to continue the Open Formal Board Meeting.

Secretary Pratt called for to the approval of the minutes.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York from March 26, 2020 via conference call, Secretary of the University asked the board if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes.

Secretary asked for a motion to approve
Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
Secretary declared that the minutes are approved.

Secretary Pratt turned the floor over to the Chancellor for appointments.

Chancellor Johnson began with an acknowledgment of gratitude toward Governor Andrew Cuomo and the SUNY Board of Trustees for their leadership. Then she said a word of thanks to the Campus Presidents and staff for the collaborative efforts during this time.

Chancellor Johnson gave a warm review of Dr. Rachel Dunifon.

Resolution: Appointment of Dr. Rachel Dunifon as Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University

Whereas pursuant to New York State Education Law §355(1)(e), the appointment of the head of each statutory or contract college (including the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University) by the governing body of each such institution requires the approval of the State University of New York Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it Resolved that Dr. Rachel Dunifon be, and hereby is, appointed Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University at an annual state salary of $200,000, effective immediately.

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Secretary Pratt called for approval of the resolution
Motion made by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
Secretary Pratt declared the resolution approved

Resolution: Re-appointment of Gregory Truckenmiller as Acting President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College

Resolved that the re-appointment of Gregory Truckenmiller as Acting President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College, by the Fulton Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees, effective August 1, 2020, the date the current appointment expires, at a salary of $142,341, be, and hereby is, approved. This appointment will continue until August 1, 2021, or until the Board of Trustees, by resolution, appoints a permanent president, whichever comes first.

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Secretary asked for the motion to approve the resolution
Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
Secretary declared that the resolution is approved.

Resolution: Re-appointment of Louis J. Petrizzo as Interim President of Suffolk County Community College

Resolved that the re-appointment of Louis J. Petrizzo as Interim President of Suffolk County Community College, contingent on the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees approval on May 14, 2020, effective September 26, 2020, the date the current appointment expires, at a salary of $235,978, be, and hereby is, approved contingent on the receipt of the Suffolk County Community College Board resolution. This appointment will continue until September 25, 2021, or until the Board of Trustees, by resolution, appoints a permanent president, whichever comes first.

(2020 – 23)

Secretary asked for the motion to approve the resolution
Upon motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
Secretary declared that the resolution is approved.

The Chancellor then introduced the final resolution for adoption,

Resolution: Authorizing additional year to service limit to continuing appointment for current non-tenured faculty

Whereas, the global public health crisis surrounding the COVID-19 disease outbreak has forced the alteration of the traditional campus-based higher education structure and caused SUNY institutions to transition to a remote learning platform; and Whereas, the COVID-19 disease outbreak has caused significant disruption to the careers of SUNY faculty, and most significantly to those faculty working toward achievement of continuing appointment (tenure); and Whereas, under Article XI of the Policies of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees has established the steps necessary for faculty to achieve continuing appointment, and limited the number of years of employment that faculty may serve prior to achieving continuing appointment; and

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Whereas, the Board of Trustees wishes to amend Article XI of its Policies, which is also codified in its regulations, in the face of the ongoing public health crisis to provide necessary flexibility to our faculty in this uncertain time; now therefore, be it Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare, in accordance with the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Emergency Adoption and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, as well as any re-issuance of such Notice of Emergency Adoption as may be necessary during the pendency of the Proposed Rulemaking, with respect to amendments to subdivision d of section 335.4 of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and to amend corresponding provisions of the Policies of the Board of Trustees, to read as follows (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added): (4) Each employee who as of May 6, 2020 is currently serving in a position of academic rank who has not yet attained continuing
appointment status, and who is not currently under review, shall have an automatic one-year extension of the time to continuing appointment without change in title, full-time equivalent or other employment status. Any employee in a position of academic rank who has not yet attained continuing appointment status may opt out of the automatic one-year extension referenced above and be considered for continuing appointment based on their original schedule by submitting a request, in writing, to their Department Chair, with copy to their Dean and Provost. Timelines for such submission shall be determined at each campus. These provisions shall not apply to any employee in a position of academic rank who has already been provided with a notice of non-renewal.

and, be it further Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to adopt or amend policies, procedures, and/or guidelines in accordance with these regulations; and, be it further Resolved that the amendments made to policies, procedures, and/or guidelines in accordance with these regulations shall be repealed upon the repeal of the amendments to Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York made herein, and such policies, procedures, and/or guidelines revised and updated consistent with such repeal.

Secretary Pratt called for approval of the resolution
Motion made by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
Secretary Pratt declared the resolution approved

ADJOURNMENT
Secretary Pratt then asked for a motion to adjourn
Motion by Vice Chair Perales
Seconded by Trustee Corngold
The Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.