

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS A. EDISON STATE COLLEGE

February 14, 1986

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Danielson, Chairman; Thomas Seessel, Vice Chairman; George Hanford; Robert Taylor; Eleanor Spiegel; George A. Pruitt, President.

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Harvey Myers; Rita Novitt; Christian Yegen; John Blossom.

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

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 December 13, 1985 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval. Eleanor Spiegel moved and George Hanford seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Adding to his previously distributed report, Dr. Pruitt stated that the building renovations were gradually being completed. He reported that the state has been having trouble with the sub-contractors, but it is hoped that the Board Room and Conference Room will be finished for the April Board meeting. He added that Capital Budget and Planning has moved out and that the College once again has full use of the building.

The sidewalk on Willow Street has been torn up because of new pipes being laid that affect the heating in the building. This, too, is expected to be completed before the April Board meeting.

There was general discussion about pigeon control around the building. Robert Taylor reported that his company successfully eliminated pigeon problems on the building in New York City by putting up plastic owls. Dr. Pruitt responded that the College would look into that as a possible solution to the problem.

Dr. Pruitt reported that Governor Kean presented the FY '87 budget to the Legislature. It included \$8 million for the second year of the Challenge Grant Program. Grant proposals will not have to be redone, but will be

renovated before resubmission. The Group Two category institutions, which includes Edison State College, will probably get funding, and the Group Three category (those not yet recommended for funding) will submit concept proposals for funding in FY '87. Dr. Pruitt stated that Edison State College expects to get funding and that it is not a matter of "if" but "when."

He reported that the Challenge Grant Program itself has been highly lauded. However, the Governor has flat-funded the colleges every year, so this affects the infrastructure at the same time the institutions are attempting big projects. He added that because of enrollment declines at the other colleges, flat-funding seems appropriate to the Treasury because the colleges are expected to cut back staff and to tighten spending while raising tuition. Edison State College enrollment is not declining, so that reasoning presents a problem for the College.

Dr. Pruitt indicated that the \$150,000 that was to have been left in the College budget was taken out by Treasury because they thought it was for computer equipment. Although efforts were made to restore it, the \$150,000 was again taken out, and the budget went to press without it included. Therefore, it will have to go back to the Legislature to be restored.

Regarding the Legislature, Dr. Pruitt reported that the autonomy bills had been introduced and passed in the Assembly February 13, 1986. They now go before the Senate.

Reporting on other recent events, Dr. Pruitt stated that the College has received a \$76,000 FICE grant for corporate outreach; \$15,000 from Merck for BSN sites; and an expression of interest from Johnson and Johnson regarding the BSN sites.

With regard to financial reports, Dr. Pruitt referred the Board to the fiscal report in the Board materials. He added that applications are up, expenditures are being held, and revenues are on target.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Pruitt called attention to an article by George Hanford in the January 27, 1986 issue of "Higher Education & National Affairs" magazine.

Responding, George Hanford commented on Dr. Pruitt's recent appointment to Chair the Committee on Alternatives & Innovation in Higher Education of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities and to serve on the Commission on Higher Education and the Adult Learner of the American Council on Education. He indicated that these national appointments are not only in recognition of the high esteem with which the College is held but of Dr. Pruitt, personally.

APPROVAL OF GRADUATES:

Jerry Ice presented the candidates for degree. There were 11 candidates for the Associate in Arts, 9 candidates for the Associate in Science in Management, 2 candidates for the Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, 14 candidates for the Bachelor of Arts, 16 candidates for the Bachelor of Science, and 16 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, for a total of 68 candidates. This brings the fiscal year total to 276, compared to 314 at the same point a year ago.

Adding to this report, he indicated that 15 baccalaureate candidates took 6-9 years to complete; 1 associate candidate took 7 years. About 2800 credits were completed after enrollment at Edison State College, and about 1000 credits completed through nontraditional methods, which is a significant amount, indicating that the number of credit hours completed after enrollment is increasing. Of the 68 candidates, 18 completed exclusively through transfer credits, but most continue to use a combination of methods because students are now more aware of the variety of methods available.

Thomas Seessel stated that this means that the College is truly becoming a nontraditional institution and not just a transfer/credit-bank institution.

Dr. Pruitt further indicated that there is some duplication in headcount in total number of degrees granted. That is, the 5,477 degrees awarded to date represent only 4,673 people; 804 received both associate and baccalaureate degrees. However, students are staying with the College longer, and more are enrolled in baccalaureate programs.

Patricia Danielson reported that she sat in on a college presentation made to potential student Bill Watson (brother of Bonnie Watson, recent graduate). She became aware of the increased variety of methods for degree completion now available to Edison students and can understand why some students are taking less time to complete their degrees.

Dr. Pruitt stated that minority enrollment is up to 13%, but minority graduate numbers have not yet been affected. He indicated that the College is nearing the minority enrollment goals set in the challenge grant and will continue to target that population beyond the goals. He added that only two colleges in the higher education sector are showing an increase in minority enrollments: Edison State College and Stockton State College.

Patricia Danielson read the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College does hereby approve all candidates for degrees as presented in the lists provided, said candidates having met all the requirements for the Associate or Baccalaureate degrees by February 1, 1986.

The action herein recommended is pursuant to a recommendation by the President of the College and the requirements set by the Academic Council.

George Hanford moved and Thomas Seessel seconded a motion to approve the candidates as presented on the lists previously distributed. Motion carried (5-0).

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Dr. Pruitt presented the recent appointments as follows:

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Patricia Danielson read the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College does hereby approve all appointments as indicated on the lists provided.

The action herein recommended is pursuant to a recommendation by the President of the College.

Thomas Seessel moved and Robert Taylor seconded a motion to approve the appointment. Motion carried (5-0).

CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Dr. Pruitt then presented the contract recommendations as follows:

<u>Division of Public Affairs</u>	<u>Contract Recommendation</u>
Annie M. Bowser, Admissions Representative	1 year, 1986-1987
Melinda J. Lewis, Admissions Representative	1 year, 1986-1987

Division of Administration and Finance

Contract  
Recommendation

Michael J. Scheiring, Vice President for Administration and Finance	1 year, 1986-1987
Carron M. Albert, Personnel Officer	1 year, 1986-1987
James T. Brossoie, Automation Specialist	1 year, 1986-1987
William J. Hobson, Jr., Data Processing Specialist	1 year, 1986-1987

Division of Academic Affairs

Jerry T. Ice, Vice President for Academic Affairs	1 year, 1986-1987
Dolores Brown Hall, Director of Nursing Programs	1 year, 1986-1987
Theresa A. Bowman, Academic Advisor	1 year, 1986-1987
Timothy E. Mott, Academic Advisor	1 year, 1986-1987
J. Marian Stone, Academic Advisor	1 year, 1986-1987
Rebecca C. Hull, Administrative Assistant	1 year, 1986-1987
Bernard D. Bomba, Evaluator II	1 year, 1986-1987

Patricia Danielson read the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College does hereby approve the contract recommendations as indicated on the lists provided.

The action herein recommended is pursuant to an evaluation of the employees' work performance and the recommendation of the President.

Eleanor Spiegel moved and Thomas Seessel seconded a motion to approve the recommendations. Motion carried (5-0).

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Patricia Danielson reported on her trip to Washington, DC with the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce indicating that she talked to as many legislators as possible. She met several Edison graduates, including Karl Weidel.

Dr. Pruitt commended her for the work she did on the trip, adding that the entire legislature goes, the Governor's Cabinet, and many Chamber members. It is an opportunity to lobby with people you otherwise may not reach.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patricia Danielson read the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College hold a closed session at 12:00 noon or immediately following the public meeting of February 14, 1986 for the purpose of discussing a matter under negotiation.

It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session can be made public at such time as the issues are resolved.

Thomas Seessel moved and George Hanford seconded a motion to approve the resolution. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting was recessed for Executive Session and resumed for adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

Eleanor Spiegel moved and Thomas Seessel seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0).

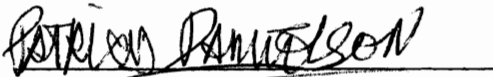
Submitted by,



George A. Pruitt  
Secretary to the Board

6/6/86  
Date

Approved by,



Patricia Danielson  
Chairman of the Board

June 6, 1986  
Date