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WCCC-College President Dr. Will Austin		

Model Standards of Good Practice for Trustee Boards

- That it always strives to differentiate between external and internal processes in the exercise of its authority;
- That it derives its authority from the community and that it must always act as an advocate on behalf of the entire community;
- That it must clearly define and articulate its role;
- That it is responsible for creating and maintaining a spirit of true cooperation and a mutually supportive relationship with its CEO;
- That its trustee members should engage in a regular and ongoing process of in-service training and continuous improvement;
- That its trustee members come to each meeting prepared and ready to debate issues fully and openly;
- That its trustee members vote their conscience and support the decision or policy made;
- That its behavior, and that of its members, exemplify ethical behavior and conduct that is above reproach;
- That it endeavors to remain always accountable to the community;
- That it honestly debates the issues affecting its community and speaks with one voice once a decision or policy is made.

BOARD PASSED RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the more than thirteen hundred community and Technical colleges, public and private, in the United States have contributed enormously to the richness and accessibility of American higher education. Nearly half of all undergraduate college students in the Nation today are enrolled in community colleges; and

WHEREAS, by providing educational opportunities at costs and locations accessible to all who are qualified, community and technical colleges have greatly enhanced the opportunity for every ambitious student, young or old, to enter a postsecondary school program. As community-based institutions, our schools provide varied programs and offer specialized training for more than one thousand occupations; and

WHEREAS, this community is served well by Warren County Community College, and as Warren County Community College has been recognized by Middle States for its exceptional report and process during the March 2018 Self-Study. And as Warren County Community College has been further recognized by Registered Nurses.org as the 2nd best nursing program in the state of New Jersey, and by Bestcolleges.com as the 2nd best community college in New Jersey; and whereas the only factors that keep WCCC from 1st place rankings by each internet ranking organization are facility and budget sizes; and

WHEREAS, Warren County Community College has reached a 43% graduation rate, highest in NJ as well as record retention rates; while simultaneously reducing remediation and credits to degree; and

WHEREAS, WCCC trustees, staff and students have received numerous national recognitions including, but not limited to: the ACCT Northeast Region Trustee Leadership Award, the ACCT Northeast Region CEO Award, the AAUA McInnis/Ryan Higher Education Leadership Award, the PTK Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, the AACC Faculty Innovation Award, the PTK Paragon Chapter Advisor Award, and the PTK New Century Transfer Pathways Student Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Warren County Community College trustees and staff serve the global higher education community on statewide, national, and international boards including, but not limited to: NJCCC Executive Committee, NJCCC Legislative Committee Chair, AACC Board of Directors, AACC Workforce and Economic Development Commission Chair, former AACC Presidents' Academy Chair, the AAUA Board of Directors, the Chair Academy International Advisory Board, and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Board; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the important contribution of community and technical colleges to our total educational system, in 1985 the Congress authorized and requested then President Ronald Reagan to issue Proclamation 5418 establishing a National Community College Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Warren County Community College Board of Trustees recognize April 2018 as

Warren County Community College Month



Board Welcomes New Trustee Nancy Brown



Nancy Brown, who for many years served on the Warren County Community College Foundation Board, is back at the college, this time as the College’s newest Trustee.

Brown, who lives in Belvidere, joined the board at its April meeting.

“Warren County Community College is a gem in our county and in our state,” said Brown. “I am very pleased to join the Board of Trustees.”

In Other Actions, Trustees Approved:

Reviewed:

- The annual trustees self-evaluation and chair evaluation completed during the March retreat; the results showed that the Board and Chair’s foundation is strong and demonstrates an upbeat and positive attitude and realistically prepared for the challenges associated with governance.

Approved:

- Resolution requesting approval of the FY 2019 Holiday Schedule.
- Resolution authorizing participation in NJEDGE’s Edgemarket Cooperative pricing system providing three major services to the College: Internet, library databases and data communication.
- Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Settembrino Architects for professional services for the replacement of the steam boiler and related steam exchange equipment at the Phillipsburg Education Center.
- Resolution authorizing the renewal of the lease with Blazing Star Foods, LLC in the small business incubator at the Phillipsburg Education Center.
- Resolution authorizing an agreement for a lease with Matlock Chiropractic LLC in the small business incubator at the Phillipsburg Education Center.

Great Things are Happening at Warren County Community College

Commendations/Recognition

ADMINISTRATION/FACULTY/STAFF

President Austin Recognized By Phi Theta Kappa



The Board Chair announced that Dr. Will Austin is among a select group of community college presidents from around the country who will be honored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, an award chosen by the students.

Dr. Austin will be presented with the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction at Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention on April 20 in Kansas City, which will also be the organization’s Centennial Celebration. Over 5000 students are expected to attend the event. Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders.

STUDENTS

- Two Warren County Community College Students, Dorothy Helmken and Matthew Miller will be honored on Thursday, May 3 in Trenton along with thirty-six other students statewide at the annual Phi Theta Kappa Day.
- The Nursing Program was ranked the second best in New Jersey out of the forty statewide RN programs by registerednursing.org
- The April 18 meeting was held at the Knight’s Cafe at the Warren County Technical School, where the Culinary Arts students, under the direction of Professor Pat Lilly, demonstrated their skills and learning progress by preparing a restaurant quality dinner for the Trustees and Freeholder Director Ed Smith.



Boardbriefs

President's Report

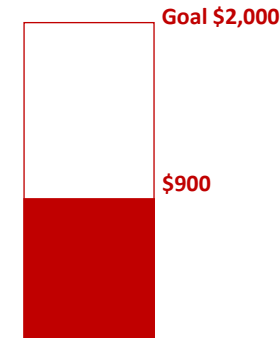
- Shared 2018 Commencement Event Calendar
 - Friday, May 18 7:00PM Nursing Pinning Ceremony
 - Saturday, May 19 8:00AM Graduate Awards Breakfast
 - 9:30AM Board of Trustees Meeting
 - 11:00AM Commencement
- Shared a draft of the Middle States Report from Dr. Isekenegebe, Chair of the MSCHE Accreditation Team, regarding their March 25-28, 2018 visit to the campus. The College appears to meet all standards for accreditation and requirements of affiliation with no requirements or recommendations. Very few institutions receive this highest evaluation. The Chair also listed institutional commendations:
 1. The self-study effectively reflects what the team observed during its visit.
 2. The college has a dedicated team of faculty, staff and administration who are committed to the welfare and success of the students.
 3. The college has a strong and engaged Board of Trustees that cares about the institution and the success of students.
 4. The transparency and integrity of the program review process and the communication of institutional assessment results all commendation.
 5. The college's President, Dr. William J. Austin, Jr., brings strong and stable leadership to the institution. He has the full support of the Board of Trustees and the college community.
- Began the discussion on setting goals for 2018-19 which was titled "Futuring." Dr. Austin listed four areas for future discussion at the Board Meeting after the Board receives a written report. The areas included tuition, free community college, enrollment, and building up the financial reserves of the college in future years.
- Reminded board members to complete their financial disclosure forms online as required by NJ State Statutes

Presentation

A construction update on the Annex funded by the state "GO Bond," Freeholders, and the WCCC Foundation was presented by Dennis Florentine, Dean of Administration. Project is on schedule to be completed by October, 2018.

Additional Board Discussion

- Chair Linfante updated the Board on the Golden Eagle's Safety Nest Fund. The Board is trying to raise \$2,000 for the food insecurity program to provide \$20 gift cards to students who need food. As of the meeting, \$900 has been raised by trustees.



- Board discussed recent New Jersey legislation concerning:
 - 1) Governor's proposal to provide community college students with free tuition and 2) the senate passage of transferring health benefits to the State Health Benefit Program (SHBP) saving both the college and employees money.

College Commencement is Saturday, May 19th at 11AM.