

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS A. EDISON STATE COLLEGE

October 7, 1983

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Hanford; Patricia Danielson; Rita Novitt; Thomas Seessel; Christian Yegen; Robert Taylor; George A Pruitt, President.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eleanor Spiegel, Chairperson; Alan Ferguson, Vice-Chairman; E. Harvey Myers.

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Ice, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Richard Hansen, Vice President for Community Affairs; Jack Phillips, Registrar; John Walters, Department of Higher Education; Gerri Collins, Executive Assistant to the President; Susan Reardon, Edison State College AFT Vice President; and Rick Hale, Attorney.

The public meeting was officially called to order at 10:00 a.m. by George Hanford who noted that the date, time, and location for the meeting had been published in accordance with the New Jersey law.

MINUTES APPROVED: The minutes of the August 5, 1983 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval. Christian Yegen moved and Robert Taylor seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried (6-0).

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

George Hanford, reported for the Nominating Committee which consisted of George Hanford, Chairman; Patricia Danielson, and Thomas Seessel. The Committee recommended the following:

Alan Ferguson, Chairperson
Patricia Danielson, Vice-Chairperson

Robert Taylor moved and Christian Yegen seconded a motion to approve the Committee recommendations. Motion carried (6-0).

In Alan Ferguson's absence, Patricia Danielson conducted the rest of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Pruitt requested a meeting of the Board in Executive Session immediately following the meeting to brief the Board on certain personnel matters appropriate and permissible under the Open Meetings Act.

Adding to the Report of the President mailed previously, Dr. Pruitt reported that the potential AFT strike had been averted by an agreeable settlement between the Governor and the Union. The negotiated salary program included:

- A 15% salary increase over the next three years - 3% January, 1984; 3% July, 1984; etc. through January, 1986. These increases are in addition to the normal anniversary increments.
- An improved dental plan similar to HMO.
- A merit increase package of \$250,000 which will increase to \$500,000 by the third year.
- The addition of a ninth step in the salary range.

Dr. Pruitt indicated that the salary package was very generous, providing that the Governor funds it.

Reporting on the College Budget hearing with the Department of Higher Education, he indicated that the full budget request was approved at that level. The FY '85 budget is a 24% increase over this year's budget, although the dollar amount is not as impressive as the per cent would indicate.

Dr. Pruitt reported that admission applications are up. Applications for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing began coming in as of October 3, 1983. There are over 120 to date. Also, there has been an increase in minority enrollments; a more detailed report will be forthcoming.

He announced that Commencement will be held at 2:30 p.m. on October 30, 1983. Dr. Ernest LeRoy Boyer will be the speaker. A luncheon for Dr. Boyer, Trustees, local school Superintendents, and State College Presidents will be scheduled at 12:00 noon on that same day as soon as Dr. Boyer confirms his luncheon availability.

Concluding earlier discussions regarding the diploma mill Thomas Edison College, Dr. Pruitt reported that the 75 year old "President" was convicted of fraud and sentenced to one year in prison with three years probation and a \$5,000 fine.

Reporting on the progress in hiring a BSN Director, he indicated that the salary offer was much lower than that of the qualified applicants. The search has been reopened. The Program Advisor position should be filled as of October 10.

In response to a question regarding the reason for an increase in portfolio assessments, Dr. Pruitt reported that the new fee structure proved to be an incentive for small assessment applications.

Also, there has been a more intense recruitment of applicants, and the reorganization in the Academic Affairs Division has provided more staff to handle the assessment caseload.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Dr. Ice introduced Jack Phillips, Registrar, who presented the names of candidates for degrees. There were 23 candidates for the Associate of Arts, 3 candidates for the Associate in Science in Management, 40 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, 15 candidates for the Bachelor of Science, and 17 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, for a total of 98 candidates. The Registrar stated that all candidates have met all requirements for their respective degrees.

George Hanford moved and Rita Novitt seconded a motion to approve all candidates as indicated on the list provided by the Registrar. Motion carried (6-0).

Dr. Pruitt presented a resolution to award the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Ernest LeRoy Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and the Edison State College 1983 Commencement speaker. Thomas Seessel moved and Christian Yegen seconded a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation: Dr. Pruitt introduced Richard Hale, Attorney for the Foundation, who was present to answer questions regarding the proposed change in the Foundation name and the proposed new by-laws.

There was general discussion regarding the wording of the by-laws. The main concerns were for the number and residency of the Foundation Board of Directors.

Attorney Hale stated that some of the prohibitions in new legislation regarding Foundations caused the College to revise the existing by-laws to come into conformity. The name is being changed to more appropriately reflect the relationship between the Foundation and the College, whereas the current name implied a relationship only with nontraditional learning - not the College.

The name would change from

The Thomas A. Edison Foundation for Nontraditional Learning, Inc.

to

The Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation, Inc.

All changes in wording were submitted to Richard Hale who will make the appropriate revisions.

George Hanford moved and Christian Yegen seconded a motion to approve the resolution to change the Foundation name and to approve the new by-laws as amended. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:

Personnel Actions: Dr. Pruitt presented the Personnel Actions Report for Board approval, indicating the following:

New appointments: Debra Cooper, Senior Clerk Stenographer
James Brossoie, Data Processing Specialist

Dr. Pruitt reminded the Board that the College has been gradually reviewing all positions since the reorganization. The Report reflects any changes when they are appropriate. This Report indicates the following:

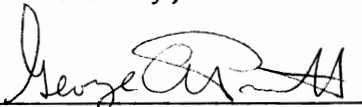
Promotions: Sharon Smith from Evaluator to
Senior Evaluator
Nancy Norville, level change
from D-24 to D-27.

Thomas Seessel moved and Rita Novitt seconded a motion to approve the personnel actions. Motion carried (6-0).

Since there was no report of the Chairperson, George Hanford moved and Robert Taylor seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried (6-0).

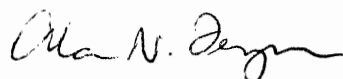
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by,


George A. Pruitt
Secretary to the Board

December 9, 1983
Date

Approved by,


Alan Ferguson
Chairman of the Board

December 9, 1983
Date