

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS A. EDISON STATE COLLEGE

April 11, 1986

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Danielson, Chairman; Tom Seessel, Vice-Chairman; George Hanford; Eleanor Spiegel; John Blossom, Christian Yegen; Robert Taylor; George A. Pruitt, President.

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Harvey Myers, Rita Novitt.

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 February 14, 1986 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval. Eleanor Spiegel moved and George Hanford seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Adding to his previously distributed report, Dr. Pruitt stated that the owls installed to control the pigeon population have helped the situation, although there is still a problem with starlings that nest in the eaves at night.

Regarding the budget, he indicated that there will be a \$5 million restoration bill initiated for all the state colleges, which includes Edison State College. There will also be a separate bill for \$145,000 to restore the \$145,000 taken out of the College budget by mistake.

The Governor has recommended \$8 million for continuance of the Challenge Grant Program. Edison State College's proposal will be very similar to last year's with appropriate renovation and updating. The proposal will be submitted to the Department of Higher Education in June, and a decision will be made in July.

Regarding minority enrollment, Dr. Pruitt reported that the Board of Higher Education has reaffirmed its stance in support of increasing minority enrollments through a Policy Initiatives report dated March 20, 1986. Dr. Pruitt cited statistics for Edison State College as follows:

Table 4 - Black Students

| <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>1985</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 346         | 450         | 369         | 294         | 264         | 306         | 309         | 432         |

Table 12 - Hispanic Students

| <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>1985</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 112         | 130         | 148         | 104         | 85          | 103         | 104         | 155         |

He added that Edison State College is one of the few institutions in the state that shows an increase and not a decline. Total minority enrollment is now up to 12%, and there is a small increase in numbers of minority graduates. The College has achieved this without changing the profile of its students, since the College is not in a position to provide remediation or extensive financial aid. He emphasized the importance of understanding the profile of the population Edison State College is capable of serving; therefore, current and proposed minority enrollment goals will be met and/or exceeded by recruiting minorities who wish to be and can be served by the College.

In reference to the college autonomy legislation, Dr. Pruitt stated that it is moving slowly but indications are that it will pass.

He then announced that General Chuck Yaeger has agreed to be the Commencement speaker and that his only available date is October 10 -- a Friday. General Gerard of the New Jersey National Guard and a personal friend of General Yaeger, assisted in securing the speaker who is most remembered for breaking the sound barrier. General Yaeger's career and educational background is typical of the Edison student; although highly knowledgeable in advanced aviation technology, he is one of few American generals without a college degree.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Pruitt reported that staff merit awards have been given to the following people:

AFT - \$1,250 each to: Lansing Davis, David Oakley, James Brossoie, and Gregory Dye.

Managers - \$1,000 each to: Ruth McKeefery, Drew Hopkins, Barbara Waters, and Sonja Eveslage.

He indicated that the award to Gregory Dye is a special case that the College has been trying to resolve for over a year. The College considers him

management, and he fits all the criteria for that classification. However, since he is still in the bargaining unit until the matter is resolved, his merit award had to come out of the money designated for AFT members.

Dr. Pruitt added that one of the AFT recipients, David Oakley, has since resigned to go with Wang.

APPROVAL OF GRADUATES:

Jerry Ice presented the candidates for degree. There were 10 candidates for the Associate in Arts, 3 candidates for the Associate in Science in Management, 4 candidates for the Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, 21 candidates for the Bachelor of Science, and 15 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, for a total of 65 candidates. This brings the fiscal year total to 344, a little below projection for this period.

Adding to this report, he indicated that Joseph Stroba enrolled in 1972 and just finished this year (14 years). Sixty-five percent of the candidates completed their degrees using alternative methods. Numbers of students using portfolio assessment have remained about the same over the past three years. However, the number of credit hours attempted by each student fluctuated from year to year. The average number of credits has been 21 semester hours.

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 April 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.

John Blossom moved and Robert Taylor seconded a motion to adopt the resolution approving the candidates. Motion carried (7-0).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Michael Scheiring presented the proposed fee increases for FY 1987. He indicated that the criteria and rationale that governed the proposed fee changes were:

- . Stabilization of fee structure - no major changes in types of fees.
- . Fee increase should not be counter-productive to marketing efforts to maintain and increase enrollments.

- . Fee structure and pricing should encourage in-state enrollments.
- . Fee should be administratively simple. It should minimize billing problems, collection, and not exacerbate the College's cash flow.

He stated that:

- . The fee changes are anticipated to generate \$1,287,712 in FY 1987, a 12% increase in revenues, or \$140,230. Student revenues will total \$1,217,712, a 12% increase, while PONSI revenues will total \$70,000, or a 17% increase.
- . Basic student costs for first year students will only increase by \$25, or 8%, for in-state students and \$50, or 10%, for out-of-state students. The average first year in-state student will pay \$320 while out-of-state student costs will average \$540.
- . Continuing student costs will also increase by \$25 for in-state students and \$50 for out-of-state students. A slight 2% increase in the number of continuing students is anticipated.
- . Application fees, transcript evaluation fees, in-state portfolio development fees, and TECEP examination fees are not increased.
- . The student counts for all major fees except the subsequent year tuition fee remain stable for revenue projections to help ensure the achievement of revenue targets.

He added that continuing student totals were at 115.8%. There are 275 students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing; 150 of these are in study groups.

Patricia Danielson read the following resolution:

The Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College does hereby approve, and recommend approval to the Board of Higher Education, all fee increases for Fiscal Year 1987 as presented in materials previously distributed, effective July 1, 1986.

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 adopt the resolution approving the fee increases. Motion carried (7-0).

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Although there were no new hires to be approved for this period, Dr. Pruitt reported that a new Hispanic employee would be presented for approval in June. At the present time, and for many years, the only Hispanic professional on staff is Angela Fontan. The College is pleased that this change will be effected soon.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Patricia Danielson welcomed Dr. Darryl Greer, Executive Director of the Governing Boards Association. She congratulated the College on the Phonathon results as indicated in the President's Report. She also congratulated Jerry Ice for his acceptance into the Harvard Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education - Summer 1986.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patricia Danielson appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee for Board of Trustee officers for FY 1987:

George Hanford, Chair  
Robert Taylor  
Eleanor Spiegel

The Committee will present its report at the June 6 Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Pruitt reported that AFT negotiations for a new Agreement were still underway. He also announced a college first: staff members Barbara Waters and Tom Eklund will be married in June. Tom received a merit award last year, and Barbara received one this year, so the College will now have a "merit couple."

Patricia Danielson called attention to the portraits of Past Presidents James Douglas Brown and Lorraine R. Matusak and current President George A. Pruitt. Dr. Pruitt added that all three portraits were gifts from the Foundation. He also called attention to the new Trustee plaque which identifies all former and current Board of Trustee members.

Dr. Pruitt concluded the new business by announcing that the College will host a 75th Anniversary party honoring the historic Kelsey Building and the educational institutions that have occupied it. The celebration will take place around the same time as the September State Street Stroll.

There being no further business, Eleanor Spiegel moved and Christian Yegen seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried (7-0).

Submitted by,

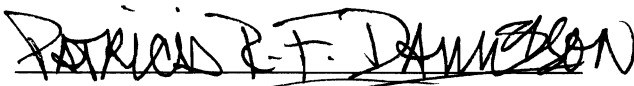
  
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George A. Pruitt  
Secretary to the Board

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Patricia R.F. Danielson  
Chairman of the Board

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