

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 19, 2022

Present: Ms. Rose Cali, Ms. Mary Comito, Dr. Francis Cuss, Mr. Douglas Kennedy, Mr. Sreeni Kutam, President Jonathan Koppell, Mr. Bill Mullen, Mr. Preston Pinkett, Mr. Kent Sluyter, Ms. Maria Cavero-Munoz, and Ms. Mariana Luna-Martinez

Absent: Mr. Marc de Grandpre, Ms. Tracy Higgins, and Mr. Ralph LaRossa

Present by invitation: Prof. Sandra Collins, Dr. Joseph Brennan, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Ms. Colleen Coppla, Ms. Candace Fleming, Mr. Michael Galvin, Ms. Althea Broomfield- Michel, Dr. Dawn Soufleris, Mr. David Vernon, Ms. Maria Anderson and Mr. Keith Barrack.

Dr. Cuss called the meeting to order 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 — September 19, 2022 — 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 July 20, 2022

Trustees approved the minutes from July 20, 2022 as distributed.

No. 3403

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

Dr. Cuss reported that in closed session the Trustees reviewed the minutes from July 20, 2022, reviewed legal matters, discussed contract negotiations, and conducted President Koppell’s annual review.

Executive Committee: Kent Sluyter, Mary Comito, Ralph LaRossa, Sreeni Kutam, and Preston Pinkett.

The Infrastructure Committee: Ralph LaRossa as Chair, Kent Sluyter, William Mullen, Rose Cali, and Marc de Grandpre.

The Audit, Finance & Development Committee: Preston Pinkett as Chair, Doug Kennedy, Mary Comito, Ralph LaRossa, and Maria Cavero-Munoz as the voting Student Trustee.

The Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee: Sreeni Kutam as Chair, Tracy Higgins, Kent Sluyter, Rose Cali, and Mariana Luna-Martinez as the non-voting student trustee.

Representative to the University Foundation: Rose Cali.

Additionally, the following individuals serve on the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investment: Chair Trustee Douglas Kennedy, Trustee Preston Pinkett, voting Student Trustee Maria Cavero-Munoz, and Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Sandra Collins.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Koppell expressed sincere thankfulness for the spectacular efforts during investiture and is very confident MSU is making strides to achieve highlights during his speech. President Koppell also highlighted that this Fall 2022 will bring in the largest incoming freshman and transfer class in history. Lastly, President Koppell thanked the board for his tenure appointment.

UNION REPORT

AFT President Professor Richard Wolfson expressed condolences over the death of Queen Elizabeth II, he also expressed condolences over the two faculty members who passed recently. Dr. Wolfson stated events like investiture bring the campus community together. He concluded with stating how amazing the university dancers, singers and performers were at the President's Dinner.

UNIVERSITY SENATE PRESIDENT ERIK JACOBSON

University Senate President started by congratulating the President on his investiture and also thanked him for noting the important role the University Senate plays in the life of the campus. He then highlighted the Land Acknowledgment Statement as a great first step in the long-term process of decolonizing the university. There are a number of large projects on the horizon, such as splitting one college into two, incorporating Bloomfield College and taking action on an ambitious Capital Plan. Professor Jacobson noted that in each of those cases, collaboration with professional staff and faculty prior to decision making would provide important perspective and insight, increase the clarity of communication and foster a sense of shared direction.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Kutam reported that the Committee reviewed the minutes from its July 20, 2022 meeting, proposed personnel actions and a list of new hires anticipated before the Board's next meeting.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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

- 28 - Faculty appointments
- 14 - Instructional specialist
- 3 - Managerial staff appointments
- 13 - Professional staff appointments
- 1 - Leave of Absence without Pay
- 2 - Granting of tenure

Faculty Appointment: Non-Tenure Track (AY23)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
Murtadha Aldeer	Computer Science	Instructor	9/1/22	BSc University of Basrah, Basrah- Iraq MSc Rutgers University PhD Rutgers University
Donald Batchelder ³	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BM The Juilliard School MM The Juilliard School DMA Rutgers Univ. New Brunswick
Ruth Borgenicht	Art/Design	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA Rutgers University MFA Montclair State University
Natalie Beach	Library Administration	Associate Dean for Research, Teaching and Engagement	10/17/22	BA Rutgers University MA University of Texas at Dallas MLS Rutgers University
Rachel Carter ³	English	Visiting Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA University of Vermont MFA Columbia University
Yi Chen	Computer Science	Instructor	9/1/22	BS East China Normal University MS State University of New York
Tomoko Fujita ⁴	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA Rice University BM Rice University MMus The Juilliard School DMA Stony Brook University
Doris Jeannotte	Mathematics	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	Bed Université de Sherbrooke MA Université de Sherbrooke

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
				PhD Université du Québec à Montréal
Lisa Kingstone ¹	Educational Foundations	Associate Professor	9/1/22	BA Columbia University MA Barnard College PhD University of Massachusetts Amherst
Nick Kolin	Theatre/Dance	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BBA The College of William and Mary MFA New York University
Roberta Lazarus ³	Communication Sciences/ Disorders	Instructor	9/1/22	BA University of Michigan MA American University MA Montclair State University
Ellen Levine	Nutrition/Food Science	Instructor	9/1/22	BS Montclair State University BS Saint Elizabeth University MS Saint Elizabeth University
Pavlo Lushyn	Educational Foundations	Professor	8/13/22	BA Kirovograd State Pedagogical University MA Kirovograd State Pedagogical University PhD Institute of Psychology, Kiev, Ukraine
Christian McBride	Cali School of Music	Artist in Residence	9/1/22	AA Associate of Arts
Marla Meissner ³	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	PhD New York University
Karl Nussbaum ⁵	School of Communication/ Media	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BS Washington University MFA Donau University of Krems, Austria
Christina Rodriguez-Unalt	Art/Design	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BFA University of Hartford MFA University of Hartford

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Christopher Russomanno ²	Accounting and Finance	Instructor	9/1/22	BA University of North Dakota MBA Seton Hall University
Mary Scott	School of Communication/ Media	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA University of Massachusetts
Yikang Shi	Computer Science	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA Fudan University, China PhD Johns Hopkins University
Meghann Smith	Clean Energy/Sustainability Center	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BS University of Arizona MS Montclair State University PhD Montclair State University
Kaitlin Stilwell	Theatre/Dance	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BFA Ithaca College MA Loughborough Univ. England
Luis Torres	Exercise Science/Physical Education	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BA Montclair State University BS Montclair State University DHSc East Stroudsburg University
Priya Voleti	Teaching/ Learning	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BS Boston University MA Teachers College, Columbia University EdD Teachers College, Columbia University
Yingkai Xu	Chemistry/ Biochemistry	Assistant Professor	9/1/22	BS Jilin University. Changchun, China MS Jilin University. Changchun, China PhD Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Na Zhou	Computer Science	Instructor	9/1/22	BSc Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology, China MSc University of Reading, UK

Faculty Appointment: Tenure Track (AY2023)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
Jo-Ann Robinson	School of Nursing	Assistant Professor	BSN William Paterson University MSN William Paterson University DPN University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey
Kathryn Sheronick	Cali School of Music	Associate Professor	BM Queensland Conservatorium, Australia MMus University of Southern California

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2023)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
Kimberly Bazylewicz	Office of Research	Director of Research Compliance	9/12/22	BA Villanova University
Jasmine Bundy	Enrollment Management	Director of Operations and Special Projects	9/12/22	BA Kean University MS Walden University MA Arizona State University PhD Liberty University
Erika Bush	Human Resources	Director of Learning and Development	9/26/22	BA Duquesne University MBA Duquesne University

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2023)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>
Marshal Chaifetz	College of Education and Human Services	CEHS Grants Manager	9/6/22	BA Indiana University JD Indiana University
James Clark	CSAM Academic Advising	Biology Academic Advisor	8/15/22	BS Montclair State University MA Montclair State University
Darius Edwards	Office of Social Justice and Diversity	Assistant Director, Office for Social Justice and Diversity	8/29/22	BA Virginia State University

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Adriana Garcia	College of Science and Mathematics	Operations and Budget Specialist	8/8/22	BS	Berkeley College
Kenise Jefferson	College of Science and Mathematics	Chemistry Stockroom Supervisor	9/12/22	BS MS PhD	Southern Illinois University Southern Illinois University University of Missouri
Catherine Keohane	Faculty Advancement	Associate Director of Teaching and Learning	8/29/22	BA PhD	Columbia University Rutgers University
Pamela Knudson	One Stop Service	Student Services Specialist	8/22/22	BA	Kean University
Herbert Logerie	CSAM Academic Advising	Biology Academic Advisor	8/29/22	BS ME.d	Montclair State University William Paterson
Macayla Mack	College of Humanities and Social Sciences/Career Services	Career Advisor/ Employer Relations Specialist, CHSS	7/18/22	BA	Montclair State University MA Montclair State University
Elyse Postlewaite ⁺	RYTE Institute	Post Doctoral Associate/Research Scientist	9/1/22	BS MA	University of Washington Claremont Graduate University
Gabriel Rodriguez	One Stop Service	Student Services Specialist	8/22/22	BA MA	Ramapo College Ramapo College
Elena Teixeira	One Stop Service	Student Services Specialist	8/22/22	BA MA	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Khabir Williams	Counseling and Psychological Services	Staff Clinician/ Coordinator of AOD Program, Counseling/ Psychological Services (CAPS)	8/15/22	MSW	Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Leave of Absence Without Pay

Name	Department	Term of Leave
Elizabeth Wishnick	Political Science and Law	January 16, 2023 – January 16, 2024

Granting Of Tenure

<i>Name</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Department</i>
Jonathan Koppell	Ph.D.	Political Science and Law
Junius Gonzales	M.D.	Public Health

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3404

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Mr. Sluyter reported that the Infrastructure Committee reviewed the minutes from its July 20, 2022 meeting, discussed the capital project report, a draft University capital master plan and received a presentation regarding information technology platforms.

Capital Master Plan Revision

Mr. Sluyter moved that that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the University's capital master plan entitled Vision 2030. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No.3405

AUDIT, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pinkett reported that the Audit, Finance, and Development Committee reviewed the minutes from its July 20, 2022 meeting, reviewed contract awards, and held initial discussions regarding tuition and fees rates for the upcoming academic year.

Contract Awards

Mr. Pinkett moved that the following contract awards be approved.

- International Education Partner (Shorelight, LLC) – Revenue-generating contract

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3406

State Capital Grant Submissions

Mr. Pinkett moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the President to submit state capital grant applications for the campus wifi and firewall upgrade, Stem Facilities Expansion, and Sprague Library conversion into a teaching and learning commons. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3407

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Cuss moved that 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 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 motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3408

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.


Keith D. Barrack