

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Summary of Public Discussion May 20, 2014

There was a call to order made by Chair Gardyn at 7:50 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

DeGrace Abigail Champness, Student Trustee.

Absent: Mary A. Adams, Anthony W. Cornachio, Wanda Jackson, Edward W. Powers

Also in attendance: Kenneth Saunders, Chuck Cutolo

Chair Gardyn announced that the meeting could not occur due to the absence of a quorum.

Although there could be no "public comment" as part of a meeting, the Board members present invited any member of the public in attendance to speak.

Speakers

Christopher Goldsmith, President of Student Veterans at NCC, spoke and described his experiences in Iraq and his subsequent discharge from the military. He also described how these experiences had led him to advocate for legislation that would require that in reviewing a veteran's appeal of his or her discharge classification there be a mental health professional on the review board or as part of the review process anytime a mental health diagnosis involved. He thanked the Board, the College and Acting President Saunders and, Acting Vice President Conzatti for their support. He also thanked General Counsel for Governmental & Media Relations Chuck Cutolo for his advice in "formulating the strategies to go down to DC and storm the Hill."

Chair Gardyn announced that a date will be determined in the next few days to consider those items which were