

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY and
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Minutes

November 2, 2023

Present: Ms. Mary Comito, Dr. Francis Cuss, Mr. Doug Kennedy, President, Jonathan Koppell, Mr. Sreeni Kutam, Mr. William Mullen, Mr. Preston Pinkett, Mr. Kent Sluyter, Ms. Mariana Luna Martinez and Mr. Artem Beliaevski

Absent: Ms. Rose Cali, Mr. Marc de Grandpre, Ms. Tracy Higgins, and Mr. Ralph LaRossa

Present by invitation: Dr. Joseph Brennan, Ms. Althea Broomfield-Michel, Prof. Sandra Collins, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Dr. Jerry DeSanto, Dr. Marcheta Evans, Mr. Michael Galvin, Dr. Junius Gonzales, Ms. Wendy Lin-Cook, Mr. James Solodar, Dr. Dawn Meza Soufleris, Mr. David Vernon, Ms. Rita Walters and Mr. Keith Barrack.

Mr. Sluyter called the meeting to order at 11:12 am.

Statement regarding manner of public notice of meeting

Mr. Sluyter read the following statement regarding the public notice of the meeting: “Please be advised that in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting — November 2, 2023 — has been provided by distributing notices as required, properly posting 48-hour notice, and forwarding notices to designated newspapers and to persons requesting such notification.”

Roll call — As reported above.

Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2023

Trustees approved the minutes from September 13, 2023, as distributed.

No. 3452

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR – MR. KENT SLUYTER

Mr. Sluyter reported that in closed session the Trustees reviewed the minutes from September 13, 2023, reviewed legal matters, and discussed contract negotiations.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Koppell highlighted the growth of the University with over 23,000 students on the Montclair and Bloomfield campuses. The President highlighted student engagement on both campuses are in areas of academics, research projects, performance arts and athletics. The President commented on the recent tragic events unfolding in the Middle East and remarked that the strength of the University community will help us support each other. The President commented on the concerns of increase mental health crisis occurring on our campus and in other colleges and universities across the country.

UNION REPORT

AFT President, Professor Richard Wolfson commented on the past few weeks being the most difficult during his tenure at the University and stated that he appreciated the measures taken to maintain campus security for students, staff and guests. Professor Wolfson encouraged those to vote in the upcoming elections. Professor Wolfson requested further information on the Dreamscape Learn agreement.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kutam reported that the Committee reviewed the minutes from its September 13, 2023 meeting, proposed personnel actions and a list of new hires anticipated before the Board's next meeting.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Kutam moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following personnel actions:

- 2 - Managerial appointments
- 12 - Professional staff appointments

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2024)

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	
Kieran Barrett	Student Development and Campus Life	Associate Vice President and Chief of Police	7/1/23	BS	Saint Thomas Aquinas College
				MS	Montclair State University
Craigon Campbell	Academic Affairs	Director, Institutional Research & Effectiveness for Bloomfield College of Montclair State University	10/16/23	Ed	Fairleigh Dickinson University
				MS	Queens College
				BS	York College

Professional Staff
Appointment (AY 2023)
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*71.43% time

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Arelis Fernandez	Employee Benefits Human Resources	Benefits Coordinator	9/25/23	AS BA	Bronx Community College Lehman College
Christina Giordanno	Office of Graduate Admissions/Marketing	Coordinator of Event Planning	10/9/23	BA BA MBA	Montclair State University Montclair State University Montclair State University
Miriella Gonzalez-Ullon	CCHL & CEEL Technology Services	Technology Services Associate, CEEL & CCHL	10/23/23	BS	Montclair State University
Jailynn Johnson	Financial Aid	Financial Aid Counselor	10/30/23	MS BA AAS	Southern New Hampshire University Berkeley College Berkeley College
Tiffany Jones	CCHL/Dean's Office	Administrative Coordinator	10/30/23	BA	North Carolina Agriculture & Technology State University
Steve Long	Broadcast/Media Operations Engineering	Engineer, Broadcast and Media Operations	10/16/23	BA	University of Toledo
Siddhirupa Nanda	Enrollment Management Data and Technology Services	Assistant Data Analyst - Enrollment Management	2/26/23	BS MA	Lovely Professional University, Punjab, INDIA Clark University, Worcester, MA
Allisun Romain	Provost Office	Compliance Coordinator	10/9/23	BA	Monmouth University
Margaret Schuler	ACP/Operations	ACP General Manager	10/16/23	BA	Thomas Edison State University
Imani Smallwood	Social Work/Child Advocacy	Field Education and Practicum Coordinator	9/25/23	BA MSW	Fairleigh Dickinson University Montclair State University
Victoria Speiser	Graduate Student Affairs	Academic Success Coordinator	10/9/23	BS MBA	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Christina Verhagen+	Office of Research	Postdoctoral Research Associate	10/9/23	BS PhD	Rutgers University Montclair State University

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3453

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Dr. Cuss reported the Infrastructure Committee reviewed the minutes from its September 13, 2023 meeting and received a capital project report.

Dreamscape Learn

Dr. Cuss moved that the Board of Trustees approve to delegate authority to the President or Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President to take any and all actions necessary to enter into agreements with Dreamscape Learn for the establishment of a virtual reality program at the University.

No. 3454

AUDIT, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pinkett reported that the Audit, Finance and Development Committee reviewed the minutes from its September 13, 2023 meeting, reviewed contract awards, and held discussions with external auditor.

Contract Awards

Mr. Pinkett moved that the following contract awards be approved.

- Laptop Lease Program 3-year Extension – \$750,000 increase, total of \$7,570,830
- 9-year Agreement for Contract Management Software License and Implementation - \$1,850,000
- 5-year Contract for Snow Removal Services (Hutton Construction LLC) - \$600,000
- Website Overhaul Increase (OHO Interactive, Inc.) - \$52,500 increase, total of \$581,266

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3455

Signatory Authority – Montclair State University

Mr. Pinkett moved that the Board of Trustees adopt the revised University Signatory policy to reflect the addition of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3456

Signatory Authority – Bloomfield College of Montclair State University

Mr. Pinkett moved that the Bloomfield College of Montclair State University Board of Directors hereby adopt the revised Bloomfield College of Montclair State University Signatory policy.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3457

REPORTS

Student Trustee Mariana Luna-Martinez reported that she and Student Trustee Artem Belivski have been holding listening sessions with students to discuss various topics. The Student Trustees will continue also coordinate town hall meeting with each college Dean to address academic topics with students.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sluyter moved that Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next Public Session to discuss the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3458

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.



Keith D. Barrack