

QUINCY COLLEGE  
Board of Governors  
September 9, 1996

A regular meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors was held on September 9, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Three Seasons at the Center for Technical Education.

The following members were present:

Mr. Fabrizio, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Hart, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Lord, Mr. Mariano, Mr. McCue, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. McKenna, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Raymondi.

Ms. Nolan and Mr. Swirski, The S.G.A. representatives were present.

Also present were Dr. Ryan and Mrs. Shaheen, Clerk.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the minutes of June 10, 1996.

The ayes have it.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance

- IV. Moment of Silence

- V. Roll Call

Mr. McKenna asked Dr. Ryan how the first day of school went.

Dr. Ryan stated that it went very well and that there had been a significant amount of enrollment surge.

Mr. McKenna asked if there were any new issues regarding enrollment and anything in general.

Dr. Ryan said that space is one of the issues, as well as, expanding the library. Also, nine new staff members will be introduced.

Dr. Ryan further explained that Mr. Barry would give a report on new enrollments and an update on the budget.

Dr. Ryan told the Board that the enrollment appeared close to what had been projected.

Dr. Ryan said that Vice President Gilmore will say that it is too soon to predict what the cash situation might be.

Mr. Mariano questioned as to the status of the building at 1212 Hancock Street.

Dr. Ryan told the Board that he had hoped to be able to come to the Board with a proposal regarding 1212 Hancock Street. However, Dr. Ryan said that he is very unwilling to do so at this time due to several developments.

Dr. Ryan explained that they have yet to develop any kind of an agreement as part of a purchase and sale offer from the owner regarding the parking.

Dr. Ryan stated that Sullivan Associates believes that the value of the building is less than the owner is asking.

Dr. Ryan stated that the owner has not yet provided verification of maintenance contracts nor has he provided verification on the amount of monies spent on refurbishing the building.

Dr. Ryan said that, at this point in time, he is not prepared to make a recommendation for purchase to the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Fabrizio, seconded by Ms. Lord, that the Quincy College Board of Governors go into Executive Session at approximately 6:16 p.m for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Space Acquisition  
Negotiations  
Litigation

On a roll call vote, ten members present, ten members voting in the affirmative, the motion is approved.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Raymondi took Item IX out of order and asked that Ms. Lord give a report on the Board Nominating Committee.

Ms. Lord told the Board that all five members were reappointed to the Board of Governors for six year terms.

Mr. Fabrizio, Mr. Mariano, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. McKenna and Reverend Walker were unanimously reappointed.

The following members were sworn in by Mr. Raymondi:

Mr. Fabrizio, Mr. Mariano, Mr. McDonnell and Mr. McKenna.

Mr. O'Neill presented his report of the Nominating Committee which was held on August 29, 1996.

Mr. O'Neill stated that the following were nominated:

Mr. Raymondi, Chair  
Ms. Lord, Vice Chair  
Mr. McCue, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Shaheen, Clerk

On a motion made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, to accept the Nominating Committee report.

On a roll call vote, eleven members present, eleven members voting in the affirmative, the committee report is adopted and those officers are installed for one year.

The Chair asked Dr. Ryan for the S.G.A. report.

Ms. Nolan reported that a regular meeting has not been held yet, therefore, there has been no discussion on how the Plymouth Campus will elect a student representative to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Ryan said that hopefully a new member will be able to attend in November from the Plymouth Campus.

Mr. Swirski reported that the Quincy Campus is in a bit of a quandary because their present constitution does not allow for this office to be elected.

Dr. Ryan stated that the Board's policy supercedes the S.G.A. constitution, and in fact, the Board has the right to determine who is a member of the Board in this regard. The Board's resolution clearly asks that S.G.A. run an election at the same time that they run their own elections in order to fill the Board Representative.

Ms. Lord asked Mr. Swirski if she would be correct in saying that the S.G.A. does not want to be included on the Board.

Mr. Swirski said that what he is saying, on behalf of the S.G.A. is that they cannot hold an election for this position according to their constitution.

Mr. Raymondi asked Dr. Ryan how many students are on the Quincy Campus.

Dr. Ryan stated approximately 4,000 on the Quincy Campus.

Mr. Raymondi asked Mr. Swirski how many students participated in the S.G.A. election.

Mr. Swirski stated 333.

Ms. Lord asked the Board to authorize the President to conduct an open and complete process to elect a member from the student body to sit on the Board.

Mr. Mariano questioned as to whether or not the Board allowed a special exemption in violation of it's own policy.

Mr. Mariano asked why the S.G.A. is afraid of an open election to fill this position.

Mr. Swirski explained that the S.G.A. was not afraid and that if the President of the college wishes to conduct an election that is up to him.

The Chair asked Mr. Swirski when the S.G.A. met, how many were present and if he was authorized to take this position pertaining to the student representative.

Mr. Swirski said that there was a small body, they deliberated and it was a unanimous decision this afternoon.

On a motion made by Ms. Lord, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the Board authorize the President to conduct an open and fair election to select a student representative to the Board of Governors.

On a roll call vote, eleven members present, eleven members voting in the affirmative.

The motion is adopted.

Public Comment:

Ms. Myrna Jordan asked the Board to assist students who are still awaiting financial aid funds. She explained that some students are in classrooms sharing books, some are in need of their funds for transportation and day to day living.

Mr. Raymondi told the Board that due to the circumstances of many of the students, he believes that the Board should authorize the President to do whatever he can to establish a voucher system or an expenditure from the Business Office to assist these students.

Mr. McCue asked if other schools have this problem.

Dr. Ryan responded that they do, however, if they have foundations, small term loans are available.

On a motion made by Mr. McCue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, that the Board authorize the President to establish a policy for the voucher system.

The ayes have it.

Mr. Swirski informed the Board that a Quincy College basketball team has been formed and will be named the Patriots.

Mr. Swirski told the Board that approximately fourteen people have signed up for the team.

Enrollment Status:                   presented by Mr. Barry

Mr. Barry informed the Board that the numbers are accurate as of September 7, 1996. However, he told the Board that the numbers are cautiously optimistic.

Mr. Barry said that the head count is quite impressive. There are more students here, but they are taking less classes.

Mr. McKenna asked if the nursing figures had gone down.

Dr. Ryan said that the report was confusing and there were more students to come into the program, in the month of November.

Introduction of New Staff: presented by Dr. Ryan

The following were introduced:

David Keith, Karen Winn, Deanna Yameen, Richard Van Dyke, Anthony Viola, Albert Curtis, Jean Pacheco and Christine Burke.

Dr. Ryan thanked all of the screening committees for all their hard work during the summer.

Mr. Raymondi welcomed the new staff members and thanked Vice President Gales and the screening committees.

Budget Status: presented by Dr. Ryan

Dr. Ryan told the Board that August was slow and were about \$196,000. below our cash goal. However, in the first week of September there was a record collection of over one half a million dollars.

Dr. Ryan stated that there was an initial meeting of the Alumni Council.

Dr. Ryan made comments pertaining to the 1212 Hancock St. property. During opening day ceremonies, Dr. Ryan told the campus community that few people had been as interested in the building as he. However, since things have happened since the owner made his initial offer-Dr. Ryan finds it impossible to bring to the Board any kind of recommendation.

Dr. Ryan told the Board that Sullivan Associates did an appraisal on the Building, as well as, on the Parking.

Dr. Ryan said that based on findings from Sullivan and his own concerns, he could not recommend the purchase of 1212 Hancock St. to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Ryan said that because of budget conditions, he would put a hold on the filling of the following positions:

Circulation Specialist-Library, V.P. Community Development, Director of Development, Director of Human Resources.

The Chair asked Dr. Ryan to highlight some of the Bond changes.

Dr. Ryan explained that a consultant had been hired for the Coddington Hall boiler system. The recommendation is to reconnect to high school system.

The Plymouth Campus is in need of minor repairs and needs a security system.

On a motion made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the Board authorize the President to continue to move forward with the Bond Issue allocation as indicated in the latest document presented to the Board.

On a roll call vote, eleven members present, eleven members voting in the affirmative.

The motion is adopted.

Also voting in the affirmative: Ms. Nolan and Mr. Swirski.

Special Presentations:

Dr. Kenney reviewed the process for the Board and explained that it was a collaborative document.

Dr. Kenney stated that this was nearly the final draft and that he was seeking the approval of the Board.

Mr. Raymondi asked Dr. Kenney if the Bond Issue would be part of the presentation to the team.

Dr. Kenney said that it would and that the team would be interested in the purpose of the Bond Issue, as well as, the financial implications of it.

Mr. Hart commented on the outstanding job done by the college community and Dr. Kenney.

On a motion made by Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to accept the accreditation report as submitted by Dr. Kenney and to authorize the President to distribute it.

On a roll call vote, eleven members present, eleven members voting in the affirmative.

The motion is approved.

Also voting in the affirmative: Ms. Nolan and Mr. Swirski.

Ms. Elliott outlined Internships/Community Service Programs and told the Board that there is a whole body of literature around the field of service learning.

Ms. Elliott explained that Ms. Eileen Mawn would be working with employers to set up internship sites- and that she would be coordinating the student effort.

Mr. Raymondi said that this was a very exciting concept and asked for base line figures from Dr. Ryan.

Local Area Network Plan: presented by Richard Pessin

Mr. Pessin explained plans for upgrading technology at Quincy College. There are two goals:

1. to improve teaching and learning opportunities
2. to improve technology resources

Mr. Fabrizio questioned if there was a strategic plan to bring this concept up to expectations.

Mr. Pessin stated he has been working with Mr. Brennan regarding the City Internet and that the new lab is hopefully going to be under construction shortly.

Mr. Pessin said that this should come together the middle of the year. Also, negotiations are under way for an articulation agreement.

On a motion made by Ms. Lord, seconded by Mr. McKenna, to approve the Local Area Network Plan.

The ayes have it.

The 40th Anniversary/Inaugural Program: presented by Dr. Ryan

Dr. Ryan announced that the Inaugural speaker will be the President of the University of Massachusetts- William Bulger.

Committee Reports:

Finance and Facilities-Mr. Farmer commended everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Farmer announced that his committee will take a tour and assess the renovations on campus.

Mr. Farmer told the Board that it is very important to be able to have a Foundation started and be able to raise monies.

Mr. Farmer further stated that it is important to draft a Home Rule Petition to change our investment policy.

Personnel and Program;                    presented by Mr. O'Neill

A meeting was held and discussed were the two new programs.

Community Development:            presented by Ms. Lord

Ms. Lord thanked Governor Mariano for his efforts regarding the legislation which will enable the college to raise funds.

Dr. Ryan told the Board that he would like to hold the positions of Director of Development, VP for Development, Circulation Specialist and Employee Relations Director- at least until the next meeting.

On a motion made by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. McKenna, that a freeze be put on the above positions until January of 1997.

The ayes have it.

New Business:

Mr. Swirski announced that the college is a sponsor and a co-host for SHARE New England.

Other Business:            None

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Mr. Fabrizio, seconded by Mr. Hart, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

The ayes have it.