

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

September 16, 2020

**Joint Meeting with the Frederick County Public Schools Board of Education
Virtual Meeting**

In Attendance:

Frederick Community College – Trustees Dr. John Molesworth, Chair; Tom Lynch, Vice Chair; Ellis Barber; Nick Diaz; Gary Fearnow; Carolyn Kimberlin; and Dr. April Miller. Also in attendance: President Elizabeth Burmaster, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board; Beth Duffy, Executive Director for Dual Enrollment; Andrew McClain, Dual Enrollment Specialist; Dr. Sandy McCombe Waller, Associate Vice President (AVP) for Academic Affairs/Dean of Health, Business, Technology & Science; Dr. Amelia Iams, Director of Physical Therapy Assistant Education; Patricia Meyer, AVP for Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Melissa Bard, Vice President (VP) for Human Resources; Jerry Boyd, Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Nora Clark, VP for Learning Support; Lewis Godwin, Chief of Operations; Dr. Tony Hawkins, Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development; Cathy Jones, VP for Finance; Joseph McCormick, Chief Information Officer; Mary Rolle, Senate Chair; Kelly Stewart, Administrative Staff Association Executive; Lauren Dods, Support Staff Association Executive; Shelby Carmon, Support Staff Association Executive; Emma Wachter, Student Government Association President; and Kari Melvin, Executive Associate to the President and Board of Trustees.

Frederick County Public Schools – Board of Education (BOE) President Brad Young; BOE Vice President Jay Mason; and BOE members Liz Barrett, Rae Gallagher, Karen Yoho, and Dr. Lois Jarman; BOE Student Member of the Board Mia Martinez; Dr. Theresa R. Alban, Superintendent; Diana Sung, Coordinator, Dual Enrollment, Curriculum, Innovation, & Instruction; Dr. Kristine Pearl, Supervisor, Career and Technology Education; Dr. Zack Howard, Physical Rehabilitation Instructor; Mike Concepcion, Principal of the FCPS Career and Technology Center; and Kathryn Fostik, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education/Recording Secretary.

Office of the Frederick County Executive – Janice Spiegel, Director of Education and Special Initiatives.

Frederick News-Post – Education Reporter Katryna Perera.

Public – Steve Surdez and Kate Surdez.

Board of Trustees Chair Dr. John Molesworth called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chair Molesworth and Board of Education President Brad W. Young welcomed attendees. Mr. Young expressed appreciation for the collaboration between FCC and FCPS.

Dr. John Molesworth introduced the Trustees along with Katryna Perera of the Frederick News Post. President Young introduced members of the Board along with the Student Member of the Board.

Chair Molesworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Elizabeth Burmaster introduced the FCC participants and the FCPS participants.

Ms. Sung, Ms. Duffy, and Mr. McClain provided an update on the dual enrollment partnership and the Early College at FCC.

Dual Enrollment highlights included:

- **Enrollment has grown from 1,197 last fall to 1,222 in fall 2020.**
- **First year that dual enrollment has outpaced AP courses in Frederick County.**
- **There 295 students in Open Campus.**
- **Frederick County is outpacing other counties in the state in dual enrollment.**
- **There are 99 sections of dual enrollment being offered at the local high schools and Career and Technology Center.**
- **Participation of graduating seniors for underrepresented student groups was at 64% participation - working with schools & counselors to increase the numbers.**
- **In 2019-2020, high school dual enrollment students saved an estimated \$1,091,915 compared to post-graduation tuition rates at FCC or \$4,796,842 compared to post-graduation tuition rates at the University of Maryland College Park.**
- **Career pathways for high school students exploring career options and earning industry certifications or credentials at FCC started last fall at Frederick High School with five students participating. Frederick High has recruited more students for next year.**
- **Students in the Early College at FCC will earn an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously, graduating from both the home high school and FCC in four years. Early college program offers many different majors. Students will attend FCC full-time during their junior and senior years. Twenty-three students from nine FCPS high schools were accepted. Twelve of the students identified with at least one of the underrepresented groups: FARM, Students of Color, ESL, First Generation, Students with Disabilities. Some identified with more than one. Eleven different majors were declared. Twelve students are in a STEM program.**

Questions were answered, and included:

- **It was stated that the program was started at Oakdale High and they have built up course offerings.**
- **Every high school offers at least an English and a Math course. From there it depends on instructors having the necessary credentials. Tuscarora and Walkersville are large. With 99 sections, there are a lot of offerings.**
- **It was asked if there were issues with transferring credits to college for which it was stated that it comes down to schools and school preferences. Students are instructed to talk to the school of their interest to make sure credits are accepted. They have found that most schools are accepting dual enrollment credits.**

Dr. McCombe Waller provided information on the Physical Rehabilitation Pathway/Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Physical Therapist accreditation takes some time, but FCC is on track to enroll its first cohort in fall 2022. FCC hired a Director for the Physical Therapist Assistant Education program, Dr. Amelia Iams. Health Science Renovations and Interprofessional Education Design has included shared simulation labs with expanded recording and debrief technology, large acute care labs, a rehabilitation lab, and an interprofessional student study space. A Health Science Recruitment Campaign is underway to promote the program. The FCPS Physical Rehabilitation and FCC Pathway options provide a good foundation for any of the Health Science Programs. Students can transfer to FCC directly for respiratory care, medical assistant, surgical tech, nursing, and personal training.

Dr. Kristine Pearl stated that FCPS is in the second year of the Physical Rehabilitation Program. The first year pass rates were 83.3% for fall, 95% for spring, for a total pass rate of 90.6%.

The second cohort began with 24 new students and retained all remaining 19 students from the first cohort who returned for their internship course.

Copies of the presentations are available from the President's Office.

Steve and Kate Surdez asked about the reopening plan for Frederick County Public Schools. Dr. Alban gave a response, followed by President Young stating that it would be discussed at the Board of Education meeting on September 23, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

**Elizabeth Burmaster
Secretary/Treasurer**

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