

York College Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

4:00 – 7:00 PM

York College AC 3H13

**Board Attendance:** Lori Bassin, Collin Brathwaite, Michele Chow-Tai, Richard Dzwlewicz, George Grasso, Thomas Grech, Che-Tsao Huang, Anthony Hill, Marcia Keizs, Hope Knight, Patrick Lespinasse, Michelle Mack, Angela Matheny, Panayiotis Meleties, Ashok Nigalaye, Ismael Perez, Shereitte C. Stokes III, Valerie Taylor-Haslip, Ronald Thomas, Margaret Vendryes

**On the Conference Phone:** Elizabeth Segal

**Absent:** Chris Hsu, William Burgess, III, Joseph Ciampa, Edson Edwards, Margaret McNeil, Juan Santiago, Hank Sheinkopf, Jeff Spiritos, Michelle Stoddart, Ray Warren

**Guests:** George Brakeley, Bridgette A. Bryant, Mondell Sealy,

I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** At 4:26 pm and presided by Ms. Chow-Tai

- A. Introduction of all Trustees in attendance and guest, Bridgette A. Bryant, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.
- B. Review and approval of Agenda with changes in order of discussion items.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

**Michele Chow-Tai**

- A. Approval of Minutes: By means of a motion from Ms. Chow-Tai, and Second by Richard Dzwlewicz, the minutes of the June 12 were approved with one correction.  
Ronald Thomas was present at the June 12 meeting.
- B. Vote on reappointment of Foundation Board of Trustee members: Lori Bassin, Dr. Collin Brathwaite, Michele Chow-Tai, Richard Dzwlewicz, George Gasso, Thomas Grech, Che-Tsao Huang, Michelle Mack, Elizabeth Segal and Ray Warren.
  - i. Motion from President Keizs and seconded by VP Thomas, all reappointments were unanimously approved.
  - ii. Appointment of Jeff Spiritos to Honorary.
  - iii. Thank you board resolution given for departing board members: William Burgess III, Joseph Ciampa, Edson Edwards, and Margaret McNeil.
- C. Vote on Slate of Officers: Michele Chow-Tai (Chair); Patrick Lespinasse (Vice Chair); Anthony Hill (Secretary); Richard Dzwlewicz (Finance and Audit Chair & Treasurer); Juan Santiago (Assistant Treasurer).
  - i. Motion for President Keizs and seconded by Ms. Bassin, the slate of officers was unanimously approved.
  - ii. Motion from chair to add the president or designee of the York College Alumni Association to list of ex-officio trustees, unanimously approved.

III. **Advancement Committee Report**

**Hope Knight**

- A. Merit Scholarship Reception goal was \$100,000; \$104,925.00 was raised. Expenses totaled \$28,260.51. Net income was \$76,664.49.

- B. Focus will be on one signature event per year. The 2019 Merit Scholarship event is scheduled for April 11.
- C. Draft of strategic plan is being reviewed by President Keizs. After her review, it will be presented to the Advancement Committee then the Board for consideration. The plan will include: financial goals, building a culture of philanthropy, strengthening the board and building the endowment.

**IV. Finance Committee:**

**Ismael Perez**

- A. Report given on ACFE Endowed Professorship. A 2% administrative fee has been added to projected revenue for FY'2019.
- B. Investment policy has been drafted and will be reviewed at next board meeting.
- C. By means of a motion from Mr. Grech and seconded by Dr. Huang, the York College Foundation FY'2019 budget was approved by unanimous vote.

**V. Astrobotics Presentation**

**Professor Daniel Phelps**

- A. York College competes in two NASA funded robotic initiatives, the Robotic Mining Competition and the NASA Swarmathon Competition at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. An interdisciplinary team of approximately 10 York students go head-to-head against the best engineering institutions in the country. It costs \$20,000 a year to run the program. Program needs private funding for paid internships, travel accommodations and in-kind donations of technology.

**VI. Stewardship Presentation**

**Vice Chancellor Brigette A. Bryant**

**VII. President's Report**

**President Keizs**

- A. Annual letter to Interim Chancellor submitted in August.
- B. Four to SOAR academic campaign started to encourage students to graduate in four years.
- C. Masters program in Social Work launched May 2018. Twenty-eight students admitted for Fall 2018.
- D. Approximately 76 students participated in the Study Abroad, Study Away program with trips to France, Japan, and Italy. Students traveled to Puerto Rico to assist CUNY in its rebuilding initiative on the island.
- E. Faculty Recognition: Dr. Vadim Moldovan, second Fulbright Scholar Award; Dr. Linda Grasso, new book on Georgia O'Keefe; and Prof. Tom Moore, continuing radio series on the history of the Revolutionary War's Battle in Brooklyn.
- F. Due to challenges with FY'2019 budget - projecting a deficit or approximately \$2.6 million, there's a hard freeze on full-time hires.

**VIII. NYU & Winthrop Hospital Merger**

**Dr. Collin Brathwaite**

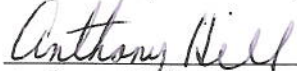
- A. A separate NYU/Winthrop medical school will be established in Mineola, LI to be called the Long Island School of Medicine. School is devoted to primary care with a 3 year curriculum. First class will enter in September 2019. There is a need to develop a student pipeline program to create diversity. Meeting will be scheduled with York's Provost and diversity director for new school.

**IX. Other Business**

- A. The Foundation's Events and Marketing Committee was recently formed with Lori Bassin as chair. Elizabeth Segal joined and additional trustees are needed.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Anthony Hill  
Secretary