

York College Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2019

4:30 – 6:00 PM

President's Conference Room AC-2H02

Board Attendance: Lori Bassi, Anthony Hill, Chris Hsu, Marcia Keizs, Michelle Mack-Corley, Panayiotis Meleties, Ismael Perez, Michelle Stoddart, Shereitte C. Stokes III, Valerie Taylor-Haslip, Ronald Thomas, Margaret Vendryes

On the Conference Phone: Michele Chow-Tai, Richard Dzwlewicz, Hope Knight, Patrick Lespinasse

Absent: Colin Brathwaite, George Grasso, Thomas Grech, Che-Tsao Huang, Angela Matheny, Ashok Nigalaye, Juan M. Santiago, Elizabeth Segal, Ray Warren

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. Stokes.
 - B. Ms. Chow-Tai thanked President Keizs for her service and leadership the past 14 years.
 - C. President Keizs thanked the Board for their continued volunteer support to York and committed to helping the Institution and the Board in the future without being intrusive to new leadership.
 - D. Review and approval of the Agenda.

Correction to the Strategic Planning speaker. President Keizs included a progress report on the process in her report.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** **Ms. Chow-Tai**

Approval of Minutes: By means of motion from Ms. Bassin, second by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hill, the minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved.
- III. **Strategic Planning/President's Report** **President Keizs**
 - A. The Strategic Planning Committee has already held six planning sessions.
 - a. Members of the college community, faculty, staff, and students have engaged in nine forums led by our consultant Ms. Anna Pond.
 - b. Many in the community have also participated in the process by completing the survey, with 74 useable responses received. To date, the comments have been gathered, and data trends provided by Dr. Lori Hoeffner have been reviewed.
 - c. One final information gathering session will be held with the community on June 12th, 2019. The focus is to engage them in the planning and

receive input in their vision of the future of York as partners. Ms. Chow-Tai and Ms. Knight will attend the June 12th information gathering session.

- B. The CUNY Presidents have had their second meeting with the new Chancellor, Felix V. Matos Rodriguez. He served at Hostos for six years, Queens College five years and is very conversant with the issues facing CUNY.

IV. Advancement Committee

Ms. Knight

- A. Review of the current progress report. The revenue goal for this fiscal year is \$579,310. \$119,724.76 is needed to reach the goal. A direct mailing campaign and other solicitations are planned to make up the deficit.

- B. Shelley Greenhaus made his 2nd donation of \$500.

- C. Merit Scholarship Reception

Ms. Bassin

The Merit Scholarship was well received. One hundred fifty-six in attendance, 190 hard RSVP, and 240 soft yes. \$7000 in raffle sales to the Fund for York. We exceeded our goal of \$100,000 with \$121,865 raised. The next event is scheduled for April 23rd, 2020. Possible venues are located in Queens. Our committed honorees are Professor Emiratis Elena Borstein and CEO, Chris Roker of NYC Health & Hospitals. Santander Bank is a potential honoree.

V. Board Development/Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Stokes III

- A. Received formal notification of Rabbi Hank Sheinkopf, Ph.D. resignation.

- B. Discussion about whom should replace Rabbi Sheinkopf and Patrick T. MacKrell. Angelo E. Gousse, Lorraine Patten and early student leaders are possible candidates for filling the empty seats.

- C. Expiring terms of trustees and renewing of terms.

- a. President Keizs to make initial contact.

- b. Ms. Chow-Tai has spoken with Mr. Lespinase, and he's committed to be reappointed.

VI. Finance & Audit Committee Report

Mr. Dzwlewicz

- A. Review of the financial report.

- B. Management fees- There was a discussion of fees associated with non-endowed and endowed gifts. President Keizs moved the discussion forward.

- a. Mr. Stokes clarified the Foundation would charge a one-time administrative fee of 5% on all non-endowed gifts and a one-time administrative fee of 1.5% on all endowed accounts and a 2.5% annual management fee on all endowed accounts.

- b. The effective date of July 1st, 2019, was confirmed.

- c. Motion moved to the floor by Ms. Chow-Tai.

- i. Objections none.

- ii. Unanimously passed.

VII. Other Business

- A. Ms. Mack-Corley, President of the Alumni Association Inc. gave a recap of FY2019-2020 gifts the association awarded to York college. The association award nearly \$25,000 to various scholarships and departmental aid.

- B. Mr. Stokes reported on behalf of Dr. Brathwaite that NYU Langone Medical School Program received approval from the state. The cohort of 24 students begins the 5-year program in August. The program is seeking to create a pipeline

by partnering with specific schools. Their current partnership is with Uniondale High. There is an interest in creating a pipeline with York. Thus Mr. Stokes has committed to facilitating a meeting to get the right people in the room to establish a pipeline for the college.

- C. Proposed FY2019-2020 meeting dates.
- D. Announcement of Daniel Phelps resignation to pursue his Ph.D. at Georgia Tech.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Hill
Secretary