

# BOARD MEETING

*For the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College on **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 614** on the College campus, 4400 Route 23 Hudson, New York.*

*The following matters were submitted for consideration and action.*

**Present:** Peter O’Hara, Chairman; Bruce Bohnsack, Doreen Davis, Kelly Konsul, Maryanne Lee, Marvin Morales, Student Trustee; Charles Millar, and Ned Schneier

**Excused:** Peter Markou

**Others Present:** Carlee Drummer, President; Amanda Bishop, Vice President for Administration and Finance/CFO; Victoria Walsh, Provost, and Senior Vice President; and Mary Garafalo, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

1. **Call to Order, 4:01 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call, quorum present**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Request for Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion:** Mr. Millar; **Seconded:** Ms. Davis  
**Vote:** Yes – 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0  
**Resolution: Accepted**
5. **Request for Approval of the Items in the Consent Agenda**  
**Motion:** Mr. Schneier; **Seconded:** Mr. Bohnsack  
**Vote:** Yes - 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0  
**Resolution: Accepted**
6. **Introduction of Guests and Items from the Floor**
7. **Moment of Silence**  
*Patrick Michael Grattan*

**8. Resolutions:**

**a. Resolution No. 0424- 2258 Declare Excess Automotive Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College has the care, custody, control, and management of personal property used for the purpose of maintaining the community college, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the College may dispose of excess personal property and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the College has determined that the College no longer has the need for the following vehicles:

- 1994 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck VIN# 1GBHK34K7RE308782
- 2002 Chrysler GEM VIN# 5ASAG27462F020401
- 2008 Crown Victoria LX VIN# 2FAHP74V68X172078
- 2010 Ford Escape VIN# 1FMCU9C73AKC97474

**Motion:** Mr. Millar; **Seconded:** Ms. Davis

**Vote:** Yes - 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0

**Resolution: Accepted**

**b. Resolution No. 0424-2259 Approve New Concentrations in Social Science, Mathematics, and Science (originally reviewed in the April 2024 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting).**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College must approve all curricula to be offered at this institution and

**WHEREAS**, the curriculum committee of the Faculty Council, the Faculty Council, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined and approved the proposed curriculum for the following:

Liberal Arts and Science – Social Science (A.A.)

Adolescence Education Social Studies Concentration

Liberal Arts and Science – Social Science (A.A.)

Childhood Education History Concentration

Liberal Arts and Science – Social Science (A.A.)

Childhood Education English Concentration

Liberal Arts and Science – Social Science (A.A.)

Adolescence Education English Concentration

Liberal Arts and Science – Mathematics & Science (A.S.)

Adolescence Education Biology Concentration

Liberal Arts and Science – Mathematics & Science (A.S.)

Childhood Education Biology Concentration

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College approved this curriculum for submission to SUNY and the New York State Education Department.

**Motion:** Ms. Lee; **Seconded:** Mr. Bohnsack

**Vote:** Yes - 8; No -0; Abstention(s) - 0

**Resolution: Accepted**

**9. President's Report**

President, Carlee Drummer reported:

***Admissions Open House / Enrollment***

On Saturday, the Office of Admissions hosted its annual Spring Open House. There were 70 prospective students along with their parents and other family members who attended.

As of this morning, summer enrollment is up 8.6 percent!

***Police Basic Training Program Graduation***

On Thursday, we celebrated four students who graduated from the second class of the Police Basic Training Program. Three of the four are Columbia-Greene alumni, and all are employed, working for the Greene County Sheriff's Office and the Catskill Police Department.

***Visit from Chancellor King***

Last month SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. visited the campus and spent close to three hours touring our spectacular facilities and speaking with students and assorted administrators, faculty, and staff.

***Eclipse Extravaganza***

The College got into the spirit with a number of programs and activities during the week of April 1 and culminated with a Sun Festival / Watch Party in the Dining Hall featured a livestream from NASA, trivia contests, and appropriate food including Sun Chips and Moon Pies. Many thanks to Kelly Ann Radzik for curating such a splendid lineup of activities during the Eclipse 2024 Extravaganza.

***Former Student Trustee Honored***

Columbia-Greene's former Student Trustee Michael Liddy, has been named a semifinalist for the highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The prestigious scholarship -- which awards approximately 45 scholarships each year -- helps community college students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, and service transfer to top four-year institutions and avoid student debt.

***Mascot Madness***

Toward the end of March, Student Activities launched Mascot Madness, an inclusive campus-wide project sponsored by the Student Senate to determine Columbia-Greene's next mascot. The advertising firm Tilt36t conducted four separate focus groups for students, faculty, administrators, and staff to gather information about the College's history, values, mission, identity, and asked key questions including:

"What words come to mind when thinking about Columbia-Greene?"

"What sets Columbia-Greene apart from other colleges in the area?"

“Is a mascot important?”

Tilt36t will be presenting the results to the campus before the end of the semester.

***President’s Activities***

President Drummer was asked to serve as a panelist for The American Association of University Women. As a panelist, there was discussion of current challenges facing leaders in higher education. Five other New York State College Presidents from Ithaca College, Mount Saint Vincent, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Stony Brook, and Vassar joined President Drummer.

This coming Friday, President Drummer will be offering greetings from Columbia-Greene during Dr. George Timmons' Presidential Inauguration.

On June 2, President Drummer will be joining Dr. Dorothy Urschel from CMH as a team captain for the American Heart Association’s “Capital Region Heart Walk” in Albany to call attention to the nefarious cardiovascular disease.

***College in the High School Celebration***

Tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m., Columbia-Greene will welcome this year’s College in the School graduates and their families during the annual celebration in the Theater.

***Commencement Week***

The Nurses’ formal Pinning Ceremony — the first since 2019 — will be Tuesday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Theater. Delivering congratulations to the new RNs will be Dr. Dorothy Urschel, President of Columbia Memorial Health.

On Saturday, May 11, the College will celebrate its 54th Commencement ceremony at 10:00 a.m. in the Gymnasium with keynote speaker alum Brigadier General Todd Traver, who graduated with a nursing degree in 1993.

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Breakfast is on May 9 in the HRBT Foundation Dining Hall at 8:00 a.m. Expected elected officials are Congressman Molinaro; Senator Hinchey; Assemblymembers Barrett, Bendett, and Tague; and Columbia County Supervisor Murell.

**10. Trustees Report**

Student Trustee, Marvin Morales reported:

***Athletics***

- The golf club was previously meeting every week at the NY Golf Park on Tuesdays. Starting this Friday, the golf club will be golfing at the Rip Van Winkle Golf Course every Friday.
- Intramural basketball is this Wednesday with seven teams participating. There will be more opportunities in the future for intramural basketball.
- The baseball team has 17 students committed for next season.
- Our E-Sports team competed in the Contender Collegiate Series this past weekend.
- Summer Camp schedules are set for basketball; July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and for baseball; July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Student Activities and Leadership Development***

- The mascot focus groups brought together a vast number of members from our campus. During the sessions, 39 students, 21 administrators and staff, 10 faculty, and eight campus leadership members answered many questions, including “what words come to mind when thinking about Columbia-Greene, what sets Columbia-Greene apart from other colleges in the area, and is a mascot important?”
- Athletics and Student Activities took 17 students on a trip to the MVP Arena in Albany on Friday, March 29 to watch the Women’s March Madness Basketball Tournament.
- Student Senate spent their meeting last week developing the 2024-2025 budget of the Student Activity Fee Allocation. These funds go towards co-curricular programming, Athletics, Commencement, Clubs, campus initiatives, and more. An additional meeting will be held later in the month to discuss elections for the 2024-2025 soon to be vacant executive board positions.
- The Annual Spring Picnic will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 12:30pm. This event will feature free BBQ, corn hole tournament, axe throwing, music, and a car smash fundraiser hosted by our Student Veteran’s Club.
  - a) The Student Recognition Ceremony will return to C-GCC for its 18th year on Tuesday, April 29. This celebratory luncheon will recognize campus leaders from clubs, Student Senate, student aide positions, and award winners.
  - b) There are over 230 students approved to graduate during this May’s Annual Commencement held on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00am.

### **11. Provost and Vice President Reports**

#### **a. Provost and Senior Vice President, Victoria Walsh reported:**

On April 18-19, we will be having Donna Kragt and Mary Ostrye from ATD visiting us. This will be a routine check-in to discuss equity with the ATD program. We are planning for a community food drive on campus, with the assistance of Elena Mosley from Rotary.

Commencement planning is well underway. A reception will follow commencement, hosted by the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation. Day Care is accepting applications for the fall.

The College will sponsor the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *It’s All in the Planning!* conference on April 25. This event prepares college-bound students with disabilities for the transition to higher education. The day-long workshop explored numerous topics including navigating the digital environment, using technology to meet academic needs, and requesting academic accommodations.

- b. Vice President for Administration and Finance, Amanda Bishop reported:  
Vice President Bishop reviewed with the board the financial reports as of March 2024.
- 12. **Announcement of the Monthly May 2024 Meeting**  
Monday, May 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.
- 13. **Public Comment**
- 14. **Executive Session**  
To discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Motion:** Ms. Davis; **Seconded:** Mr. Millar  
**Vote:** Yes - 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0  
**Resolution:** Accepted  
**Entered Executive Session at: 4:34 p.m.**

**Motion:** Mr. Millar; **Seconded:** Mr. Schneier  
**Vote:** Yes - 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0  
**Resolution:** Accepted  
**Exited Executive Sessions at: 6:06 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**  
**Motion:** Ms. Konsul; **Seconded:** Mr. Bohnsack  
**Vote:** Yes - 8; No - 0; Abstention(s) - 0  
**Resolution Accepted**  
**Adjournment at: 6: 07 p.m.**

*Peter O'Hara*

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Peter O'Hara  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

*Mary E. Garafalo*

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Mary E. Garafalo  
Executive Secretary to the Board

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

**April 15, 2024**

**Approval of the Minutes from March 18, 2024, Board Meeting**

**Capital Fund Expenditure**

Warrant No. 59, Renovations, and Improvements C06138

**Operating Warrant Approval**

Warrant No. 03-24, Operating Warrant