

CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
December 7, 2018

A meeting of the Camden Board of Directors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Rutgers–Camden Nursing and Science Building, Camden, New Jersey. In the absence of Chair Dudley Rivers, Vice Chair James Dougherty served as *chair pro tempore*.

Present and constituting a quorum were Bender, Dietrich, Dougherty, McCue (via teleconference), and Stewart.

Absent was Rivers.

Attending for the university administration were Haddon, Jones, and Roesener.

Also present were Shankman, faculty representative to the Board of Directors, and Adepoju, undergraduate representative to the Board of Directors.

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975
(OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT)

Ms. Jones, Secretary of the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors, announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of this meeting was filed on December 4, 2018 with the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey and four newspapers, the *Cherry Hill Courier-Post*, the *New Brunswick Home News Tribune*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (Cherry Hill) and the *Newark Star-Ledger*. Public notice of the meeting was posted in the following University libraries: the Alexander Library, New Brunswick; the Dana Library, Newark; and the Robeson Library, Camden. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted on the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors website.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Ms. Jones asked the board members if they had read the meeting agenda and supporting documents and if anyone had a possible conflict of interest to disclose. No conflicts were reported.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Jones noted that roll would be taken during the meeting.

CHAIR’S OPENING COMMENTS

Dr. Dougherty announced that Chancellor Phoebe Haddon is the recipient of several prestigious awards. Chancellor Haddon is the recipient of the 2019 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of American Law Schools Section on Women in Legal Education and of a 2019 Smith College Medal. In addition, she has been named as a change agent in higher education by *Philadelphia Business Journal* and appears on New Jersey State Senator Loretta Weinberg’s 2018 list of “The Powerful Women of New Jersey.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING

Dr. Dougherty called attention to the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting that were distributed to the Board and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Receiving no

objections, Dr. Dougherty called for a motion which was seconded and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, the minutes were approved unanimously.

CHANCELLOR'S UPDATE

Chancellor Haddon provided the Board with an update on important happenings since the last Board meeting on September 12, 2018, including the food pantry at Rutgers University–Camden, recent grants received, faculty achievements, facilities, and Dean Kris Lindenmeyer's decision to return to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences–Camden.

Food pantries, open on all of Rutgers University's campuses, serve to help students thrive by addressing food insecurity. The food pantry at Rutgers University–Camden, which opened in October 2017, enables students to access food in a private way and is another example of special services provided to assure student success. To date, the food pantry at Rutgers University–Camden has served over 400 students, distributed over 13,000 pounds of food, and provided over 10,900 meals. Following the meeting today, several board members will tour the food pantry.

As a world-class research university, Rutgers University–Camden's faculty has a history of receiving tremendous recognition and grant money to support their research. To that end, Chancellor Haddon listed a number of recent federal grants received by faculty from the National Science Foundation, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Chancellor Haddon also highlighted some of the faculty's recent achievements, including Prof. Katie Eyer's forthcoming publication in *The Yale Law Journal*, Dr. Meng Li's publication in *Production and Management Operations*, Prof. Gregory Pardlo's recognition as a top African American writer in the country by *The New York Times*, and Dr. Marie O'Toole's appointment as a Fellow in the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education.

With respect to facilities, renovation of the Artis Building is complete, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on November 9. The building houses the Department of Childhood Studies. In addition, Rutgers University–Camden has acquired a building previously occupied by the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. The building will be renovated for administrative offices. Relocation of administrative staff to the building will free space to create more classrooms on campus, which are much needed to accommodate growth. Community, a Walgreens Pharmacy opens in the Nursing and Science Building on December 11. The pharmacy is located next to the Chase Bank branch currently in the building. All of these projects exemplify Rutgers University's commitment to helping revitalize the city of Camden.

Chancellor Haddon announced that Dr. Kris Lindenmeyer, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences–Camden, has decided to return to the faculty effective January 1, 2019 and asked her to offer remarks. Dean Lindenmeyer said "it has been an honor to serve as dean for the last seven and a half years" and expressed gratitude for the support she has received. She highlighted the transformation of Rutgers University–Camden into an institution with "such a commitment to college access." Dean Lindenmeyer concluded by saying that the Faculty of Arts and Sciences–Camden will be in good hands with her successor Dr. Howard Marchitello, professor of English and senior associate dean at Rutgers University–Camden: "He will bring more new ideas for growth, particularly in the graduate school, which is a really good direction for Rutgers University–Camden to be going in." As a tribute to Dean Lindenmeyer's accomplishments, a video was shown that highlights innovations made during her tenure to create interdisciplinary majors and help students learn experientially and collaboratively, allowing them to better succeed and contribute in the increasingly global economy.

Chancellor Haddon concluded her report by answering questions from board members.

SPANISH FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Chancellor Haddon called on Dr. Ana Laguna, associate professor of Spanish, and Prof. Dana Pilla, assistant teaching professor of Spanish, to make a presentation on Spanish for the health professions at Rutgers University–Camden. The effort, which entails interdisciplinary collaboration, involves a five-member team: Dr. Laguna and Prof. Pilla from the Department of World Languages and Cultures and Dr. Donna Nickitas, dean of the School of Nursing–Camden, Dr. Marie O’Toole, senior associate dean of the School of Nursing–Camden, and Dr. Nancy Pontes, assistant professor of nursing.

The large population of Spanish speakers locally and nationally combined with a lack of Spanish language competency among healthcare professionals results in disparity in healthcare for Spanish speakers with limited competency in English. To address the critical need presented by this communication barrier, the interdisciplinary team at Rutgers University–Camden has developed several programs. Internal and national certifications in medical interpretation seek to build cultural and linguistic competency while providing actual experience in clinical, community, and international settings. In addition, the team is also developing online modules for medical professionals in a variety of content areas (e.g. obstetrics, emergency medicine, and mental health) to enhance their ability to communicate with patients and earn continuing education credits.

Spanish for the health professions has invigorated the study of Spanish at Rutgers University–Camden, attracting larger numbers of students from a wider variety of majors who study the language at more advanced levels. The program has received national attention, grant support from the New Jersey Department of Education, and recognition this year from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing with an Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award.

Dr. Laguna and Prof. Pilla thanked Rutgers University for its investment in the humanities and experiential learning and its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. They concluded their presentation by answering questions from board members.

UPDATE ON THE JOINT HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS

Ms. Dana Redd, CEO of the Rowan University/Rutgers–Camden Board of Governors, provided updates on the Joint Health Sciences Campus and the board’s academic programs and research initiatives.

Construction of the Joint Health Sciences Center, located across MLK Boulevard from Rutgers University–Camden’s Nursing and Science Building, is progressing on schedule and on budget. The building is enclosed and windows have been installed. Brickwork continues, and sidewalks are being poured. Interior work, including ductwork and drywall installation, is well underway.

The Joint Board’s medical assistants training program, launched in 2015, is designed to educate, train, and prepare high school students recruited locally, to work as medical assistants after completing high school. The program is a collaboration between the Board, the Camden City School District, the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, and Hopeworks. The third cohort is enrolled currently at Camden County College and doing well academically. Thanks to administration and staff at Rutgers University–Camden, the students had an opportunity to consider future educational opportunities. They became more familiar with the university and its resources by touring the campus, focusing particularly on the Paul Robeson Library, the School of Nursing–Camden, and the Hill Family Center for College Access.

In 2018, the Joint Board received a planning grant from the State of New Jersey for development of a Population Health Research Institute and related research and community-engagement initiatives focused on population health challenges in southern New Jersey. Last June, the Joint Board funded a planning process for the development of academic programs and collaborative research between Rowan University and Rutgers University. The planning committee is co-chaired by Dr. Michael Palis, provost and executive vice chancellor of Rutgers University–Camden, and Dr. Annette Reboli, dean of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, and their work is well underway.

Ms. Redd concluded her presentation by answering questions from board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Dougherty directed the Board's attention to old business. There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Dougherty directed the Board's attention to new business. There was no further new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Dougherty asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

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