

QUINCY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2004

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by Chair Theresa Lord-Piatelli. The member roll was called. Present were: Simon Chan, John Farmer, Betsy Flynn, William Harding, Joseph Nicastro, Daniel Raymondi, Joanne Condon Walsh and Theresa Lord-Piatelli. Absent were: Barbara Cannon, Geraldine Lewis, Richard Nici and Peter O'Neill.

Also present were: Sean L. Barry, President; Patricia Gales, Vice President for Educational Services; Christopher Harrington, Vice President/CFO; Thomas DeSantes, Vice President for Management; Stephen McGrath, Executive Assistant to the President/In-House Counsel; Eileen Mawn, Dean of the Plymouth Campus; Martha Sue Harris, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Robert Baker, Dean of Business; Vijay Raja, Dean of Technology; Martin Healy, Esq., outside counsel and other staff and faculty members of Quincy College.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed, dedicated to the one-year anniversary of the war overseas and also to all the soldiers still serving over there.

Chair Lord-Piatelli apologized to everyone present for the late start of the meeting and thanked all the Board members for attending, explaining the absence of some is because of the short notice of this meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Chair. The first matter under this item was the new budget. Ms. Piatelli reminded all present that the budget hearing, along with the next meeting of the Board, has been changed from April 1 to March 31, 2004 at 6:00pm. She then asked President Barry to share any new, additional information on the budget with the group. President Barry spoke of all the hard work, such as 14-hour days, that has gone into preparing the new budget. He said there will be changes but that proposals from all areas are fair and thoughtfully prepared. He wanted to thank everyone involved. Because each and every member of the College practices restraint and does not go to the line the College has been able to invest in the future. President Barry also announced the March 31st meeting and that the new budget would then be ratified at the second meeting. He also told the group that we would not be sending out the letters, as we have done in the past, laying faculty members off and then rehiring them. He also wanted everyone to know that he is thrilled to be working with such a group of talented people.

The next matter under the Report of the Chair was "Updates and or Recognitions". Chair Piatelli asked V.P. Thomas DeSantes and his staff to stand. She wanted to thank them all for their work and for the achievement of winning a national award in marketing. She proceeded to recognize them for turning the marketing department at Quincy College around. Everyone present showed their appreciation with applause.

Chair Piatelli stated that everyone was probably expecting specific news here tonight regarding the on-going rental issues at the College. She proceeded to explain the origination of the Saville Hall lease and how the hall was built by President's Place. It was originally agreed to lease the hall for fifty years and the deed to be turned over to the city. Chair Piatelli then informed the group that the City Council has voted six to three to have the lease continued to be honored. This gives us a home and shows that the leaders of Quincy have acknowledged Quincy College as being an important asset to the City of Quincy, providing a low-cost education for all. She wanted to publicly thank all the City Council members for all their help in this matter and then introduced Daniel Raymondi, a Board member and a member of the City Council. At this point everyone in the room gave Mr. Raymondi a round of applause, most coming to their feet.

Mr. Raymondi, first, wanted to give his thanks to all the members of the City Council that voted with him. He mentioned each member, starting with Leo Kelly, newly elected council member. Even though Mr. Kelly never attended college he has always been a supporter of education and Quincy College. Mr. Raymondi also mentioned Kevin Coughlin, Ward 3, with children in the Quincy Public School system; Alicia Gardner, Ward 6, a member that has always stood tall; Joe Finn, Councilor At Large, who cares about the working family and Francis McCauley, with whom he has, at times, shared an office. Even though they may not have always agreed on issues they always shared an interest in Quincy College and recognized its importance in the City of Quincy.

Mr. Raymondi also spoke concerning the new apartment building going up next to the Coddington building. He also brought up the issue of being a tenant and an owner. Mr. Raymondi said the meeting of the City Council was very emotional and heart rendering, with some speaking out strongly on how they felt. Members spoke with such high regard about Quincy College, faculty and our students. He also went on to say how an education helps people change their lives and that our work does not end here. We must continue to put some of these issues behind us and make sure Quincy College always has a presence here in Quincy. Mr. Raymondi then thanked everyone present for being at the meeting tonight.

Chair Lord-Piatelli then thanked Mr. Raymondi and his colleagues and said that if it were not for Mr. Raymondi and others like him Quincy College would not be here today.

President Barry then spoke, saying that while he was off campus during the last few weeks, it was a great comfort to him to know the College was in such good hands. He asked the Board members to look around the room and see the faces of faculty and staff that he counts on to "drive" the institution. He also mentioned the students in the Cohort class. This alone, shows how important these people think an education is. Some are

lawyers, and not in need of any degree, yet they still attend classes. President Barry stated we need and have strong advocates for Quincy College and he wanted to personally thank Mr. Raymondi and other members for supporting all of us at Quincy College. He hopes for a favorable resolution to all very soon.

At this point Chair Lord-Piatelli called for the Open Forum portion of the meeting. No one came forward. She again asked if anyone would like to speak and Dr. Edward Kelly, a faculty member, rose and asked a question of Mr. Raymondi. His question was if the Mayor vetoes can the City Council override the veto? Mr. Raymondi replied by saying if the Mayor did the City Council would need six votes to override. If the Mayor did not sign then after ten days it would automatically become law.

At 7:50PM Chair Lord-Piatelli then entertained a motion to go into Executive Session and not to return to Open Session. The Board members agreed. Mr. Harding made the motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn. The following members of the Board voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chan, Mr. Farmer, Ms. Flynn, Mr. Harding, Mr. Nicastro, Mr. Raymondi, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Lord-Piatelli. No members voted against the motion or abstained.

At 7:55PM the Public Session of the Board of Governors' Meeting of March 22, 2004 was concluded.