

CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
November 18, 2015

A meeting of the Camden Board of Directors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the Rutgers–Camden Campus Center, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Robert Mortensen, Chair, presided.

Present and constituting a quorum were Fong, Mortensen, Rears, Redd (via conference call), and Rivers

Also present was Stewart (via conference call)

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

Also present was Shankman, faculty representative to the Board of Directors and Balaj Singh, alternate undergraduate student representative to the Board of Directors

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

Mr. Mortensen called on Ms. Loree Jones, Secretary of the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors, who announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of this meeting was filed on November 10, 2015 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 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.

VIDEO OUR REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT

The 250th anniversary celebration of Rutgers University’s charter began on November 10. As part of the celebration, the video *Our Revolutionary Spirit* was shown at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

Mr. Mortensen called attention to the minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting that were distributed to the Board and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Receiving no objections, Mr. Mortensen called for a motion which was seconded and asked if there was any discussion. Because Mayor Redd was unable to attend the meeting in September, she recused herself from voting. The minutes were approved by all other Board members.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Haddon updated the Board on a variety of topics since the last board meeting, including recent events, facilities, fundraising, the search process for a co-dean for the Law School, and the Bridging the Gap program.

Rutgers University–Camden kicked off the 250th birthday celebration on November 10 with a well-attended morning celebration. Scarlet pride was also expressed throughout Camden. The Benjamin Franklin Bridge was lit in red as was Camden City Hall. On November 11, the fourth annual Distinguished Nursing Lecture focused on issues related to global infectious disease prevention and eradication and featured national and international experts. Closing at Rutgers University–Camden on December 17, the art exhibition *Visions of Place: Complex Geographies in Contemporary Israeli Art* will travel to Towson University and then nationally.

With respect to facilities, a number of projects are at various stages of completion. The Writers House was dedicated on November 17. The historically renovated building is spectacular and will serve as a cultural hub for students and the region alike. The Alumni House is on track to be finished by the end of the academic year. The Nursing and Science Building is in progress, and the Joint Health Sciences Center is moving forward; both properties will contribute significantly to the development of the Eds and Meds corridor. The State of New Jersey has announced \$180 million dollars in higher education facilities funding. Rutgers University–Camden hopes to access some of the funding for a new business school and other projects.

A number of significant gifts have been made recently. Among them, the Law School received a \$2 million dollar bequest and the School of Nursing–Camden received a \$100,000 gift; both will be used to endow scholarships. The Day of Giving will take place on December 1, and Chancellor Haddon hopes for a strong show of support.

The search for a co-dean of the Rutgers Law School is underway. The position has received interest from excellent candidates. Interviews will commence shortly, and a final decision is expected by the end of February.

Chancellor Haddon called upon Dr. Craig Westman, associate chancellor for enrollment management, and Mr. Larry Gaines, vice chancellor for administration and finance, to make a presentation on the recently-announced Bridging the Gap financial aid program. The first of its kind among New Jersey's public four-year colleges and universities, Bridging the Gap strengthens access to a world-class Rutgers degree within Rutgers–Camden's supportive campus environment. As the name suggests, the program bridges the gap in tuition not paid by federal and state financial aid for students who meet eligibility requirements. All full-time admit-coming first-year students entering Rutgers University–Camden in fall 2016 who have completed the FAFSA by May 1 will be considered. Dr. Westman explained that for eligible students, the program will make a bachelor's degree more affordable, reduce student loan debt burden, and shorten time-to-degree completion. Mr. Gaines answered questions about the program's financial sustainability.

Chancellor Haddon concluded her report by answering questions from Board members and members of the public.

MOVING RUTGERS UNIVERSITY–CAMDEN FORWARD

Since time did not allow for adequate discussion of this topic, it was postponed until the next meeting on December 14.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mortensen directed the board's attention to old business. There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mortensen directed the board's attention to new business. He announced that Dr. James Brown, assistant professor of English and director of the Digital Studies Center, will make a presentation on digital studies at Rutgers University–Camden at the next board meeting on December 14.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mortensen asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, he called for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

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