

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, November 28, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** N. Speranza, Chair, P. Coombe, S. Drobysh, L. Dyrszka, J. Farrow, P. Guenther, R. Heyman, L. Holmes

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Duncan-Poitier, SUNY Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges; D. Moeckel, SUNY Assistant Provost for Community Colleges; G. Anker, SUNY Financial Analyst; M. Meyers, Executive Vice President for Administration, SUNY Rockland; John Dunn, Vice President for Administration, SUNY Dutchess

N. Speranza called the meeting to order at 4p.m. with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Mr. Speranza introduced our newest Board Member, Paul Guenther who is replacing Robert Ernst.

Remarks from J. Duncan-Poitier

Ms. Duncan-Poitier began by thanking former Board Chair, P. Coombe, who worked tirelessly during a year of transition, and current Board Chair, N. Speranza for his strong leadership when the College was without a President and continuing now as Board Chair. She then introduced her colleagues D. Moeckel, G. Anker, M. Meyers, J. Dunn. Associate Counsel, D. Bulluck, was also very involved but could not attend today's meeting. These individuals volunteered their time and expertise to review the situation at SUNY Sullivan and make recommendations on how it can deal with the issues. The basic findings and recommendations for the College to continue its reputation for excellence are:

- Ongoing preparations for the Middle States accrediting team are key. Dr. Moeckel, will be the SUNY liaison and will be very helpful to the college.
- Enrollment needs to grow and needs a detailed plan with established goals.
- Internal and external communications need to improve. A culture of trust and transparency must continue to be developed. The development of the Executive Committee and the expansion of the President's Cabinet, charged with strategic planning and budget development, has been a good move forward.

- Improved relationships with the community. This has begun with the Board Chair and President attending all meetings of the Legislature; the President visiting all high school superintendents; revitalizing the Speaker's Bureau and much more.
- The development of a budget action plan is now underway to ensure campus-wide input. An Enrollment Management Council has been established to work with academic leadership and faculty to establish short and long-term enrollment goals for each program. Scholarships will now be awarded strategically by the Admissions Office.

There is a lot of work to do, and it will take short and longer term planning. N. Speranza publically thanked the SUNY team for their work on the college's behalf.

**Motion by J. Farrow to enter Executive Session at 4:35 p.m., seconded by P. Coombe, and passed.**

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	absent
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Paul Guenther	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	De'Lorien Brown	absent

**Motion by S. Drobysh to resume regular session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by J. Farrow, and passed.**

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	absent
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Paul Guenther	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	De'Lorien Brown	absent

**Motion by J. Farrow to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., seconded by R. Heyman, and passed.**

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	absent
	Steven Drobysh	absent	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	De'Lorien Brown	absent

Respectfully submitted,

L. Dyrszka  
Secretary to the SCCC Board of Trustees

Recorded by K. Ambrosino