

York College Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

4:30 – 6:00 PM

President's Conference Room AC-2H02

Board Attendance: Lori Bassin, Michele Chow-Tai, Anthony Hill, Chris Hsu, Che-Tsao Huang, Marcia Keizs, Hope Knight, Michelle Mack-Corley, Angela Matheny, Panayiotis Meleties, Ismael Perez, Juan M. Santiago, Michelle Stoddart, Shereitte C. Stokes III, Valerie Taylor-Haslip, Ronald Thomas, Margaret Vendryes

On the Conference Phone: Patrick Lespinasse, Ray Warren

Absent: Colin Brathwaite, Richard Dzwlewicz, George Grasso, Thomas Grech, Ashok Nigalaye, Elizabeth Segal, Hank Sheinkopf

Guests: Janine Scott

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** At 4:45 pm and presided by Ms. Chow-Tai
 - A. Introduction of all Trustees in attendance by Mr. Shereitte C. Stokes III.
 - B. Review and approval of the Agenda.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** **Michele Chow-Tai**

Approval of Minutes: By means of motion from President Marcia Keizs, and second by Ronald C. Thomas, the minutes of the December 5th meeting were approved.

- III. **President's Report** **President Keizs**
 - A. Thanked the Board for their continued commitment to York College, its membership and the work.
 - B. Spoke on the various highlights York has had over the past few months such as, the field research several professors are engaged in Tarana Burke's (#MeToo) speech at York for Women's History Month and Professor Martin Spergel's lecture series.
 - C. Small team visit from the Middle States Commission. The visiting team met with a cross-section of the College community to verify the progress the College has made to address concerns cited in their June 2018 report. The activities the College has taken and continue to take to address the Commission's concerns were contained in the monitoring report the College submitted on February 26, 2019. At the exit meeting following the site visit, the team reviewed the next steps, the timeline and presented some preliminary observations. These materials will be given to a committee at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for review, which, in turn, will make its recommendation/s to the Commission. The Commission meets in June and a final report will come to the College by July 4, 2019.

- IV. **Advancement Committee** **Hope Knight**
 - A. The Strategic Plan was discussed, specifically the goals and priorities for fiscal years 2019-2023. It was advised to read the document in its entirety, but for a quick synopsis the *Executive Summary* will provide you with the nuts and bolts. The Advancement

committee will continue to forge ahead in prioritizing the goals and bring back to the Board for a full vote.

B. Merit Scholarship Reception

Lori Bassin/Shereitte C. Stokes III

Abigail Kirsch has not only given what they originally offered but they graciously added several additional options at no additional cost. Invitations are printed and will hit the mail as of Friday. The electronic invitation will be circulated by tomorrow. Multiple raffle prizes have been donated through various members of the board (Lori Bassin, Dr. Chris Hsu, Dr. Marcia V. Keizs, Patrick Lespinasse, Elizabeth Segal, Juan M. Santiago, Michelle Stoddart, Raymond Warren, and Dr. Margaret Vendryes). The raffle ticket sales are our biggest push to bring in unrestricted funding. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales go towards unrestricted. In the past, \$20,000 was raised. One raffle ticket is \$25; a book of 5 is \$100. We have a goal of \$100,000 and \$60,000 pledged thus far. Thank you to AT&T, Colonial Consulting, Con Edison, Mets Foundation, National Grid, NYC Health and Hospitals, Resorts World, Dr. Ashok Nigalaye and others for the commitments. There is high interest from Honoree, Dr. Shirley Ostholm Hinnau's contact list, they have been calling in for additional information and registering.

V. Finance & Audit Committee Report

Ismael Perez

Financial statement review: as of today the portfolio is up 7% over year last. Net assets end of the year (June 30) at \$3.166 million, and net assets currently are at \$3.052 million a deficit of \$114,000.

VI. Board Development/Nominating Committee Report

Shereitte C. Stokes, III

Cultivation of Thomas Chen, Chris Roker, Shelley Greenhaus and Sanjiv Sharma are ongoing. Shelley Greenhaus, has yielded no result, but outreach will continue. Shereitte met with Sanjiv during his business trip to Florida, an ask was made and is pending. Mr. Thomas Chen and Chris Roker are possible honorees for the 2020 Merit Scholarship, need to make the ask early.

VII. Other Business

Thank you to AT&T for their commitment of \$5,000 to the Astrobotics program and \$15,000 to MUREP (SEMMA).

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Hill

Secretary