# MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY Montclair, New Jersey

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES February 12, 2021

<u>Present</u>: Ms. Fathia Balgahoom, Ms. Rose Cali, Dr. Susan A. Cole, Ms. Mary Comito, Dr. Francis

Cuss, Mr. Marc de Grandpre, Mr. George J. Hiltzik, Mr. Lawrence Inserra, Jr., Mr. Douglas Kennedy, Mr. William Mullen, and Mr. Preston Pinkett, Mr. Kent Sluyter, and Ms. Faith

Victor

Absent: Mr. Ralph LaRossa

Present by invitation: Dr. Joseph Brennan, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Ms. Wendy Lin Cook, Ms. Colleen Coppla,

Ms. Candace Fleming, Hon. Mark Fleming, Dr. Willard Gingerich, Mr. David Josephson, Ms. Donna McMonagle, Dr. Karen Pennington, Mr. David Vernon, Ms. Maria Anderson, Mr.

Keith Barrack, and Ms. Shante Palmer

Dr. Cuss called the meeting to order via video conference at 11:30 am.

#### Statement regarding manner of public notice of meeting

Dr. Cuss read the following statement regarding the public notice of the meeting: "Please be advised that in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting — February 12, 2021 — has been provided by distributing notices as required, properly posting 48-hour notice, and forwarding notices to designated newspapers and to persons requesting such notification."

Roll call — As reported above.

#### Minutes from the meeting of December 21, 2020

Trustees approved the minutes from December 21, 2020 as distributed.

No. 3307

#### Matters Presented by the Chair – Dr. Francis Cuss

Dr. Cuss reported that in Closed Session the Trustees reviewed the minutes from December 21, 2020 and reviewed legal matters.

#### Sessoms Reclassification Appeal Motion for De Novo Reconsideration

Dr. Cuss made the following statement:

At our last meeting, the Board considered Troy Sessoms' appeal of the denial of his request for reclassification. However, due to a procedural defect, we must reconsider the appeal *De Novo*.

Dr. Cuss then moved that the Board adopt a motion to reconsider the Troy Sessoms appeal De Novo. The motion was seconded and approve unanimously.

No. 3308

Dr. Cuss then moved that the Board approve the Final Administrative Determination of the Board of Trustees affirming the denial of the request for reclassification in the matter of Sessoms v. Vernon. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3309

## Matters Presented By The President

President Cole reported that the spring semester is underway. The campus is open, albeit far from its usual activity levels, but there is a lot of vitality. The University has implemented a number of new safety protocols since the end of the fall term and updated a number of buildings' air filtration systems. The University is committed to an aggressive testing and tracing program and is working on obtaining access to vaccination appointments for the University community. Enrollments for the spring, summer and fall terms are strong. The School of Nursing is actively training its students to help vaccinate the public and to work with the Health Center's contract tracing program. The New Jersey Athletic Conference has permitted practices and our athletes are looking forward to spring competitions. The Facilities team has done a superb job, working around-the-clock to keep the campus safe and clean. President Cole announced that the University Foundation had elected a new chair, Greg Collins, 79', who will be the Foundations first African American chair.

# **Union Report**

Professor Richard Wolfson spoke on behalf of AFT Local 1904. He wished everyone a belated happy new year. Professor Wolfson congratulated the new appointees, those receiving reappointments, those receiving sabbaticals, and his 21 colleagues receiving reappointment with tenure. He urged the administration to consider not requiring a full return to campus until everyone has had the opportunity to receive a vaccination and when we do return, that health considerations be given the utmost attention.

#### Personnel, Nominations, Compensation and Governance Committee

Mr. Sluyter reported that the Personnel, Compensation, Nominations and Governance Committee reviewed the minutes from its December 21, 2020, meeting, proposed personnel actions and a list of new hires anticipated before the Board's next meeting.

#### PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Slutyer moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following personnel actions:

- 6 Professional staff appointments
- 3 Managerial staff appointments
- 93 Professional staff reappointments
- 79 Faculty reappointments
- 17 Faculty and librarian promotions
- 21 Sabbaticals
- 21 Reappointments with Tenure

# Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2021) \*grant funded, \*gift funded

Name	Department	Title	Effective	Degrees			
Academic Affairs							
Colleen Casenta	CEHS Career Services	Internship Coordinator, CEHS Career Services P/T (70%)	01/19/21	B.A Fairfield University M.A Fairfield University			
Janice Dittelman	Communication Sciences/Disorders	Clinical Externship Coordinator Speech-Language Pathology	02/15/21	<ul><li>B.A State University of New York</li><li>M.S Southern Connecticut State University</li></ul>			
Ruben Irizarry	Office of the Dean	Program Associate	01/11/21	B.A Montclair State University MBA Montclair State University			
Juliette Muñoz	Red Hawk Central	Student Services Specialist	01/19/21	B.A Montclair State University M.A Montclair State University			
Kate Papas	Communication Sciences/Disorders	Speech-Language Pathology Clinic Director	03/15/21	B.S Syracuse University M.S Emerson College			
Dominique Vines	Red Hawk Central	Student Services Specialist	01/19/21	B.A Virginia Commonwealth University M.A George Mason University			

# Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2021) \*grant funded, \*gift funded

Name	Department		Title	Effective	Degrees
Academic Aff	airs				
Elizabeth Rich	Feliciano Ce for Entrepreneur Innovation		Director of Strategic Partnerships & Initiatives, Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation	01/04/21	B.S University of Colorado
Enrollment N	<b>Ianagement</b>				
Cristiana Kunyczka	Enrollment Management	į	Assistant Vice President for International Engagement	02/01/21	B.A Stockton University M.S Drexel University PH.D Northeastern University
Office of the	President				
Dawn Soufleris	Student Developmen Campus Life		Vice President for Student Development/ Campus Life	04/05/21	B.A Binghamton University M.A.T Binghamton University PH.D University at
Buffalo <u>Professional Staff Annual Reappointments</u> <u>July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022</u> *grant funded					
Name Academic Affai	rs	Depar	tment		Title
Lisa Abreu M	Iorel	Center	of Pedagogy		Director of Teacher Education Advisement and Retention
Khadija Ahm	ed	_	e of Education and n Services		Research Assistant, Center for Research and Evaluation on Education

and Human Services

(CREEHS)

Adriana Alecci Academic Affairs Program Associate

Courtney Catalano Graduate School Admissions Coordinator

Amanda Choo Justice Studies Internship Coordinator

Andrew Dickerson Arts and Cultural Programming Production Coordinator

Roger Drew Center of Pedagogy Program Associate

Chrissy D'Aleo Fels Arts and Cultural Programming Cultural Engagement

Director

Caren Ferrante Graduate School Graduate Student

**Assistance Coordinator** 

Caitlin Giordano College of the Arts Career Advisor

John Gurriell School of Nursing Simulation Lab

Coordinator

Lindsey Hresko University College Academic Program

Coordinator

Rhena Jasey-Goodman Center of Pedagogy Induction Coordinator

Sabrina Jung Office of Research Compliance Coordinator

(IRB/IACUC)

Heather Kern Cali School of Music Concert Manager

Marcela Lindo Center of Pedagogy Program Advisor, Center

of Pedagogy

Ivan Lopez University College Academic Advisor

Erika Marks College of Education and Research Assistant, Center

Human Services for Research and

Evaluation on Education

and Human Services

(CREEHS)

Katherine Melz	College of Education and Human Services	Research Assistant, Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services (CREEHS)
Tanya Miller	Ben Samuels Children's Center	Assistant Director of the Jeffrey Dworkin Early Intervention Program
Alexis Nager*	Family Science and Human Development	Research Assistant P/T (60%)
Laura Ochs*	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Speech-Language Pathologist
Kinga Picerno	College of Science and Mathematics	Program Associate, Department of Physics and Astronomy
Eugenia Providence	Computer Science	Department Administrator
Anamiriam Ribot	Academic Affairs	Program Associate for Curriculum, Assessment and Accreditation
Evelyn Rogers	School of Nursing	Graduate Program Administrative Assistant
Linsay Setzer	Cali School of Music	Administrative Services Specialist
Christina Sgambellone	College of Science and Mathematics	Academic Advisor and Transfer Student Specialist
Michelle Shanahan	Center of Pedagogy	Program Advisor
Priya Sookbir	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Field Education Coordinator
Regina Vorria	Arts and Cultural Programming	Associate Producer
Chelsey Watts	Feliciano School of Business	Director of Global Programs and Partnerships
Jen Wilenta	Psychology	Coordinator for Graduate Student Advancement

Matthew Wilson Broadcast and Media Senior Engineer

Operations

Bernabas Wolde\* Earth and Environmental Program Manager, CESAC

Studies

**Enrollment Management** 

Tristan Aniceto Financial Aid Financial Aid Counselor

Richard Bruno Undergraduate Admissions Admissions Counselor

Ryan Davila Undergraduate Admissions Admissions Counselor

Michele Deleva Red Hawk Central Call Center Agent

Cherese Jackson Undergraduate Admissions Admissions Counselor,

**EOF** 

Margaret King Financial Aid Financial Aid Counselor

Donna McLearie Undergraduate Admissions Program Associate

Zabdi Medel Undergraduate Admissions Community College

Liaison

Adrian Perry Red Hawk Central Student Services Specialist

Marisa Portuesi Undergraduate Admissions Admissions Counselor

Anisha Saini Undergraduate Admissions Admissions Counselor

**Human Resources** 

Aime Becerra Classification and Compensation Classification and

Compensation Assistant

Sarah Gaddis Human Resources Compliance Assistant

Natarsha Nelson Employee Benefits Benefits Coordinator

Jillian Pustelniak Human Resources Executive Assistant to the

Vice President for Human

Resources

Information Technology

Ethan Barnes Enterprise Technology Services Network Engineer

Dinora Gonzalez Application Management Student Systems

Administrator

Abigail Hunte Instructional Technology and Senior Technology Trainer

**Design Services** 

Anu Kaushik Application Management Student Systems Developer

Robert Morris Enterprise Technology Services Network Engineer

Chris Petrillo Instructional Technology and Associate Instructional

Design Services

Puja Roy Enterprise Application Services Report Developer

Arnulfo Salce Enterprise Application Services Web and Identity

Developer

Designer

Scott Thompson Enterprise Technology Services Security Administrator

Qian Yao Instructional Technology and Associate Instructional

Design Services Designer

Student Development and Campus Life

Kayla Brady Disability Resource Center Disability Resource

**Specialist** 

Durell Clark Dean of Students Student Support Services

Case Manager

Jonathan Gubitosi Dean of Students Veteran's Certification,

Advising and Engagement

Coordinator

Kerri Johnsen Residential Life Community Director

David Lorber Intercollegiate Athletics Head Coach of

Baseball/Game Operations

Justin Potts Intercollegiate Athletics Head Coach, Men's

Basketball

A.J. Primavera Residential Life Housing Assignments

Coordinator

Sean Rossi Intercollegiate Athletics Assistant Men's Basketball

Coach

Katelyn Sire Intercollegiate Athletics Assistant Women's

Basketball Coach

Emily Slavin Intercollegiate Athletics Academic Advisor of

Student Development

Rebecca Stringham Residential Life Community Director

Tara Temple Intercollegiate Athletics Head Athletic Trainer

Maria Vira Intercollegiate Athletics Assistant Swimming and

Track Coach

University Communications and Marketing

Christodoulos Apostolou University Communications Videographer

and Marketing

Mary Barr Mann University Communications Staff Writer

and Marketing

Ariana Leyton University Communications Project Coordinator

and Marketing

Emilia Rodowicz University Communications Social Media Coordinator

and Marketing

University Development

Karen Hackett	Annual Giving and Alumni Relations	Associate Director of Alumni Relations
Maria Otto	Foundation Administration and Finance	Fund Management Assistant

# University Facilities

Charna Boisrond	University Facilities	Facilities Finance Administrator
Michael Chiappa	Capital Planning and Project Management	Architectural Design Specialist
Gena Coffey	Environmental Health and Safety	Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Safety
Brian Taylor	Access Control and Systems	Senior Access Control System Administrator

# Faculty reappointment (AY2021-22)

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Highest				Current
Name	Degree	Department	Rank	Appoint.
College of Education and Hu	man Services			
Maria Cioe-Pena	PhD	Educational Foundations	Assistant	3
Elizabeth Rivera Rodas	PhD	<b>Educational Foundations</b>	Assistant	5
Rachel Garver	PhD	Educational Leadership	Assistant	4
Blanca Vega	EdD	Educational Leadership	Assistant	4
David Phillips	PhD	Exercise Science/Physical Educ.	Assistant	4
Ashley Ermer	PhD	Family Science/Human Dev.	Assistant	4
Mousumi Bose	PhD	Nutrition/Food Studies	Assistant	5
Sze Yan Liu	PhD	Public Health	Assistant	2
Tanya Maloney	EdD	Teaching/Learning	Assistant	5
College of Humanities and S	ocial Sciences	<u>3</u>		
Cortni Borgerson	PhD	Anthropology	Assistant	3
Deborah Chatr Aryamontri	PhD	Classics/General Humanities	Assistant	5

Lesley Sylvan	EdD	Comm. Sciences/Disorders	Assistant	4
Jeffrey Gonzalez	PhD	English	Assistant	5
Elenice De Oliveira	PhD	Justice Studies	Assistant	5
Marshall Schmidt	PhD	Justice Studies	Assistant	2
Lauren Covey	PhD	Linguistics	Assistant	3
Jonathan Morgan	PhD	Philosophy	Assistant	3
Meghan Robison	PhD	Philosophy	Assistant	5
Michael Bixter	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	2
Samantha Coyle	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	3
Christopher King	PhD/JD	Psychology	Assistant	5
John Kulas	PhD	Psychology	Professor	3
Alan Pehrson	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	4
Jazmin Reyes-Portillo	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	4
John Wilson	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	5
Yingying Yang	PhD	Psychology	Assistant	4
John Soboslai	PhD	Religion	Assistant	5
Kate Temoney	PhD	Religion	Assistant	5
Matthew Cuellar	PhD	Social Work/Child Advocacy	Assistant	2
Beth Sapiro	PhD	Social Work/Child Advocacy	Assistant	3
Wendy Zeitlin	PhD	Social Work/Child Advocacy	Assistant	5
Timothy Gorman	PhD	Sociology	Assistant	3
Stephen Ruszczyk	PhD	Sociology	Assistant	5

# College of Science and Mathematics

Bong Jae Chung	PhD	Applied Mathematics/Statistics	Assistant	3
	PhD		Assistant	
Matthew Aardema	DI-D	Biology	A:	4
Colette Feehan	PhD	Biology	Assistant	4
Robert O'Hagan	PhD	Biology	Assistant	•
Matthew Schuler	PhD	Biology	Assistant	3
Matthew Schaler	1112	Бююбу	1 issistant	2
Magnus Bebbington	PhD	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Associate	3
Il Hyung Lee	PhD	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Assistant	3
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Vaibhav Kumar Anu	PhD	Computer Science	Assistant	3

	PhD		Assistant	_
Boxiang Dong	DI D	Computer Science		5
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Dawei Li	PhD	Computer Science	Assistant	•
Jiayin Wang	1112	Computer Science	11331314111	4
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Weitian Wang		Computer Science		2
Kazi Zakia Sultana	PhD	Computer Science	Assistant	3
Ying Cui	PhD	Earth/Environmental Studies	Assistant	3
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Joseph DiNapoli	PhD	Mathematics	Assistant	_
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Shaon Ghosh	PhD	Physics and Astronomy	Assistant	_
Rodica Martin		Physics and Astronomy	1 2000 44414	5

# College of the Arts

Livia Alexander	PhD	Art and Design	Assistant	5
Nicole Archer	PhD	Art and Design	Assistant	3
May Chae	PhD	Art and Design	Assistant	5
Christopher Kaczmarek	MFA	Art and Design	Assistant	3
Charlotte Kent	PhD	Art and Design	Assistant	4
Nicholas DeMaison	PhD	Cali School of Music	Associate	2
Bryan Powell	DMA	Cali School of Music	Assistant	3
Michael Viega	PhD	Cali School of Music	Assistant	3
Tara Conley	EdD	School of Communication/Media	Assistant	3
Jessica Brater	PhD	Theatre and Dance	Assistant	5
Peter Flynn	BS	Theatre and Dance	Associate	2

# **Feliciano School of Business**

Deniz Appelbaum	PhD	Accounting and Finance	Assistant	4
Belay Begashaw	PhD	Economics	Professor	2
Edmond Berisha	PhD	Economics	Assistant	4
Orkideh Gharehgozli	PhD	Economics	Assistant	3
Abdullah Albizri	PhD	Info. Mgmt./Business Analytics	Assistant	5
Marina Johnson	PhD	Info. Mgmt./Business Analytics	Assistant	3
Serhat Simsek	PhD	Info. Mgmt./Business Analytics	Assistant	2
Melissa Gutworth	PhD	Management	Assistant	4
Young Hoon Jung	PhD/JD	Management	Assistant	2
Huy Nguyen	PhD	Management	Assistant	3
Michele Rigolizzo	DBA	Management	Assistant	4
Te Wu	DPS	Management	Assistant	5
Zhu Zhu	PhD	Management	Assistant	5
Tianfu Wang	PhD	Marketing	Assistant	3
Junzhou Zhang	PhD	Marketing	Assistant	2
School of Nursing				
Nastassia Davis Mary Elizabeth Duffy Yanick Joseph	DNP DNP EdD	School of Nursing School of Nursing School of Nursing	Assistant Associate Assistant	2 2 3

# Sabbatical (AY22)

Name Department Period of Leave

# **College of Education and Human Services**

Monica Taylor	Educational Foundations	Spring 2022
Emily Hodge	Educational Leadership	Fall 2021
Lauren Dinour	Nutrition and Food Studies	Fall 2021
Susan Baglieri	Teaching and Learning	Spring 2022
Emily Klein	Teaching and Learning	Spring 2022
Minsun Shin	Teaching and Learning	Fall 2021

# College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Katherine McCaffrey	Anthropology	Spring 2022
Johnny Lorenz	English	Spring 2022

Laura Nicosia	English	Fall 2021
Cary Federman	Justice Studies	Spring 2022
Arnaud Kurze	Justice Studies	AY 2021-2022
Venezia Michalsen	Justice Studies	Fall 2021
Anna Feldman	Linguistics	Spring 2022
Antoinette Pole	Political Science and Law	Fall 2021
Anthony Spanakos	Political Science and Law	AY 2021-2022
Milton Fuentes	Psychology	Fall 2021
Laura Lakusta	Psychology	Spring 2022

# **College of Science and Mathematics**

Jinshan Gao	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Spring 2022
Mark Whitener	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Spring 2022
Jorge Lorenzo Trueba	Earth and Environmental Studies	AY 2021-2022

#### **Feliciano School of Business**

Yanli Zhang Management Spring 2022

# Faculty Reappointment with Tenure (effective September 2021)

Highest		
Name	Degree	Department

# **College of Education and Human Services**

PhD	Educational Leadership
PhD	Educational Leadership
PhD	Exercise Science/Physical Education
PhD	Nutrition and Food Studies
PhD	Teaching and Learning
	PhD PhD PhD

# **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Maisa Taha	PhD	Anthropology
Michael Boyle	PhD	Communication Sciences/Disorders
Elspeth Martini	PhD	History
Jason Williams	PhD	Justice Studies
Benjamin Nienass	PhD	Political Science and Law
Joshua Sandry	PhD	Psychology
Tina Zottoli	PhD	Psychology
Nicole Lytle	PhD	Social Work and Child Advocacy

# **College of Science and Mathematics**

Jaclyn Catalano	PhD	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Glen O'Neil	PhD	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Bharath Kumar Samanthula	PhD	Computer Science
Deepak Bal	PhD	Mathematics

## **College of the Arts**

Thomas Franklin	BFA	School of Communication/Media
Marylou Naumoff	PhD	School of Communication/Media

#### Feliciano School of Business

Joshua Lupinek PhD Hospitality and Tourism

# **School of Nursing**

Rachel Lyons DNP School of Nursing

## Library

Siobhan McCarthy\* MLIS Research and Reference Services

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with the noted recusal.

No. 3310

## Academic Affairs and Facilities

Mr. Mullen reported that the Academic Affairs and Facilities Committee reviewed the minutes from its December 21, 2020 meeting, received a capital project report, reviewed the Clery report, and received a fall semester update.

## Audit, Finance, and Investment Committee

Mr. Kennedy reported that the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee reviewed the minutes from its meeting on December 21, 2020, reviewed contract awards, received a quarterly budget update, and discussed the internal audit program.

#### **CONTRACT AWARD AUTHORIZATIONS**

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following contract award:

• IT Service Management Application (ServiceNow) - \$700,920

<sup>\*</sup> tenure effective July 2021

## MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR —Dr. Cuss (cont'd)

Dr. Cuss remarked that this will be the last board meeting Vice President Pennington will attend before her much deserved retirement. Dr. Cuss moved as follows:

Whereas: Dr. Karen Pennington has been Vice President for Student Development and Campus life at Montclair State University for twenty-three years and will retire from the University on March 31, 2021; and

Whereas: During her tenure as Vice President, she has made a distinguished and critical contribution to the transformation of the University, playing a leadership role in growing the enrollment and the diversity of the student population, and implementing programs to support students' academic success and leadership development; and

Whereas: Dr. Pennington has been recognized as a national leader in the field of student affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and as its Chair, as a member of the Review Group of the National Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention, on the Board of Directors of the American Conference on Diversity, on the Board of Trustees of the University of Scranton, on the roster of Fulbright Visiting Specialists, on the Clery Center for Campus Safety Advisory Board, and on the International Advisory Board of the Higher Education Law and Policy Center of Stetson University College of Law; and

Whereas: Dr. Pennington has been a committed mentor to staff members and students and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of Montclair State University Students; and

Whereas: Dr. Pennington has been a trusted and highly valued advisor and partner to her colleagues at the University, to the President, and to this Board of Trustees; and

Now, therefore, it is resolved that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Karen Pennington for her long years of loyal and valued service, for her unfailing integrity, for her many significant contributions, and for the distinctive model she has been of positive and constructive leadership; and

Further, the Board of Trustees expresses, on behalf of the whole University, but especially on behalf of generations of students, the debt of gratitude it feels for her years of effort, and the Board wishes her good fortune and happiness in the years to come.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3312

<u>Motion to enter closed session</u>: Dr. Cuss made the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously:

Be it hereby further moved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next scheduled Public Session to discuss the following

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Keith D. Barrack