

BOARD UPDATE

Brief synopsis of the latest ACCC Board of Trustees meeting

July 22, 2008

Board Approves Contracts and Purchases:

- Fuel oil and gasoline for Mays Landing and Atlantic City campuses, state contract, Pedroni Fuel Oil, Vineland, not to exceed \$104,500.
- Library books and periodicals for Mays Landing and Cape May County campus libraries, Baker and Taylor, Bridgewater, not to exceed \$50,000.
- Reimbursement for adult education grant, FY'08 expenses, Cape May County Technical School, \$23,275.
- Membership in the N.J. Council of County Colleges, including \$15,000 for participation in the N.J. Virtual Community College, \$49,073.

In Grant Action, the Board:

- Accepted a grant from the N.J. State Council on the Arts under which ACCC will provide Web site hosting, technical support and database maintenance for the Arts Space Bank Project. The \$18,000 grant will run July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
- Accepted the Atlantic County Out-of-School Youth Services Grant to provide occupational skills training to out-of-school youth ages 18-21 in Atlantic and Cape May counties who are low-income and have barriers to employment. The \$90,000 grant runs July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
- Accepted the Atlantic County In-School Youth Services Grant, to provide customer service skills training for Oakcrest High School students. ACCC will partner with Oakcrest to deliver National Retail Federation curriculum. The \$60,000 grant runs July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
- Approved application for a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to develop a technologies studies institute in the new Science Technology Engineering Math building that is part of the college's Master Plan 2020. The technologies studies institute will improve the technology skills of workers and potential works at the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center and its contractors, as well as in other regional industries, including health care, casinos and hospitality.
- Accepted a \$481,950 customized training contract from the N.J. Department of Labor to provide training to incumbent casino workers in technology, English as a second language and workplace communications. The contract runs July 4, 2008-July 3, 2009.
- Agreed to apply to the N.J. Clean Energy Program for rebates intended to reduce the costs for new renewable energy systems. The college will solicit bids for photovoltaic electricity generation systems for certain campus buildings on the Mays Landing Campus.

In Other Business:

- The board accepted the June 30, 2008 financial statement.
- The board approved three new policies dealing with finance and accounting practices. They include policies on: Accounts Receivable Management; Reserve for Allowance for Doubtful Accounts; and Asset Capitalization. **Dr. Elizabeth Dworsky**, Treasurer, thanked **Cathie Skinner**, Dean of Administration and Finance, and her staff for their work in providing the policies.
- The bi-annual grants directory was provided to trustees.
- Dean Patricia Gentile**, Continuing Education and Resource Development, gave the ACCC Foundation report. She said July is the month dedicated to identifying leadership for the capital campaign and asked trustees to consider serving on the capital campaign cabinet under that leadership. Research to identify ACCC's brand position, which will support the capital campaign, will be conducted September 23-25. Trustees will participate in a focus group Sept. 23. **Trustee Eric Reynolds** is

chairing this year's golf tournament which has a fundraising goal of \$50,000. To date, \$10,500 has been raised. Gentile asked trustees for their support in selling hole sponsorships.

--**Dr. Daniel Loggi**, Trustee, for the Long-Range Planning and Capital Projects committee, reported on a variety of projects in support of the Master Plan and other land-use and Green Campus initiatives. An endangered special habitat survey of the Mays Landing Campus is under way. This and a wetlands survey will help define buffers for the placement of new facilities. With the assistance of Duca/Huder & Kumlin, programming for the STEM building has been completed. Property across Kentucky Avenue from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus has been designated as Green Acres land, which will restrict its use. Remaining for potential parking expansion near the site are land across Baltic Avenue and a cooperative effort with a nearby church. J-building renovations are under way, including replacement of carpet and ceiling tiles, modernization of rest rooms and replacement of exterior doors and painting of the first floor. Hamilton Township, among others, has approached ACCC asking to partner in the improvement and use of athletic facilities and the walking path. These requests will be evaluated in light of the college's future athletic program needs. An outline of goals and objectives for the Green Campus Initiative is being prepared. Current activities include: exploring the purchase of a hybrid vehicle as the demand for an additional college vehicle has increased due to gas costs; updating the Mays Landing Campus central chiller and boiler plant with the most efficient technologies; and retaining a consultant to evaluate and implement a solar panel project.

--**Trustee Maria Torres**, reporting for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, said the college would hire an outside consultant to review the nursing program and the feasibility of an LPN program.

--Jane Lugo, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for Atlantic County, thanked **Terry Sampson**, Executive Director, Administration and Business Services, and **Dean Skinner** for their help in developing a bonding schedule for capital projects.

In the President's Report:

--**Dr. Mora** introduced a presentation on the Atlantic Cape Safe Youth Partnership, a collaborative project with Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. ACSYP builds capacity in agencies, civic and faith-based organizations that work to address the issues of youth violence, gang activity and child abuse and neglect in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Making the presentation from ACCC were: **Jean McAlister**, Associate Dean of Continuing Education; **Linda Dolan**, Part-Time Grant Writer; and **Alex Kuprianov**, Continuing Education Instructor; with Debbie Fricker, Financial Administrator, AC Family Support Organization. Fricker thanked the board for its support of the program, crediting it with upgrading the organization's technology infrastructure and providing staff training on how to operate and maintain new computer systems and hardware.

--The Third Annual Career Ladders graduation featured ACCC student **Muriel McNeal** of Whitesboro who delivered reflections on behalf of more than 100 students from seven New Jersey community colleges. The program is sponsored by the N.J. Dept. of Human Services, Office of Human Resources Operational Excellence and the N.J. Community College Consortium for Economic Development. McNeal told the board the program provided a true ladder to success for its participants.

--**Dr. Mora** was quoted in the N.J. Business and Industry Association magazine and received the chairman's plaque from N.J. Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. The president also was honored by the Chelsea Neighborhood Association.

--**Kathleen Corbalis**, College Relations, reported the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations has chosen Philadelphia as the site of its 2011 national conference. ACCC will serve as a host college for the event, providing visibility and participation opportunities for the college.

--**Dr. Art Wexler**, Senior Dean, Academic Affairs, was recognized for his time and expertise on the N.J. General Education Coordinating Committee.

--**Trustee Torres** was recently named to her second term as chair of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Gov. Jon Corzine praised the group in its recent annual report.

The next meeting of the board of trustees will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Room J-202, Mays Landing Campus. All are invited to attend.

--Kathy J. Corbalis