

CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
September 12, 2017

A meeting of the Camden Board of Directors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rutgers–Camden Campus Center, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Dudley Rivers presided as Chair.

Present and constituting a quorum were Bender, Dougherty, Redd, Rivers, and Stewart (via conference call).

Also present was McCue.

Attending for the university administration were Haddon, Jones, and Rambert.

Also present were Shankman, faculty representative to the Board of Directors and Kovach-Orr, graduate student representative to the Board of Directors.

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975
(OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT)

Ms. Jones, Secretary of the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors, announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of this meeting was filed on September 1, 2017 with the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey and four newspapers, the *Cherry Hill Courier-Post*, the *New Brunswick Home News Tribune*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (Cherry Hill) and the *Newark Star-Ledger*. Public notice of the meeting was posted in the following University libraries: the Alexander Library, New Brunswick; the Dana Library, Newark; and the Robeson Library, Camden. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted on the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors website.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Ms. Jones asked the board members if they had read the meeting agenda and supporting documents and if anyone had a possible conflict of interest to disclose. No conflicts were reported.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Jones noted that all members were present, with Mr. Stewart participating by conference call.

INDUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Rivers introduced Mr. Michael Rambert, senior associate general counsel and member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to induct new members. Mr. Rambert called on Ms. Susan McCue to rise. Ms. McCue was inducted and joined the Rutgers University–Camden Board of Directors as a member appointed by the Rutgers University Board of Governors.

Mr. Rivers also welcomed Dr. Andrew Shankman, associate professor of history and returning faculty representative to the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors, and Mr. Samuel Kovach-Orr, third year

student at Rutgers Law School and graduate student representative to the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY–CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual elections for the positions of chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer were held. Mr. Rivers turned the chair over to Ms. Jones for the election of chair. Ms. Jones presented Mr. Rivers for the position of chair for the term September 2017 to September 2018 and called for a motion, which was made and seconded. Mr. Rivers left the room, and Ms. Jones asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Jones called for a vote, and Mr. Rivers was unanimously elected as chair. Mr. Rivers rejoined the meeting and assumed the chair.

Mr. Rivers presented Dr. Dougherty for the position of vice chair for the term September 2017 to September 2018 and called for a motion, which was seconded. Dr. Dougherty left the room, and Mr. Rivers asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Rivers called for a vote, and Dr. Dougherty was unanimously elected as vice-chair. Dr. Dougherty returned to the room.

Mr. Rivers presented Ms. Jones as a candidate for the position of secretary for the term September 2017 to September 2018 and called for a motion, which was seconded. Ms. Jones left the room. Mr. Rivers asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, Mr. Rivers called for a vote, and Ms. Jones was unanimously elected as secretary. Ms. Jones returned to the room.

Mr. Rivers presented Mr. J. Michael Gower *in absentia* as a candidate for the position of treasurer for the term September 2017 to September 2018 and called for a motion, which was seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Mr. Rivers called for a vote, and Mr. Gower was elected unanimously as treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2017 MEETING

Mr. Rivers called attention to the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting that were distributed to the Board and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Receiving no objections, Mr. Rivers called for a motion which was seconded and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, the minutes were approved unanimously.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES

Mr. Rivers called on Ms. Jones who reminded Board members and representatives about the need to review, sign, and return to Ms. Michele Robinson the policy statement on confidentiality of proceedings of the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors’ meetings. Mr. Rambert indicated that Trustee and Governor members have already completed this document.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Haddon provided the Board with an update on important happenings since the last Board meeting on April 5, 2017.

After a busy summer, Chancellor Haddon welcomed 1000 new students to Rutgers University–Camden at New Student Orientation. Notable for their credentials, enthusiasm, and leadership experience, the new class is also noteworthy for its diversity, with increasing enrollment by first year, first-generation students and those who identify as African American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, or

international. The Bridging the Gap scholarship program, offered only on the Camden Campus, is providing access to a world-class Rutgers University education to many students. The New Students Day of Service is a highpoint of orientation week activities and enables students to feel engaged and connected to their host city of Camden.

Along with President Barchi, Chancellor Haddon is committed to supporting efforts by undocumented Rutgers students to complete their degrees. The Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project, run by the Rutgers Law School, is a national leader in providing expert advice to students and the community at large. Like President Barchi, Chancellor Haddon is committed to mobilizing the campus community to gain support from Congress for immigration reform that is necessary to support our students.

Rutgers University–Camden continues to receive high recognition in a variety of national rankings. *Washington Monthly* recognized Rutgers University–Camden as the #1 “Bang for the Buck” university in New Jersey, #6 for social mobility in the nation, #10 in the North for serving student veterans, and among the top 25 masters-level universities in the Northeast.

Chancellor Haddon welcomed 13 new tenure-track and clinical-track faculty this year. She is also proud of the strength of existing faculty, highlighting several of their major accomplishments: *Graphic Design USA* magazine recognized Prof. Allan Espiritu, associate professor of fine arts, as one of the “Educators to Watch”; the American Academy of Nursing inducted Dr. Elizabeth Scannell-Desch, associate dean for baccalaureate programs at the Rutgers School of Nursing–Camden, as a Fellow; the American Law Institute elected Dr. John Oberdiek, professor of law, to membership; and the Guggenheim Foundation awarded Prof. Gregory Pardlo and Prof. Patrick Rosal, both faculty in the Department of English, with Guggenheim Fellowships.

Margot Lee Shetterly, author of *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians who Helped Win the Space Race*, will lecture at Rutgers University–Camden on September 27. The book is particularly meaningful to Rutgers University–Camden for several reasons: the book was selected for Rutgers Reads, a program that provides new students with a shared, intellectually engaging experience and an introduction to academic life at Rutgers University–Camden; it is critically important to preserve this kind of story and to promote women, particularly under-represented women of color, in STEM fields; Chancellor Haddon’s mother is recognized in the book as one of the “human computers” who worked at Langley Research Center; and, it demonstrates a “can do” attitude for students.

Chancellor Haddon announced that there are many capital priorities for Rutgers University–Camden. The Nursing and Science Building opened for the fall semester. However, a new building for the School of Business–Camden remains a critical need.

Chancellor Haddon concluded her report by answering questions from Board members.

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL PLAN

Chancellor Haddon called upon Mr. Larry Gaines, senior vice chancellor for administration and finance, to provide an update on the capital plan.

Funds have been received from the State of New Jersey budget to begin planning for a new business school. One million dollars was received in FY17 for site acquisition, and \$5 million was received in FY18 to further develop the project. A committee is being appointed to select an architectural/engineering firm that will work with another committee charged with design. It is hoped that the project will be shovel-ready for FY19.

Several buildings are undergoing renovation. Thirty dorm rooms are being renovated. The remaining rooms are at capacity. Rutgers University–Camden is participating with Rutgers University–New Brunswick on a housing-needs survey conducted by Brailsford and Dunlavy. Since the Nursing and

Science Building is operational and houses four biology labs, two biology labs in the Science Building are now in design to be converted to chemistry labs. It is hoped that conversion will be complete by January 2019. The Artis Building at 327-329 Cooper Street is in the design phase and will house the Department of Childhood Studies. The roof on Robeson Library was replaced over the summer, and a new HVAC system was installed.

Throughout the university, One Stop Shops are being designed to conveniently house a variety of services for students under one roof. The One Stop Shop at Rutgers University–Camden that will house Financial Aid, the Registrar’s Office, and Student Accounting. The objective is to answer students’ first- and second-level questions quickly and efficiently. Completion is expected in July 2018.

Mr. Gaines concluded his report by answering questions from Board members.

UPDATE ON THE JOINT HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS

Mr. Rivers called on Mr. Kris Kolluri, CEO of the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors to provide an update on the Joint Health Sciences Campus.

All of the piles have been driven for the Joint Health Sciences Center, and the lowest construction bid of 49.5 million dollars is under the estimated project cost of \$51 million. At a meeting later in the day, the Joint Board was going to vote on awarding the construction contract and on authorizing Mr. Kolluri to procure a demolition contractor for Phase III of the project, should funding become available.

Mr. Kolluri indicated the Joint Health Sciences Center is a critical project from a capital standpoint. Additionally, housing two universities, a medical school, and a community college under one roof contributes meaningfully to the “eds and meds” corridor by increasing the research footprint.

Mr. Kolluri is also working with the City of Camden to build a parking deck on an empty lot by the Nursing and Science Building. Rutgers University–Camden is expected to be one of the building’s largest tenants.

Finally, the Walter Rand Transportation Center is due for a major upgrade. Mr. Kolluri is working with Camden County and the Delaware River Port Authority to have the City Hall Station as the first PATCO stop in Camden at the new Rutgers School of Business–Camden.

Mr. Kolluri concluded his presentation by answering questions from Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Rivers directed the Board’s attention to old business. There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sara Joslin of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, brought several matters to the Board’s attention including the importance of youth leadership serving an advisory role to the Mayor’s Council; the importance of disaster preparedness; the need for a transportation plan as greater numbers of people enter Camden daily due to increasing commerce and increasing enrollment at area universities and colleges; and the importance of education for peace for youth as outlined by the United Nations in its Sustainable Development Goals.

There was no further new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rivers asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

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