

**Board of Trustees  
December 12, 2016 Meeting Recap**

The Ramapo College Board of Trustees met on December 12, 2016 and took the following actions:

- Approved the Degree Candidates for January 2017
- Approved a minor in Contemplative Studies, a major in Elementary Education, and a concentration in Accounting in the MBA program
- Approved the award of a management contract extension of three years for book store services effective July 1, 2017 to Follett Higher Education Group, Inc.
- Approved the granting of Emeritus status to Professors Don Fucci, Wayne Hayes, Anthony Padovano, and Sebastian J. Raciti (post-humous). Professors Fucci, Hayes, and Padovano were formally recognized by the Board.
- Approved a series of personnel actions including:
  - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> Multi Year Reappointments of AFT Professional Staff
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Reappointments of Faculty
  - Appointments/Promotions
    - Robin Keller, Director of Applications, ITS
    - Chrisanne McGarvey, Systems Manager, Financial Aid
    - Kathleen Ray, Assistant Professor of Social Work, SSHS
  - Reappointment of Faculty with Tenure
    - ASB: Tammi C. Redd, Sridevi Shivarajan, and Mark Skowronski
    - SSHGS: Dean Chen
    - SSHS: Stephanie Sarabia
    - TAS: Andrea Centrella-Nigro and Donna FlynnFaculty earning tenure were formally recognized by the Board.
- Approved the FY2016 Independent Auditors Report on Communication of Internal Control Matters Identified in the Audit (Management Letter)
- Approved revisions to Investment Policy #403 and Whistleblower Policy #224

The Board of Trustees also:

- Reviewed, per NJ Senate Bill 485, a report of any on-campus criminal and fire events
- Received an update on the School of Theoretical and Applied Science from Dean Edward Saiff and student Candace Morales Wilde
- Received reports from President Mercer noting:
  - A recent gift of \$2 million from the Mann Family Foundation toward the Library/Learning Commons Project
  - [The College's position on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program](#)
  - Recent testimony provided by him and Melissa Van Der Wall, Dean of Students, to the Senate Higher Education Committee on the issue of sexual assault on college campuses.

Chair Ruotolo commented on the Board's recent retreat which focused on the fiduciary roles of trustees in enterprise-wide risk management. He also commended trustees for their recent and ongoing contributions to campus life and their thoughtful engagement on the Library/Learning Commons Project. The Board of Trustees further extended best wishes to the College for a happy and healthy holiday season.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will take place at 5:30/7:00p.m. on  
February 27, 2017 in the Trustees Pavilion.**