

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS A. EDISON STATE COLLEGE

October 5, 1984

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia A. Danielson, Vice Chairperson; Eleanor Spiegel, Rita Novitt; George Hanford; Robert Taylor; Thomas Seessel; Christian Yegen; E. Harvey Myers; George A. Pruitt, President.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Ferguson, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Ice, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Richard Hansen, Vice President for Community Affairs; Michael Scheiring, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Gerri Collins, Executive Assistant to the President; Linda Mather, Department of Higher Education representative.

The public meeting was officially called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Patricia Danielson 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 June 8, 1984 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval. Robert Taylor moved and George Hanford seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried (8-0).

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Patricia Danielson called upon George Hanford, Rita Novitt, and Christian Yegen to present their nominations for Board Officers for FY '85. George Hanford, Chairman of the Committee, presented nominations as follows:

Patricia Danielson, Chairperson  
Thomas Seessel, Vice Chairperson

George Hanford moved and Eleanor Spiegel seconded a motion to approve the nominations. Motion carried (8-0).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Pruitt introduced and welcomed Linda Mather from the Department of Higher Education and Natalie Huebler, Vice President and Acting President of the AFT Local.

Adding to the previously mailed President's Report, Dr. Pruitt indicated that all three Board committees would be meeting prior to the December Board meeting.

He reported that on September 25 he gave his state of the College address to all staff indicating that enrollment is up, finances look better, minority enrollment is up, and public recognition and appreciation are up.

The College continues to focus on improving the transcript/evaluation process and the advisement system.

He stated that \$156,000 had been added to the budget when the Governor signed the bill. Since the Governor reduced by 25% the increase for community and independent colleges, Edison State College was fortunate to receive its full request in the supplemental bill.

Dr. Pruitt noted two corrections in the President's Report as follows:  
1) Page 8 - Twelfth Annual Commencement - luncheon for Dr. Coleman will be at 12:30 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m., and 2) Page 1 - Budget Highlights first paragraph - a 24% increase instead of a 30% increase.

The President's Council met with the Board of Higher Education on October 1 to review the FY '86 budget. The hearing went well; however, traditionally the Board approves higher recommendations than the Governor appropriates. Dr. Pruitt expressed the hope that no cuts would be made.

Also on October 1, the Thomas A. Edison State College Foundation Board of Directors held its first meeting. Christian Yegen, President of the Foundation Board, added that all Board members and officers were duly elected. Officers are:

Christian Yegen, Chairman of the Board and President of  
the Foundation

Richard Hansen, Secretary

John J. Connolly, Treasurer

Richard Hale, Esq., Corporate Attorney

Joseph J. Grillo, Corporate Auditor

Dr. Pruitt introduced Annie Bowser, indicating that she was the fourth staff person to complete Levels I, II, and III of the Governor's Certified Public Manager Certificate Program. Ms. Bowser, a secretary in the Admissions Office, was presented a framed certificate for her achievement.

Following the President's remarks, the Board commended Dr. Pruitt and the staff for the comprehensive annual report.

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS:

Vice President Jerry Ice presented the recommendations for Academic Council members as follows:

For reappointment to a second three-year term:

Liberal Arts

Constance Churchill  
Division Chairperson for  
Science/Mathematics/Technology  
Burlington County College

Delbert Earisman  
Professor of English/Basic Skills  
Upsala College

Lawrence Spiegel  
Executive Director  
Integrative Psychology Institute

Business and Professional

John J. Harrington, Jr.  
Professor of Economics & Finance  
W. Paul Stillman School of Business  
Administration  
Seton Hall University

Dolores M. Harris  
Director, Adult Continuing Education  
Glassboro State College

Mary Robertson-Smith  
Dean of Instruction  
Bergen Community College

For a one-year term to replace staff member Diane Gruenberg, presently in China on a one-year professional leave of absence:

Ronald W. Sukovich  
Coordinator, Business Degrees  
Thomas A. Edison State College

Rita Novitt moved and Eleanor Spiegel seconded a motion to approve the appointments. Motion carried (8-0).

The Board requested to see the full list of Academic Council members in order to better appreciate the variety of representation from higher education, business, and industry.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE:

Jerry Ice then presented the names of candidates for degree from two graduating groups as follows: For the August 21, 1984 group, there were 21 candidates for the Associate in Arts, 10 candidates for the Associate in Science in Management, 33 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, 17 candidates for the Bachelor of Science, and 24 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, for a total of 105 candidates.

For the October 1, 1984 group, there were 20 candidates for the Associate in Arts, 6 candidates for the Associate in Science in Management, 31 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, 19 candidates for the Bachelor of Science, and 18 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration for a total of 94 candidates. He stated that all candidates had met all requirements for their respective degrees.

Rita Novitt moved and Thomas Seessel seconded a motion to approve all candidates as indicated on the lists provided. Motion carried. (8-0).

As a note of interest, Jerry Ice reported that in the August group the youngest candidate was 23, the oldest 68. Helen T. Waters, mother of Barbara Waters, completed an Associate in Science in Management. One baccalaureate candidate completed all requirements through portfolio assessment; one candidate completed within one month; one took 12 years. He called attention to other statistics as indicated in the report.

For the October group, the youngest was 22, the oldest 77. The latter candidate completed the entire associate degree after enrolling. Another staff relative, Laura King, Ruth McKeefery's sister, completed a Bachelor of Science.

These two classes bring the total number of Edison graduates to 4,966. Of this year's graduates, 123 will be attending the Commencement ceremonies.

There was considerable discussion regarding the changing nature of the Edison student. Traditionally, the College served more BA students, but the current trend is toward an increase in technological and science areas. Traditionally, the College attracted primarily the upper middle class; today's students come from a diverse population. Traditionally, the College primarily repackaged previously earned credits. Today the College participates more in the course work by whatever means. More students are attempting assessment, taking tests, or taking courses after enrollment.

Regarding minority outreach, as requested by the Superintendent of Schools in the Bronx, Jerry Ice addressed the minority education leaders in the Bronx and attracted 40 new students. Significant efforts are being made to reach a broader base of minorities in New Jersey, and the electronic college will make minority access even better.

Eleanor Spiegel reported that she visited military educational facilities in Seoul and Manila, and that the University of Maryland and the New York Regents have persons there now.

Dr. Pruitt responded that the College has increased its emphasis on the military in New Jersey and that the three new Associate in Science degrees will help meet the needs of that population. The College cannot focus heavily on the military outside of New Jersey because of the state legislature, Department of Higher Education, and budget appropriations. Therefore, increased out-of-state enrollments coming from the electronic College or the military will result in increased out-of-state fees.

Regarding the status of the BSN, Jerry Ice reported that the College has worked out some of the agreement issues with the Regents. Edison students will take exams in New York. Legal questions are still being resolved. When this is done, the Regents will train Edison's peer group leaders. He added that the enrollment projection of 210 for the first year was met. The second year projection is 315 and the third is 400.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Board reviewed the FY '84 Statement of Revenues and Expenses as of June 30, 1984, accepting the report as presented.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Dr. Pruitt presented the Personnel Actions report as follows:

Appointments -

Carron Albert, Personnel Officer  
Elisa Boisseau, Senior Clerk Stenographer  
Bernard Bomba, Evaluator II  
Joanne Hicks, Senior Clerk Typist  
Timothy Mott, Academic Advisor I

Resignations -

Donald Busch, Personnel Officer  
Joanne Hicks, Senior Clerk Typist  
Susan Reardon, Evaluator II  
Donna Shanders, Senior Clerk Stenographer

Eleanor Spiegel moved and Robert Taylor seconded a motion to approve the personnel actions. Motion carried (8-0).

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACTIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF STATE COLLEGES:

Dr. Pruitt reviewed the Chancellor's proposal which had considerable involvement from the Council of State Colleges. All of the Presidents endorsed the proposal, but two of the Boards did not (William Paterson and Jersey City State). Their reservations were regarding: 1) how the proposal would be implemented, and 2) the Chancellor's role on the proposed governing Board.

Patricia Danielson and Dr. Pruitt have both represented the Board's position which supports and welcomes opportunities to open channels of communications with the Department and with the Board of Higher Education.

The proposal will go to the Board of Higher Education at its October 26 meeting.

ADVISEMENT CENTER REPORT:

Dean Ruth McKeefery reported that there are four aspects of the AdviseMENT Center; 1) the telephone center, 2) individual appointments, 3) responses to letters, and 4) workshops. After one year of operation, a questionnaire was mailed to students who were asked to evaluate the new system. Those responses have primarily been very positive. Nevertheless, staff continue to monitor the quality and effectiveness of all four aspects.

The Board was invited to tour the telephone center immediately following the meeting.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Patricia Danielson thanked the Board for having confidence in her as the new Chairperson. She also mentioned that former Chair Alan Ferguson misses everyone and hopes to join them at a future meeting.

Eleanor Spiegel moved and Rita Novitt seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried (8-0).

Submitted by,



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George A. Pruitt  
Secretary to the Board

6/7/85  
Date

Approved by,



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Patricia Danielson  
Chairman of the Board

6/7/85  
Date