

**New Jersey City University
Board of Trustees
February 22, 2021**

Public Session

ATTENDING: Mr. Rafael Perez
Mr. Edward Fowlkes
Ms. Nermeen Girgis, *student trustee*
Mr. Thyquel Halley, *student trustee*
Mr. James Jacobson
Mr. Carlos Lejnieks
Mr. Joseph Scott
Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris
Mr. Luke Visconti
Dr. Edward Whittaker
Dr. Sue Henderson, *ex officio*

ABSENT: Dr. Steven Chang
Mr. Vij Pawar

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM via ZOOM by Mr. Perez.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Mr. Perez noted that the time, date, location and agenda for this meeting were mailed to the Jersey Journal, the Star-Ledger, Office of the Secretary of State, Senate Majority Office, Council of New Jersey State College Locals and the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities on February 16, 2021. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the University's email system and website.

MINUTES

Mr. Perez requested a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2020 Board

Meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Jacobson. (Yes-Mr. Perez, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Lejnieks, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Perez introduced new Board Trustee, Carlos Lejnieks, President and CEO, Big Brother Big Sister of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Henderson provided an update on the strategic planning and campus-wide developments on initiatives from the College of Arts and Sciences and the athletic programming along with pandemic response efforts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Perez gave the personnel report and made a motion on behalf of the Executive Committee which included Candidates for Reappointment Group 1 – Faculty; Candidates for Reappointment Group 2 – Faculty; Candidates for Reappointment Group 2 – Professional Staff; New Hires as of February 2021; Promotions and Reclassifications as of February 2021; as included in the board book. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. (Yes-, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Lejniaks, Mr. Scott, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed.

A. Personnel Matters

**Faculty Candidates for Reappointment
Group 1 – Distribution Date: October 19, 2020**

Faculty to the 7th Year and Tenure (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Dr. Meriem Bendaoud, Assistant Professor, Biology
2. Dr. Andrew Bossie, Assistant Professor, Economics
3. Dr. Gunhan Caglayan, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
4. Dr. Venessa Garcia, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice
5. Dr. Jayadhurganandh Jayaraman, Professor, Finance
6. Dr. Shanda Johnson, Assistant Professor, Nursing
7. Dr. EunSu Lee, Associate Professor, Management
8. Dr. Yung Wei Lin, Associate Professor, Counselor Education
9. Ms. Ashley Lyon, Assistant Professor, Art
10. Dr. Amit Jayant Mokashi, Assistant Professor, Management
11. Dr. Viriginia Ochoa-Winemiller, Assistant Professor, Latin American Studies
12. Dr. Zhimin Wang, Associate Professor, Finance
13. Dr. Yufeng Wei, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
14. Dr. Mingshan Zhang, Associate Professor, Accounting

Faculty to the 6th Year (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Mr. Michael Bell, Assistant Professor, Management
2. Dr. Pablo Garofalo, Assistant Professor, Economics
3. Dr. Redouane Khamar, Assistant Professor, Modern Languages
4. Dr. Zui Chih Lee, Associate Professor, Marketing
5. Dr. Adele Macula, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership
6. Dr. Adrian Martin, Assistant Professor, Elementary/Secondary Education
7. Dr. Jermaine McCalpin, Assistant Professor, African Afro-American Studies
8. Dr. Jorge Medina Silva, Assistant Professor, Economics

9. Dr. John Melendez, Professor, Educational Leadership
10. Dr. Jennifer Musial, Assistant Professor, Women's Studies
11. Dr. Esther Nir, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice
12. Dr. Li Xu, Assistant Professor, Finance
13. Dr. Peri Yuksel, Assistant Professor, Psychology
14. Dr. Jacob Zumoff, Assistant Professor, History

Faculty to the 5th Year (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Dr. Gabriel Alegria, Assistant Professor, Music, Dance & Theater
2. Dr. Scott Fisher, Assistant Professor, Professional Security Studies
3. Dr. Danny Schieffler, Assistant Professor, Health Science
4. Dr. Kutub Thakur, Assistant Professor, Professional Security Studies
5. Dr. Abhishek Verma, Associate Professor, Computer Science
6. Dr. Nan Wang, Associate Professor, Computer Science

Faculty to the 4th Year (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Dr. Manuel Caciula, Assistant Professor, Fitness, Exercise & Sports
2. Dr. Nava Cohen, Assistant Professor, Accounting
3. Dr. Anthony Esposito, Assistant Professor, Biology
4. Dr. Christine Harrington, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership
5. Dr. Lukas Helikum, Assistant Professor, Accounting
6. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Assistant Professor, Nursing
7. Dr. Kathleen Mahoney, Assistant Professor, Nursing
8. Dr. Prashanth Ravula, Assistant Professor, Marketing
9. Dr. Carol Shansky, Assistant Professor, Music, Dance and Theatre
10. Dr. Gita Sharma, Assistant Professor, Management
11. Dr. Sujin Song, Assistant Professor, Management
12. Dr. Victor Tuazon, Assistant Professor, Counselor Education
13. Dr. Alemteshai Turasie, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
14. Dr. Sevincgul, Assistant Professor, Marketing
15. Dr. Michael Wiltsey, Assistant Professor, Professional Security Studies
16. Dr. Ling Yang, Assistant Professor, Accounting
17. Dr. Wei Zhang, Assistant Professor, Psychology
18. Dr. Xiaodi Zhu, Assistant Professor, Finance

Faculty to the 3rd Year (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Dr. Jale Aldemir, Associate Professor, Early Childhood
2. Dr. Abdullah Al-Hayajneh, Assistant Professor, Professional Security Studies
3. Dr. Juste Codjo, Assistant Professor, Professional Security Studies
4. Dr. Nelda Ephraim, Assistant Professor, Nursing
5. Dr. Marcelo Fuentes Ampuero, Assistant Professor, Modern Languages
6. Dr. Youngmin Ha, Assistant Professor, Finance
7. Dr. Chitra Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Chemistry

8. Dr. Sungbeen Park, Assistant Professor, Management
9. Dr. Jennifer Pax, Assistant Professor, Sociology & Anthropology
10. Dr. Lijun Ruan, Assistant Professor, Accounting
11. Dr. Serdar Yayla, Assistant Professor, Marketing

Faculty to the 2nd Year (Effective: September 1, 2021)

1. Dr. Moitrayee Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Computer Science
2. Dr. Md Shahinoor Rahman, Assistant Professor, Earth & Environmental Sciences

Part-time Eligible for Reappointment Consideration for the Period September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Evaluation Not Required

1. Dr. Gilles Bernard, Assistant Professor, Arts & Sciences
2. Mr. Robert Romeo, Assistant Professor, Music, Dance and Theater

Professional Staff Candidates for Reappointment for July 1, 2021

**Professional Staff for Reappointment Consideration (Currently on 5 Year)
(Eligible for a Multiyear Reappointment up to 5 Years: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2027)**

1. Mr. Christopher Cofone, Assistant Director 1, Career Planning and Placement
2. Ms. Leslie Graham-Wilson, Professional Services Specialist 2, Opportunity Scholarship Program
3. Mr. John Smith, Professional Services Specialist 4, Opportunity Scholarship Program
4. Ms. Allison Thornton, Professional Services Specialist 2, Marketing and Communications
5. Ms. Cynthia Vazquez, Professional Services Specialist 3, Center for Teacher Preparation
6. Mr. Sergio Villamizar, Professional Services Specialist 1, Athletics

**Professional Staff for Reappointment Consideration (Currently on 3 Year)
(Eligible for a Multiyear Reappointment up to 3 Years: July 1, 2022- June 30, 2025)**

1. Mr. Douglass Bailey, Professional Services Specialist 4, VP of Academic Affairs
2. Ms. Lace Cassidy, Professional Services Specialist 3, M. Jerry Weiss Center
3. Mr. Robert Cole, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
4. Mr. Asad Faison, Professional Services Specialist 4, Youth Corps
5. Ms. Tricia Koufodontis, Professional Services Specialist 4, Child Care Center
6. Mr. Tashfeen Majid, Assistant Director 3, Information Technology
7. Ms. Alison Maysilles, Assistant Director 2, Enrollment Management
8. Ms. Theresa Spataro, Professional Services Specialist 3, Dean of Professional Studies
9. Mr. Anthony Tuesta, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
10. Mr. Peter Vincent, Professional Services Specialist 4, Athletics
11. Mr. Leonard Williams, Professional Services Specialist 4, Dean of Business
12. Ms. Jazmin Zegarra, Professional Services Specialist 4, Office of Specialized Services

**Professional Staff for Reappointment Consideration (Eligible for First Multiyear)
(Eligible for a Multiyear Reappointment up to 3 Years (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024))**

1. Ms. Isabel Casais, Professional Services Specialist 2, Dean School of Business
2. Mr. Matthew Sutton, Professional Services Specialist 4, Opportunity Scholarship Program

**Professional Staff for Annual Reappointment Consideration
(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)**

1. Ms. Krystal Aguilar, Professional Services Specialist 4, Admissions
2. Mr. Arturo Arana, Professional Services Specialist 4, Admissions
3. Mr. Damion Barnett, Professional Services Specialist 3, Financial Aid
4. Mr. Davauni Brown, Professional Specialist 4, Athletics
5. Mr. Kaixuan Bu, Professional Services Specialist 4, Earth Environmental Sciences
6. Ms. Anna Carhart, Assistant Director 2, Margaret Williams Theatre
7. Ms. Stephany Aracelly Castellanos, Professional Services Specialist 4, Child Care Center
8. Ms. Courtney Chambers, Professional Services Specialist 4, Art
9. Ms. Sandy Checo, Professional Services Specialist 4, VP of Academic Affairs
10. Ms. Sadia Choudhry, Professional Services Specialist 4, Enrollment Management
11. Ms. Ginneh Collins, Professional Services Specialist 2, Admissions
12. Mr. Joseph Cullen, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
13. Mr. Patrick Devaney, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
14. Ms. RoseMarie DiStefano, Professional Services Specialist 4, University Advisement Center
15. Mr. Carlo Edra, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
16. Ms. Heather Evans, Professional Services Specialist 3, University Advisement Center
17. Ms. Cassandra Gomez, Professional Services Specialist 4, Admissions
18. Mr. Syed Haider, Professional Services Specialist 4, Professional Security Studies
19. Ms. Rachel Holway, Professional Services Specialist 2, Admissions
20. Mr. Joshua Iannuzzi, Professional Services Specialist 3, Career Planning & Placement
21. Ms. Anna Ivanova, Professional Services Specialist 3, Counselor Education
22. Ms. Ayannah Johnson, Professional Services Specialist 4, University Advisement Center
23. Ms. Ashley Lemon, Assistant Director 3, Campus Life
24. Mr. Nicholas Margiasso, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
25. Ms. Ashley Martinez, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
26. Mr. Christian Mercado, Professional Services Specialist 4, VP of Academic Affairs
27. Ms. Katiana Morrisset, Professional Services Specialist 1, Counseling Center
28. Ms. Tracy Nelson, Professional Services Specialist 4, Student Outreach and Retention
29. Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Professional Services Specialist 4, Athletics
30. Ms. Ruth Ortiz, Professional Services Specialist 2, School of Business
31. Ms. Ashley Pais, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
32. Mr. Justin Pannullo, Professional Services Specialist 4, VP of Student Affairs
33. Ms. Jennifer Pena, Professional Services Specialist 4, Opportunity Scholarship Program
34. Ms. Elena Pirozhkov, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
35. Ms. Autumn Reed, Assistant Director 3, Residence Life

36. Ms. Chantell Rivera, Assistant Director 3, Residence Life
37. Mr. Nelson Rodriguez, Assistant Director 1, VP of Academic Affairs
38. Mr. Kerolos Rophail, Professional Services Specialist 4, Admissions
39. Mr. Jason Roque, Professional Services Specialist 2, Media Arts Center
40. Ms. Claudia Rosado, Professional Services Specialist 3, Financial Aid
41. Ms. Barbara Ruggieri, Professional Services Specialist 1, Dean of Students
42. Mr. John Sellino, Professional Services Specialist 3, Admissions
43. Mr. Matthew Stevens, Professional Services Specialist 4, VP of Student Affairs
44. Mr. Carlos Tejada Urena, Professional Services Specialist 3, Admissions
45. Ms. Michelle Tinglin, Professional Services Specialist 2, Nursing
46. Mr. Justin Tinker, Professional Services Specialist 4, Margaret Williams Theatre
47. Mr. Henry Turner, Professional Services Specialist 3, Athletics
48. Mr. Cristian Vergara, Professional Services Specialist 4, University Advisement Center

New Hires

Faculty Regular Appointments

1. Muhammad Jawad, Assistant Professor
School of Business- Finance
Effective: 9/1/2021
2. Lauren Johnson, Assistant Professor
School of Business- Management
Effective: 9/1/2021
3. Nathalie Pfeifer, Assistant Professor
Fitness, Exercise & Sports
Effective: 9/1/2021
4. Jonathan Rosen, Assistant Professor
Professional Security Studies
Effective: 9/1/2021

Managerial Regular Appointments

1. Kenah Blandine, Assistant Director, Development
University Advancement
Effective: 9/14/2020
2. Huijian Dong, Associate Dean
School of Business
Effective: 7/6/2021
3. Morganne Dudzinski, Associate Director, NJASCU
President's Office
Effective: 1/27/2021

4. Adrian Franco, Executive Director of the International Institute/ AVP
President Office
Effective: 2/1/2021
5. James Stewart, Assistant Director, Development
University Advancement
Effective: 9/28/2020

Managerial | Temporary Appointments

1. Andres Acebo, Interim Chief of Staff/ Secretary to the Board
President's Office
Effective: 2/1/2021

Professional Staff Regular Appointments

1. Alex Falk, Director, Athletic Communication & Digital Services (PSSI)
Athletics
Effective: 1/19/2021

Managerial Appointments

1. Luis Morales, Director Payroll & Risk Management
Payroll
Effective: 10/1/2020

Managerial | Temporary Appointments

1. Jodi Bailey, Interim Vice President Student Affairs
Student Affairs
Effective: 11/2/2020
2. John Grew, Director of Grants, Interim
VP Academic Affairs
Effective: 1/4/2021
3. Benjamin Rohdin, Interim Vice President Enrollment Mgmt. & Student Success
Student Affairs
Effective: 11/2/2020

Salary Adjustments

1. Michael Sims, Confidential Assistant to the President
President's Office
Effective 12/1/2020

Note:

1. As of the last Board meeting held on September 2020
2. List is sorted alphabetically by last name

B. Resolution to Approve Series A & B 2021 Bond Refunding

Mr. Perez made a motion for the Resolution to Approve the Series A & B 2021 Bond Refunding. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott. (Yes-, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Lejniaks, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS THROUGH ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS BY THE NEW JERSEY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (the “**Authority**”) has heretofore issued its Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2007 F (the “**Series 2007 F Bonds**”) on behalf of New Jersey City University (the “**University**”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2008 F (Federally Taxable) (the “**Series 2008 F Bonds**”) on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2010 F (the “**Series 2010 F Bonds**”) on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2010 G (the “**Series 2010 G Bonds**”) on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2015 A (the “**Series 2015 A Bonds**”) on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has heretofore issued its Revenue Refunding Bonds, New Jersey City University Issue, Series 2016 D (the “**Series 2016 D Bonds**”) on behalf of the University; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance the University’s cash flow and liquidity position, the Board of Trustees of the University (the “**Board**”) has determined that it is advisable to refund and restructure all or a part of the debt service payments on the Series 2007 F Bonds, the Series 2008 F Bonds, the Series 2010 F Bonds, the Series 2010 G Bonds, the Series 2015 A Bonds and the Series 2016 D Bonds (the “**Bonds to be Refunded**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable and beneficial for the University to finance the costs of refunding the Bonds to be Refunded (the “**Refunding Project**”) through issuance by the Authority of tax-exempt and/or taxable refunding bonds (the “**Refunding Bonds**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize certain officers to determine which, if any, of the Series 2007 F Bonds, the Series 2008 F Bonds, the Series 2010 F Bonds, the Series 2010 G Bonds, the Series 2015 A Bonds and the Series 2016 D Bonds shall be the Bonds to be Refunded; and

WHEREAS, the Refunding Bonds will be issued in one or more series under one or more Indentures of Trust (the “**Indenture**”) to be entered into by and between the Authority and a trustee or trustees to be selected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to one or more Lease and Agreements (the “**Lease Agreement**”), by and between the Authority and the University, the Authority will lease certain facilities to the University and the University will be obligated to make rental payments sufficient, *inter alia*, to pay debt service on the Refunding Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the interest payments relating to the Refunding Bonds, the Refunding Bonds are expected to be insured by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (the “**Bond Insurer**”); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to insuring the Refunding Bonds, the Bond Insurer has required that (a) the payment obligations of the University in respect of the Refunding Bonds under the Lease Agreement and the payment obligations of the University in respect of the Unrefunded Bonds (as hereinafter defined) under the lease agreements relating to the Unrefunded Bonds be secured by a parity pledge of, lien on and security interest in tuition and fees of the University and (b) the University agree to certain financial and indebtedness restrictions; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the requirement of the Bond Insurer, pursuant to one or more Security and Intercreditor Agreements (the “**Security Agreement**”), by and among the University, the trustee for the Refunding Bonds and the respective trustees for the Series 2007 F Bonds, the Series 2008 F Bonds, the Series 2010 F Bonds, the Series 2010 G Bonds, the Series 2015 A Bonds and the Series 2016 D Bonds that are not being refunded by the Refunding Bonds (the “**Unrefunded Bonds**”), the University will grant a security interest in its tuition and fees as additional security for its payment obligations in respect of the Refunding Bonds under the Lease Agreement and its payment obligations in respect of the Unrefunded Bonds under the lease agreements relating to the Unrefunded Bonds (the “**Tuition and Fees Pledge**”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the requirement of the Bond Insurer, pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, the University will covenant to, among other things (a) impose tuition and fees in an amount which, together with any other legally available funds of the University, will be sufficient to pay the costs of operating the University and the rentals and other payments due and to become due under all University leases and indebtedness (*i.e.*, the rate covenant) (failure to meet this covenant will require the University to retain a consultant acceptable to the Bond Insurer and to implement the recommendations of the consultant), (b) maintain thirty-five days cash on hand as of each June 30, commencing June 30, 2023 (*i.e.*, the liquidity covenant)

(failure to meet this covenant will require the University to retain a consultant acceptable to the Bond Insurer and to implement the recommendations of the consultant), (c) not grant or create any parity pledge of and/or security interest in its tuition and fees unless the audited financial statements of the University for the most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available demonstrate that the historic net revenues available for debt service and the pro-forma maximum annual parity debt service requirement (taking into account the additional indebtedness proposed to be secured) would result in an historic parity debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.25 for such fiscal year (*i.e.*, the additional parity secured indebtedness test), (d) other than with respect to indebtedness relating to the Performing Arts Center and Center for Music, Dance and Theater, not grant or create any subordinate pledge of and/or security interest in its tuition and fees unless the audited financial statements of the University for the most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available demonstrate that the historic net revenues available for debt service and the pro-forma maximum annual parity plus subordinate debt service requirement (taking into account the additional indebtedness proposed to be secured) would result in an historic parity plus subordinate debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.10 for such fiscal year (*i.e.*, the additional subordinate secured indebtedness test) and (e) other than with respect to indebtedness relating to the Performing Arts Center and Center for Music, Dance and Theater, not incur any other long-term indebtedness unless the audited financial statements of the University for the most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available demonstrate that the historic net revenues available for debt service and the pro-forma maximum annual parity debt service requirement (taking into account the additional indebtedness proposed to be incurred) would result in an historic debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.05 for such fiscal year (*i.e.*, the additional unsecured long-term indebtedness test) (collectively and as may be modified or added to pursuant to Section 2 hereof, the “**Financial and Operating Covenants**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize certain officers of the University (a) to determine the structure of the financing which is most economically advantageous to the University, including without limitation to designate the Bonds to be Refunded, (b) to execute and deliver such other documents as may be used in connection with the issuance and sale of the Refunding Bonds including without limitation an official statement (the “**Official Statement**”) describing the Refunding Bonds and the University, a contract of purchase (the “**Contract of Purchase**”), by and among the Authority, the University and the underwriters of the Refunding Bonds and a continuing disclosure agreement (the “**Continuing Disclosure Agreement**”), by and between the University and a dissemination agent and (c) to take all action necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the financing of the Refunding Project including the financing of costs of issuing the Refunding Bonds (the “**Financing Costs**”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board approves the Refunding Project and authorizes the financing of the Refunding Project through the issuance by the Authority of Refunding Bonds including payment of the Financing Costs.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby authorizes the President, the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President and the Vice President for Finance and Treasury (a) to determine the structure and terms of the financing which is most economically advantageous to the University

including, without limitation, to designate the Bonds to be Refunded and, if required by the Bond Insurer, to modify or add to the Financial and Operating Covenants and (b) to take all action necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the financing of the Refunding Project including payment of the Financing Costs.

SECTION 3. The Lease Agreement (including the Financial and Operating Covenants), the Security Agreement (including the Tuition and Fees Pledge), the Official Statement, the Contract of Purchase and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, each in substantially the form presented to the Board at this meeting, with such changes, omissions, insertions and revisions as shall be approved by the Authority and the Authorized Officers (as hereinafter defined) of the University are hereby approved. The Board Chairperson, the Board Secretary, the President, the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President and the Vice President of Finance and Treasury (each an “**Authorized Officer**”) are each hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute and deliver the Lease Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Official Statement, the Contract of Purchase, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and any and all other financing documents and instruments, including without limitation an agreement or certificate relating to federal tax matters, in the name of and on behalf of the Board, in as many counterparts as may be necessary, and to affix or impress the official seal of the University thereon and to attest the same. Such execution and attestation to be conclusive evidence of the approval of the form and content of the Lease Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Official Statement, the Contract of Purchase, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and such other documents and instruments necessary to undertake, implement and finance the Refunding Project, including payment of the Financing Costs, including through the financing thereof. The Authorized Officers are further authorized and directed to do and perform such other acts and take such other actions as may be necessary, useful, convenient or desirable, or which the Authority may deem to be appropriate to implement the purposes of this Resolution to undertake, implement and finance the Refunding Project, including payment of the Financing Costs, and the payment and/or repayment thereof.

SECTION 4. All resolutions, orders and other actions of the Board in conflict with the provisions of this resolution to the extent of such conflict are hereby superseded, repealed or revoked.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED that no further approvals by the Board are necessary to implement this Resolution.

C. Resolution to Approve NJCU FY21 Room Rates

Mr. Perez made a motion for the Resolution to Approve the NJCU FY21 Room Rates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobson. (Yes-, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Lejnieks, Mr. Scott, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquell Halley). The motion passed.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING RESIDENCE FY21 RESIDENCE ROOM RATES

WHEREAS, New Jersey City University (University) manages and operates several residence halls including Co-op, Vodra, and West Campus Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University (Board of Trustees) is authorized and empowered to establish and approve room rates sufficient for the operation, maintenance, and rental of student housing, N.J.S.A. 18A:64-6 n.; and

WHEREAS, the University has advised the Board of Trustees of the necessity to establish and approve room rates forthwith to administer and implement the FY21 student housing cycle and to provide timely notification to students of the applicable room rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

On this 22nd day of February 2021, the Board of Trustees does hereby establish and approve the FY21 residence hall room rates as appended hereto.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Jacobson gave the report for the Finance and Audit Committee. He made a motion for the Resolution to Approve the 2021 West Campus Housing, LLC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott. (Yes-Mr. Perez, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Lejnieks, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY APPROVING THE 2021 WEST CAMPUS HOUSING, LLC BUDGET

WHEREAS, New Jersey City University (University) is the manager and operator of West Campus Housing, LLC (WCH), and

WHEREAS, The University as a part of the management and operation of WCH is to provide for a WCH operating budget, and

WHEREAS, The University incurs costs in the management and operation of WCH which are reflected in the WCH operating budget, and

WHEREAS, Section 4.6(b) of the applicable Trust Indenture allows the Trustee to disburse operating expenses for WCH from the Receipts Fund upon receipt of the approved WCH annual operating budget, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the University to be reimbursed for costs associated with the management and operation of WCH, and

WHEREAS, The Trustee under the Trust Indenture requires approval by the governing board of the University of the 2021 operating budget for WCH in order to disburse funds to the University, and

WHEREAS, The University requests approval of the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University for the 2021 WCH operating budget, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

On this 22th day of February 2021, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the 2021 WCH operating budget appended hereto.

Mr. Jacobson noted that the *Final Audited Financial Statements for FY2020* that was included in the board book was for informational purposes only. No action was required by the board.

UNIVERSITY MISSION COMMITTEE

Dr. Whittaker gave the report for the Mission Committee. He made a motion to approve the items as noted in the board book, which include the following:

1. New degree program Undergraduate: **Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry**
2. New degree program Graduate: **Master of Science in Business Information Systems**
3. New degree Minor program: **Minor in Professional Financial Planning**
4. Graduate Certification program: **Graduate STEM Education**
5. New Option/Specialization in an existing degree: **Master of Music** with specialization in **Multi Style Strings**
6. New Specialization: **Master of Business Administration in Business Analytics**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobson. (Yes-Mr. Perez, Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Lejnieks, Mr. Scott, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti; No-None; Abstention-Thyquell Halley). The motion passed.

William J Maxwell College of Arts & Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

- WHEREAS:** The Department of Chemistry in the William J. Maxwell College of Arts & Sciences at New Jersey City University has proposed an academic degree program in Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry; and
- WHEREAS:** The program will enable and prepare students to pursue careers in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, healthcare, food science and cosmetic science, and/or to continue their education and research in life sciences and medicine; and
- WHEREAS:** The program will offer a comprehensive, interdisciplinary curriculum focusing on fundamental biochemical theory with hands-on laboratory skills. Student learning outcomes includes critical thinking, quantitative skills, hypothesis-driven scientific research, data analysis, evidence-based decision-making, communication skills, including written and presentation skills, and professional conduct; and
- WHEREAS:** The program proposal has met all the reviews: the Department of Chemistry; the College of Art and Sciences Curriculum Committee; the Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee; the Senate Planning, Development and Budget Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** The University Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the program proposal and adds its endorsement; be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22nd day of February 2021 hereby approves the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry.

Master of Science in Business Information Systems

WHEREAS: The Department of Finance and Real Estate in the School of Business at New Jersey City University has proposed a new graduate degree program in Master of Science in Business Information Systems; and

WHEREAS: The program will prepare students with the skills needed to work in the information technology industry. The program is designed as a bridge between business and technology; and

WHEREAS: The program will be fully geared towards practice. Students will not only learn analytical skills and use software tools that are currently popular in the industry, but also learn how to manage an IT project; and

WHEREAS: The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Department of Finance and Real Estate; the School of Business Curriculum Committee; the Senate Planning, Development and Budget Committee; the Senate Graduate Studies Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and

WHEREAS: The University Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the program proposal and adds its endorsement; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22nd day of February 2021 hereby approves the proposal to offer the Master of Science in Business Information Systems.

**New Jersey City University
School of Business**

Minor in Professional Financial Planning

- WHEREAS:** The Department of Finance and Real Estate in the School of Business at New Jersey City University proposed a new minor program in Professional Financial Planning; and
- WHEREAS:** The proposed minor requires a total of 18 credits. The program follows the curriculum to meet the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Board of Standards' education requirement. Students will be trained in the ethical code and professional standards of the financial planning practice and prepared to counsel clients on all aspects of their financial lives: Investing, taxes, insurance, retirement, education, and estate planning; and
- WHEREAS:** The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Department of Finance and Real Estate; the School of Business Curriculum Committee; the Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee; the Senate Planning, Development and Budget Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** The University Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed the program proposal and adds its endorsement; be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22nd day of February 2021 hereby approves the proposal to offer the Minor in Professional Financial Planning.

New Jersey City University

The Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education

Graduate Certificate in STEM Education

- WHEREAS:** The Department of Education Technology in the Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education at New Jersey City University proposed a new graduate certificate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education; and
- WHEREAS:** The certificate in STEM Education is a rigorous four-course (12credit) program that provides K-12 educators in all disciplines, school leaders and librarians with both the foundational STEM pedagogy and the hands-on experience to be successful integrating STEM in their classrooms and schools both on-site and remotely; and
- WHEREAS:** The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Department of Education Technology; the College of Education Curriculum Committee and the College of Education Curriculum Committee; the Senate Graduate Studies Committee; the Senate Planning, Development, and Budget Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** The University Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed the program proposal and adds its endorsement; be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22nd day of February 2021 hereby approves the proposal to offer the graduate certificate in STEM Education.

New Jersey City University

**William J Maxwell
College of Arts &
Sciences**

WHEREAS: The Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre in the William J Maxwell College of Arts & Sciences at New Jersey City University has proposed a new Master of Music in Performance specialization in Multi-Style Strings; and

WHEREAS: This specialization is a multi-faceted program, embracing all styles of music, technology, and improvisation and empowering the advanced string player to explore and develop their potential as a creative artist fully prepared to enter the professional music world.

WHEREAS: Masters degree candidates in the Multi-Style Strings program are provided with the tools and support needed to embark on a successful and rewarding career. In addition to performance studies, students will develop strategies for producing and marketing their performance projects through the study of music business and production.

WHEREAS: The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Department of Music Dance and Theater; the College of Art and Sciences Curriculum Committee; the Senate Graduate Studies Committee; the Senate Planning, Development, and Budget Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and

WHEREAS: The University Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the program proposal and adds its endorsement; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22nd day of February 2021 hereby approves the proposal to offer the Master of Music in Performance specialization in Multi-Style Strings.

Master of Business Administration with Specialization in Business Analytics

WHEREAS: The Department of Finance and Real Estate in the School of Business at New Jersey City University proposed a Master of Business Administration with Specialization in Business Analytics; and

WHEREAS: The proposed specialization requires a total of 36 credits and prepares graduates with the skills needed to gather, store, analyze and interpret large amounts of data in order to make decisions; and

WHEREAS: The program has been reviewed and approved by: the Department of Finance and Real Estate; the School of Business Curriculum Committee; the Senate Graduate Studies Committee; the Senate Planning, Development, and Budget Committee; and academic officers of the University and all notice requirements; and

WHEREAS: The Mission Committee of the Board of Trustees have reviewed the Master of Business Administration with Specialization in Business Analytics, and add its endorsement; be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of New Jersey City University on this 22th day of February 2021 hereby approves the Master of Business Administration with Specialization in Business Analytics.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

The following individual requested to speak at the public session of the board and were called forward by Mr. Perez: Safa Mostafa, NJCU Student. Clarification was provided as to the scope of the public commitment and that were the student inquiries could be directed.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on April 26, 2021. Mr. Perez made a motion for the board to move into executive session prior to the public session in order to discuss confidential personnel matters and contractual matters. The minutes of the executive session will become available to the public when there is no longer a need for confidentiality regarding these matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott. (Yes- Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Lejnieks, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Perez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Dr. Whittaker. (Yes- Mr. Fowlkes, Ms. Girgis, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Lejnieks, Dr. Trowell-Harris, Mr. Visconti, Dr. Whittaker; No-None; Abstention-Thyquel Halley). The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrés Acebo
Interim Chief of Staff and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees