

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Minutes of the Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
Virtual WEBEX PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College was held on Tuesday, **March 2, 2021**, as a Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting. Chairwoman Dorothy Blakeslee called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and the following announcement was made:

The Bergen Community College Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for today Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will take place remotely. No physical meeting will take place. Rather, as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will take place electronically through WebEx.

Instructions for the public to participate have been posted on the homepage of the Bergen Community College website, and an email was distributed to all BCC personnel. Additionally, information was uploaded to the electronic sign as you enter the Paramus Campus.

All members of the public, whether accessing via the web or telephone, will have the opportunity to offer comments during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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Thank you.

“The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by an annual notice, including the date, time, and place of this meeting posted on the first floor at the L-wing lobby adjacent to the Public Safety Office in the Pitkin Education Center of Bergen Community College and on the College’s website at <https://bergen.edu/about-us/board-of-trustees/meetings/> and was emailed to The Record and The Herald News, and filed with the Clerk of the County of Bergen, December 31, 2020.”

**ROLL CALL**

Present

Mr. Joseph Barreto

Mrs. Dorothy Blakeslee

Mr. Gerard L. Carroll

Mr. Louis DeLisio

Mr. Patrick J. Fletcher

Mrs. Krista Flinn

Mr. Mark Longo

Mrs. Ritzy Moralez-Diaz

Mr. Stephen F. Pellino, Esq. (left meeting at 5:55 p.m.)

Dr. Sheetal Ranjan

Mr. Adam Silverstein

Mr. Robert Krasowski

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Also Present

Dr. Eric M. Friedman, President

Mrs. Judy Verrone, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P.

Mr. Tyler Beebe, Managing Director of Systems Integration/Information Technology Services

Mr. Timothy Burger, Technical Director, Information Technology Services

**REPORTS**

**VICE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

No report from Vice Chairman Silverstein.

**SECRETARY'S REMARKS**

Secretary Carroll recommended the approval of the Tuesday, February 2, 2021 board meeting and executive session minutes and the consent agenda dated March 2, 2021.

**TREASURER'S REMARKS**

Treasurer Barreto, Chairman, Education and Student Affairs Committee recommended approval of E/SA1 and E/SA2.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, Dr. Friedman held his first Town Hall meeting which was attended by over 220 people from across the college community. Dr. Friedman will be holding a Town Hall meeting every other month as part of an increased outreach strategy, to engage and communicate with trustees, faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Friedman requested a moment of remembrance and silence in memory of Professor Joshua Guttman. He was a member of both the Physical Sciences and the Industrial Design Technologies departments and was essential in curriculum development, student advising and laboratory development for the Electronics program for over 20 years. Professor Guttman was very talented and a caring instructor who will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to his family, his colleagues and his friends.

On Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Friedman attended an AACC webinar on CRRSSA funding, which is the acronym for the latest round of stimulus funds. This funding pertains to non-degree seeking students, non-credit students, and dual enrollment students who may now receive financial aid grants. Also, colleges have one year to expend the funds and, importantly, financial aid grants can be used to satisfy students' outstanding balances. Dr. Friedman thanked Ralph Choonoo, Wilton Thomas-Hooke, and Drorit Beckman for their stellar leadership of CARES and CRRSAA funds and the detailed reporting that is required for these grants.

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The ACCT National Legislative Summit was held in February. Dr. Friedman had the pleasure of attending several informative sessions along with Chairwoman Blakeslee, Board Secretary Carroll and Trustee Ranjan. Dr. Friedman hosted a meeting with Congressman Josh Gottheimer.

Ms. Alicia Hocman, a Bergen Community College student, addressed Congressman Gottheimer and the attendees about the positive impact that the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) has had on her life, and how it enabled her to keep her part time job rather than having to seek full-time employment, thereby enabling her to concentrate on her studies.

Additional meetings included staff from Congressman Sires' office, Congressman Pascrell's office, Senator Menendez's office, and Senator Booker's office.

Some of the priorities of the National Legislative Summit included:

A \$2 billion investment that builds on the success of the previous Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program; supporting student access and success by requesting an increase in allocations for Pell grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), TRIO grants, and others.

### **Budget Report**

Dr. Friedman and the Executive Team have begun 2021-2022 budget discussions. Steps have been taken for upcoming high-level discussions with the Board's finance committee which will commence in a few weeks. Enrollment expectations for this year fell in line with the redrafted budget that was approved at last June's Board of School Estimate Public Meeting. Dr. Friedman thanked Dr. Fisher and the academic deans who have worked tremendously hard to monitor our course schedules and to limit our spending on adjunct instructors.

Currently, credits are down 13% but enrollment growth in the Flex 2 semester is having a positive impact on that number. An additional 120 late start sections were scheduled due to "late start" demand. Dr. Friedman met with the Bergen County Superintendents and expressed his sincere desire to expand our partnerships and to continue to co-enroll students across the county.

Dr. Friedman met with James Kirkos, the President of the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce. It has been the belief of President Friedman that strong Chambers translate to strong and vibrant business communities. Dr. Friedman is fully invested in finding new ways to partner and to "get the message out" about BCC's programs and success stories. He will also be working with the Workforce Development Board, the County's office of economic development, and other business and industry partners.

Dr. Friedman discussed launching a new Economic Recovery Committee. This committee will meet every month and will focus on creating and strengthening partnerships with business and industry, new programs with strategic partners and positioning BCC at the center of Post-Covid economic recovery.

### **CCOG Legislation Report**

Governor Murphy signed legislation to make the Community College Opportunity Grant Program (CCOG) **permanent** in New Jersey. This program allows qualified students to attend any New Jersey community college without tuition or educational fees for up to 5 semesters. In order to be eligible for funding, students:

- Must be enrolled in at least six (6) credits
- Must make satisfactory academic progress
- Must have a total household adjusted gross income no greater than \$65,000

### **Mental health support services / Wellness Wednesdays**

During the month of March, a team from our Center for Health, Wellness & Personal Counseling will lead a panel discussion on women's mental health challenges in an effort to promote health and resilience during COVID-19. The panel, entitled "Don't Call Me Crazy!" will guide participants through a discussion on women's mental health in an effort to promote health and resiliency during COVID-19 and virtual life.

### **Assessment of Prior Learning (PLA) Success Story: Leigh Zimmerman**

Leigh Zimmerman, a resident of Edgewater, had been a working actor, singer, and dancer for 30 years on Broadway and in film and television. Leigh decided to return to college with the goal of helping address the urgent mental health needs of artists in her community. She chose to come to Bergen Community College and enrolled in our psychology program. Leigh Zimmerman was able to demonstrate competency in a number of Bergen Community College courses and was awarded 17 credits towards her degree requirements.

### **PepsiCo/BCC mentorship program**

Bergen Community College continues to partner with PepsiCo to offer a transformative experience for students and their mentors, who are PepsiCo employees. Dr. Friedman reported that the College will begin the 3rd cohort of mentors and mentees this month.

### **March is Women's History month.**

A wide range of panel discussions, video performances and webinars under the theme of "Women Rewriting History" will be launched in March.

### **Asian Heritage Month is in April**

This year's Asian Heritage Month, "Rebuilding Better Together," will kick off with a discussion of Lee Isaac Chung's "Minari," a fictionalized memoir about a Korean American family's pursuit of the American Dream and the challenges of assimilation in 1980s Arkansas. Thank you to co-chairs Dr. Amarjit Kaur of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, Joan (Tsung) Liu-Devizio, in the Library, and Dr. Mina Ahn, Professor of Psychology for their leadership in helping the Bergen Community College community to better understand the challenges and prejudices that Asian Americans face, especially in the face of recent upticks in hate crimes and general intolerance.

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### **Black History Month**

President Friedman reported that HRM and the Black History Month Committee distributed food kits for students and staff in need. Sherry Wilson and Rhonda Drakeford prepared 50 food kits to assist members of the Bergen Community College community in immediate need of food supplies. A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Black History Month activities. As Trustee Carroll remarked passionately at the closing ceremony: "At Bergen we celebrate our diversity!"

### **Literary Arts Series WebEx with Brian Turner on March 11th**

The Literary Arts Series, led by Dr. Jessica Datema, Associate Professor of Composition and Literature, will take place on March 11th at 11am and will feature author Brian Turner. Brian Turner is author of two poetry collections *which have* won several prestigious prizes. He is also the author of a memoir, *My Life in a Foreign Country*.

### **2021 Association of Student Conduct Administrators (ASCA) Annual Conference (Ian Wolf)**

The week of February 9th, Ian Wolf, Coordinator of Student Conduct and Information, and Jennifer Gamez, Student Conduct Generalist, from the Office of Student Life and Conduct attended the virtual annual conference for Association of Student Conduct Administrators.

### **The Cerullo Learning Assistance Center**

The Learning Assistance Center initiated *Virtual Front Desk* which allows for virtual, video-based interaction with students, tutors, and faculty. All the tutorial supervisors and staff members take turns covering the Virtual Front Desk during the Center's hours of operation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **AUDIT AND FINANCE**

Chairman Fletcher informed trustees that the Audit and Finance Committee met on February 17, 2021. The committee is prepared to recommend resolutions AF1 to AF9 to be approved by the board members.

### **EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Chairman Barreto informed trustees that the Education and Student Affairs Committee met on February 16, 2021. The committee will recommend resolution E/SA1 and E/SA2 for approval by the trustees.

### **PERSONNEL**

Chairwoman Moralez-Diaz informed the board members that the Personnel Committee had a virtual meeting on February 16, 2021 and will be recommending the moving of resolutions P1 to P4 that appear on the agenda.

### **SITE AND FACILITIES**

Trustee Longo, Chair, of the Site and Facilities Committee informed the board members that The Site and Facilities Committee had a virtual meeting on February 17, 2021. At this time, the committee will not be recommending resolutions.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ISSUES**

Trustee Ranjan reported that Dr. Brock Fisher, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Ms. Karolina Wolf, Dean of Assessment, Accreditation and Compliance, organized a team for The Strategic Planning and Issues Committee. A meeting was held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with Trustee Ranjan, President Friedman, Dr. Fisher, Dean Wolf and team members. The committee discussed roles and responsibilities, current strategic planning processes, completion/finalization of Reimagine Bergen Annual SMART Goal templates, review of 2021-2022 Broad Annual Goals, key performance indicators, annual strategic planning calendar, annual budget process, and FY20 annual goal summary report processes and procedures. Trustee Ranjan has been very impressed with the team and she is pleased to support this committee.

**ALUMNI TRUSTEE**

Mr. Krasowski introduced the Executive Board of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Ms. Laila Metwaly, President, SGA  
Ms. Ho Kyoung Kim, Vice President, SGA  
Mr. Elijha Serrano, Treasurer  
Ms. Mellissa Jara, Chief Justice  
Ms. Urimy Jao, Executive Secretary

The Executive Board gave an overall presentation of the Student Government Association activities, goals, and initiatives. See attached slides.

**CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT**

No report from Chairwoman Blakeslee.

**UNFINISHED/BOARD MEMBERS**

Trustee DeLisio thanked President Friedman for attending the Bergen County Association of School Administrators' Meeting.

Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to close the unfinished portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Barreto and seconded by Trustee Longo.

**NEW BUSINESS/BOARD MEMBERS**

No member of the board raised any unfinished business.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Dan Sheehan, Professor of Music and Co-Chair of Visual and Performing Arts and Chairman of Department Chairs' Organization.

Professor Sheehan thanked Dr. Friedman for his comprehensive report and the recent Town Hall.

An invitation was extended to trustees to attend the upcoming Academic Department Chairs' Organization meetings on March 23 and April 20, 2021.

Professor Sheehan presented a resolution from the Bergen Community College Academic Department Chairs' Organization (ADCO) to the trustees regarding, "Resolution on Promotions and Sabbaticals for 2021-2022", submitted March 2, 2021. The resolution requested the Board of Trustees to reconsider the recent decision regarding the granting of a single promotion and single sabbatical during the 2021-2022 academic year.

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Two members of the public spoke on behalf of their sons' who participate as students and athletes of Bergen Community College. They expressed their concerns regarding the ongoing suspension of the athletics program. They requested the President and trustees to reconsider the suspension of the athletics program for Spring, 2021.

Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to close the Open to the Public Session. A motion was made by Trustee Morales-Diaz and seconded by Trustee Ranjan. All were in favor. The Public Session was closed.

Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to approve the February 2, 2021 board meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Longo and seconded by Trustee Morales-Diaz.

**Roll Call Vote for approval of the board meeting minutes dated Tuesday, February 2, 2021.**

Mr. Joseph A. Barreto - Yes  
Ms. Dorothy Blakeslee - Yes  
Mr. Gerard L. Carroll – Yes  
Mr. Louis DeLisio – Yes  
Mr. Patrick J. Fletcher - Yes  
Mrs. Krista J. Flinn – Yes  
Mr. Mark Longo – Yes  
Mrs. Ritzy Morales-Diaz – Yes  
Mr. Stephen F. Pellino, Esq. – Absent (left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)  
Dr. Sheetal Ranjan – Yes  
Mr. Adam Silverstein – Yes  
Mr. Robert Krasowski - Yes

Votes – 11 – Yes and 1 – Absent.

Motion passed for approval of the February 2, 2021 board meeting minutes.

**Roll Call Vote for approval of the Consent Agenda dated March 2, 2021.**

Mr. Joseph A. Barreto - Yes  
Ms. Dorothy Blakeslee - Yes  
Mr. Gerard L. Carroll – Yes  
Mr. Louis DeLisio – Yes  
Mr. Patrick J. Fletcher – Yes  
Ms. Krista J. Flinn – Yes  
Mr. Mark Longo – Yes

***Trustee Mark Longo abstained from voting on Resolution A/F1: Exempt from Bidding:  
Appointment General Counsel – DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, L.L.P.***

Ms. Ritzy Morales-Diaz - Yes  
Mr. Stephen F. Pellino, Esq. – Absent (left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)  
Dr. Sheetal Ranjan – Yes  
Mr. Adam Silverstein – Yes  
Mr. Robert Krasowski - Yes

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Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Barreto and seconded by Trustee Flinn.  
Resolutions were not submitted for Strategic Planning and Issues.

Votes:

A/F1 – 10 Yes, 1 - Abstention and 1 – Absent.

A/F2 to A/F9 – 11 Yes and 1 – Absent.

E/SA1 and E/SA2 – 11 Yes and 1 Absent.

P1 to P4 – 11 Yes and 1 – Absent.

Motion passed for Consent Agenda.

At 6:23 p.m., Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Tactics and Techniques of Public Safety and Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No.: BER-L-8188-19.

A motion was made by Trustee Barreto and seconded by Trustee Longo. All trustees agreed. Motion passed.

On behalf of Chairwoman Blakeslee, "Pursuant to section 12b of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the following matters will be discussed by the Board in closed session:

Tactics and Techniques for Public Safety and Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No.: BER-L-8188-19. The discussion will become public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists."

At 7:18 p.m., Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to reconvene the board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Barreto and seconded by Trustee Flinn. Motion passed.

Mrs. Judy Verrone, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P. read the Audit and Finance resolution.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION A/F**

**Approval Date: March 2, 2021**

#### **Resolution**

Authorization to approve settlement of litigation entitled Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No.: BER-L-8188-19

#### **Submitted By**

Eric M. Friedman, Ph.D., President

#### **Action Requested**

Approve settlement of litigation entitled, Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, authorizing the President to enter into a settlement agreement and release for the amount of \$100,000. The settlement agreement and release shall be on file in the President's office.

#### **Justification**

Resolve pending litigation against the College to avoid additional costs of litigation.



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**Approved resolutions:**

**A/F1 – Approval of Legal Vouchers – DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, L.L.P.**

Approval is hereby granted to approve the following invoices:

Invoices: December 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 = \$ 44,457.74

Legal bills will be available on the College's web site under the Board of Trustees at the following address:

**A/F2 – To authorize the contract through NJ State Contract # 83717 for inspection, testing, maintenance and repairs of the existing fire alarm and fire suppression equipment for Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands and the Ciarco Learning Center to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP.**

Approval is hereby granted to award contract for fire protection equipment services to Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP through NJ State Contract # 83717 in order to provide inspection, testing, maintenance and repair services at both BCC at the Meadowlands and Ciarco Learning Center locations for one (1) year from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$52,690.47.

**A/F3 - To continue coverage for the Cyber, Privacy, and Security Liability insurance policy through Chubb/ACE American Insurance.**

Approval is hereby granted to purchase Cyber, Privacy, and Security Liability insurance coverage for one year from Chubb/ACE American Insurance through Otterstedt Insurance Agency at a cost of \$42,725.83, including 10 % commission, plus 0.6% NJ Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association surcharge.

**A/F4 - To authorize the purchase of 85 XP-PEN Artist 12 Pro tablets from Software House International.**

Approval is hereby granted to purchase 85 XP-PEN Artist 12 Pro tablets from Software House International in the amount of \$16,830.00.

**A/F5 – To reject bids received in response to Public Bid P-2339 for the purchase of a laser engraving machine and to rebid. This machine will be used in the Manufacturing Technology, Drafting Design and Computer Aided Drafting certificate programs.**

Approval is hereby granted to reject bids received for Public Bid P-2339 for a laser engraving machine due to both bids being non-responsive and to approve an immediate rebid.

**A/F6 - Continuing Education: Authorization to Approve Payment to Smarth Enterprises Inc. for Continuing Education Instructor.**

Approval is hereby granted for payment in the amount of \$19,200.00 to Smarth Enterprises Inc. for the services of Project Management Instructor, Susan Serradilla-Smarth.

**A/F7 - To authorize the purchase of 9 OptiPlex computers from SHI International Corporation.**

Approval is hereby granted to purchase 9 OptiPlex computers for the One-Stop Center from SHI International Corporation through NASPO Computer/NJ State Contract # MNWNC-108/#M0483 in the amount of \$8,196.48.

**A/F8 - To authorize the purchase of 11 Cisco 9300 Switches for the new One-Stop project from Aspire Technology Partners.**

Approval is hereby granted to purchase 11 Cisco 9300 switches for the new One-Stop project from Aspire Technology Partners in the amount of \$70,779.39 through NASPO ValuePoint NJ State Contract # 87720.

**A/F9 - To authorize the purchase of 9 NEC TV monitors and mounts from CDW-G LLC.**

Approval is hereby granted to purchase 9 NEC TV monitors and mounts from CDW-G LLC through # ESCNJ18/19-03 Co-Op (18/19-03) in the amount of \$13,868.55.

**A/F10 - Authorization to approve settlement of litigation entitled Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No.: BER-L-8188-19.**

Approval is hereby granted for the settlement of litigation entitled, Sandra Sroka v. Bergen Community College, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, authorizing the President to enter into a settlement agreement and release for the amount of \$100,000. The settlement agreement and release shall be on file in the President's office.

**E/SA1 - To authorize submission of a grant proposal in the amount of \$1,160,250 to the United States Department of Education, and to authorize President Eric M. Friedman, Ph.D., or his designee, to execute required documents.**

Approval is hereby granted submission of a grant proposal to the US Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education in the amount of \$1,160,252 over five years to develop an Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) that addresses academic advisement and financial assistance informational needs of economically disadvantaged and other educationally underrepresented individuals.

**E/SA2 - To authorize a refundable application fee of \$25.00 for new students entering Bergen Community College.**

Approval is hereby granted to be able to charge as well as to refund the application fee of \$25.00 for new students entering Bergen Community College.

**P1 - Appointment: Lecturers, Spring 2021 Semester**

Approval is hereby granted for the appointment of the following individuals as Lecturers for the Spring 2021 semester at the salary indicated.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Discipline/Division</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Eun Choi	Nursing/Health Professions	\$ 21,420.00
Stephen Gonzalez	Gaming and Information Technology/Math, Science and Technology	\$ 20,400.00

**P2 - Reappointment Faculty: Third Reappointment and Fourth Reappointment**

Approval is hereby granted to reappoint the following individuals for their third reappointment to the indicated division and rank for the period September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

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**Third Appointment**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Discipline/Division</u></b>
Timothy Blunk	Assistant Professor	Art/Business, Arts and Social Sciences
Neel Haldolaarachchige(Dr)	Assistant Professor	Physics/ Physical Sciences/ Mathematics, Science and Technology
Brian Hemstreet	Assistant Professor	Communications/Humanities
Stephanie Niemiec	Associate Instructor	Paramedic Science/Health Professions
Kevin Olbrys (Dr)	Assistant Professor	Philosophy and Religion/Humanities
Julie Seda	Assistant Professor	Wellness and Exercise Science/ Health Professions

**Fourth Reappointment**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Discipline/Division</u></b>
Ronda Drakeford	Instructor	Hotel Restaurant Management/Business, Arts and Social Sciences
Alex Luy	Assistant Professor	Computer Science/Mathematics, Science & Technology
Jessica Peacock*	Assistant Professor	Center for Student Success/Student Affairs
Jaclyn Rose	Associate Instructor	Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Health Professions

\*For the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

**P3 - Confer Professor Emeritus Status**

Approval is hereby granted that the Board of Trustees confer Professor Emeritus status on the following individuals:

Dr. Barry Freeman  
Professor Martha (Marty) Lowe

**P4 – Resolution: Retirement: Technical/Professional Assistant/Faculty**

Approval is hereby granted for the retirement of the following individual:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Department/Division</u></b>	<b><u>Hire Date</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Stuart Rosengarten	Professional Assistant/ Media Technologies/Information Technology	01/04/93	07/01/21

As no further business was brought before the Board of Trustees, Chairwoman Blakeslee asked for a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Trustee Barreto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fletcher.  
All trustees were in favor.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Thank you,

Trustee Gerard L. Carroll, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Bergen Community College



**Student Government Association**

# Current Executive Board



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*Laila Metwaly*



Vice President

*Ha Kyoung Kim*



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Chief Justice

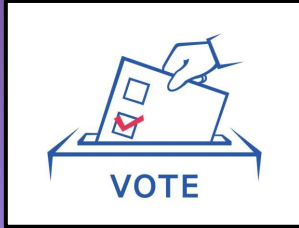
*Melissa Jara*



Executive Secretary

*Urimy Cha*

# Historical SGA Impacts



Voting Seat for Alumni Trustee



The Tobacco/Smoke Free Policy



COVID Food Donation





# 2020-2021 E-Board Projects



June 2, 2020

## Regarding the Continuing Racial and Social Injustices

Dear Bergen County Community,

The recent police brutality that killed George Floyd and the racism that is still deeply rooted in our society. The racial prejudice are currently overwhelming our community.

We, the Bergen Community College Student Government Association, stand in solidarity with the Black community and the hard-working activists who strive to end racism.

It is our duty as Bergen Bulldogs to be well aware of the policies and laws that can bring forth social reform.



July 15, 2020

## Regarding International Students

Dear Bergen County Community,

On July 6th the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced their implementation of a policy and guidelines that stated that international students would be required to either transfer to another University or leave the United States if the college they were presently attending was only going to offer online courses for the fall semester. This caused a wave of disruption in the plans of many colleges in the U.S., who began to attempt to offer one credit courses on campus, in order to ensure that their international students could remain in the United States.

Soon after the announcement of the policy was made, Harvard and MIT filed a joint lawsuit against the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The lawsuit was filed in hopes of preventing the guidelines and



## Meetings with Interim President Dr. Ross

### Cares Act

#### Is everyone receiving the same amount?

Those who apply and get approval for the "Cares Act" through the college will receive a total of \$1,000. So far, around 1.8 million dollars have been awarded to students. Bergen Community College has received 4.2 million dollars to fund students and support the college's operations.

#### How is the college addressing students who did not fill out the FAFSA?

The Cares Act is dependent on the information from FAFSA. Thus, students who did not fill out the FAFSA will not be eligible for the Cares Act underneath the college.

#### How and on what is the college spending the other half of the CARES Act fund?

Half of the money received through the "Cares Act" will be used on students and the other half will be spent on the college expenses related to the pandemic (COVID-19). There is a clear guideline set by the Department of Education that directs how and on what the college will be spending the fund.

## BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ONLINE CLASS OPTIONS



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LET'S HONOR THIS DAY.



## Looking Back & Looking Forward

SGA Feedback Forum

Communication with Students

# Senate

Where legislation  
is drafted,  
debated, and  
voted upon.

## Collaboration

Four committees  
working together to  
make positive changes  
in Bergen Community  
College

## Core Leadership

Listening  
Empathy  
Creativity  
Service Mindedness  
Accountability



## College Affairs

Improving General  
College Experience  
for Students

*Common Project:  
Mid-Semester  
Academic  
Feedback Survey*

## Academic Affairs

Improving Academic  
Experience for  
Students

*Project:  
Open Educational  
Resources for  
Bergen*

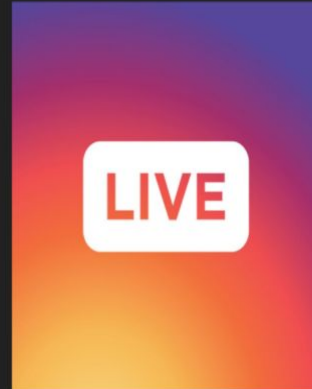
# Diversity Committee

Reparations for **Black Descendants of Slavery**  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 2:00–3:00 p.m.



Presented by  
**Dr. Thomas Craemer, Ph.D.**  
Presentation followed by Q&A  
Click here to join event

Promote diversity  
and inclusion in  
Bergen Community.

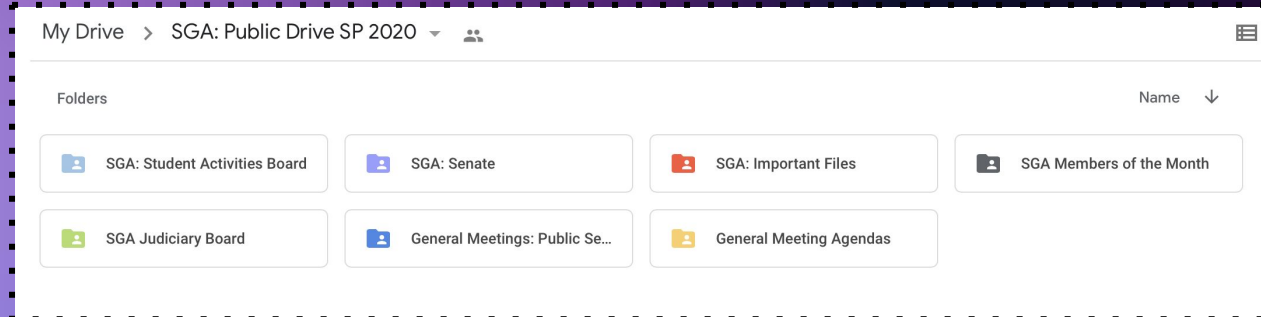


# Public Relations Committee



- Connect with students
- Get the word out about SGA

Public Google Drive Project 





## FEEDBACK FORUM



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?

USE YOUR VOICE!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR  
CONCERNS REGARDING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER.  
WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND GET YOUR FEEDBACK.

11/22/20 | 6PM WEBEX JUDICIARY SGA  
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SEE YOU THERE!



# Judiciary

Core Value: Community

# Judiciary

Core Value: Responsibility

## TOBACCO CESSATION & COUNSELING MEETING

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Dental Hygiene Students

When: November 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM

<https://bergen.webex.com/meet/mjara116633>







## Integrity Week!

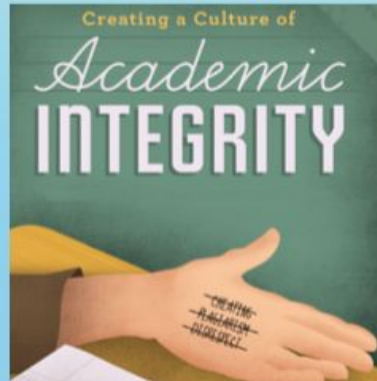
THE WORLD IS CHANGING BUT OUR STANDARDS DON'T  
HAVE TO

During December 14th to 17th

Participate by completing [this short academic integrity seminar](#). Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate and enter into a raffle!

The certificate must be sent to [sgchiefjustice@mc.bergen.edu](mailto:sgchiefjustice@mc.bergen.edu)

The submission are due December 17th at 11 PM and the raffle will be on December 14th on our Instagram page at 12 PM (noon)



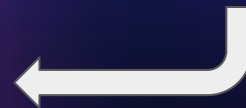
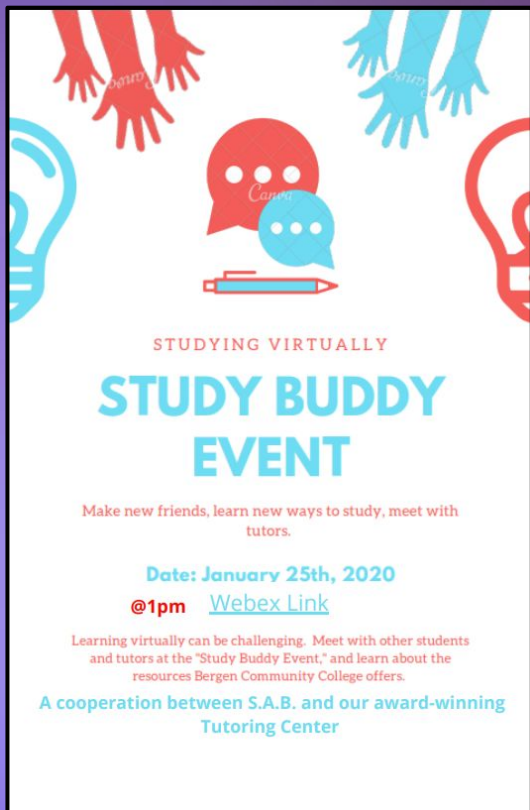
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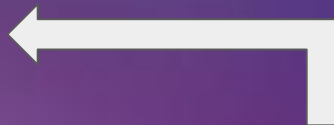
# Student Activities Board

## Study Buddy Event

- Collaboration with the Tutoring center.
- Created awareness for academic success.
- Shared tips on study habits.



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- Engage students in a fun academic event.
- A way to draw students out of their bubble.





# Questions

Thank you for listening!

Please feel free to ask us any questions.



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