BOARD OF TRUSTEES GAINS 9 NEW MEMBERS

Nine new trustees have been appointed by Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani to fill vacant or expired seats on the CUNY Board of Trustees. Thus, the first Board meeting of the 1996-97 academic year on Sept. 30 will see a full complement of 17 trustees.

The new board members join Chairperson James P. Murphy; Vice-Chairperson Edith B. Everett; sitting trustees Herman Badillo, Jerome S. Berg, Charles E. Innes, and Susan M. Muenner; and ex-officio trustees Sandi E. Cooper, University Faculty Senate representative, and William Negron, University Student Senate representative.

Following are brief biographies of the new appointees, who serve the governing body without compensation.

SATISH K. BABBAR, appointed by the Mayor, is a New York State Registered Architect who has been Assistant Commissioner, Technical Affairs, for the City’s Department of Buildings since 1994. Mr. Babbar provides technical oversight and counsel particularly on extremely complex and unusual applications of regulations and modifications of building codes and procedures necessary as a result of changing technology and social conditions. Previously, he served the Department as Borough Commissioner (Manhattan and Bronx) and Deputy Borough Superintendent (Queens and Bronx). He was also a project architect for the Department of Social Services and for 13 years prior, worked with architectural firms in the private sector and had his own practice as an architect. As an Adjunct Associate Professor at New York Institute of Technology, Mr. Babbar has conducted architectural design studios and taught zoning and building laws.

He has been honored by many professional and not-for-profit organizations for his dedication to public and community service.

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HIGH-TECH VENTURES DEBUT

The beginning of the new academic year brings a new high-tech start in several areas of University life. Despite the difficult budget environment, CUNY is making major leaps forward in its technological evolution and convenient, money-saving services offered to the University family.

First is the rollout of the new CUNYCard, starting with New York City Technical College (appropriately, since the designer of the Card was a Tech student). By the end of the 1997-98 academic year, all students, faculty and staff will have been issued a CUNYCard.

This multipurpose card will serve as the primary identification in University buildings and libraries and, if the user desires, can be used for telephone calls, access to bank ATMs, and purchases from merchants and food service vendors that accept it as a debit card. Financial aid awards and other cash can be deposited directly at no fee; eventually, an ATM will be installed on campuses that don’t already have them. In well-trafficked and high-budget areas.

Also this fall, members of the CUNY community will be offered a special inexpensive link to the Internet through MCI. For a fee of $12.10 per month, subscribers may access the World Wide Web through a home or office computer.

Finally, a revised and updated CUNY Home Page made its debut in September. The Page, which may be accessed at http://www.cuny.edu, features extensive admissions and other student information, trustee profiles, and letters from the Chancellor and Board Chairperson. Descriptions of every CUNY campus include hotlinks to their individual home pages.

Questions on these projects may be directed to Pat Reiber, Director of Campus Services in the Office of Computing and Information Services.

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State and City Efforts Strengthen CUNY Budget

New York State: The 1996-97 State Budget adopted on July 15 included the restoration of $40 million for the senior colleges and more than $90 million for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) above the originally proposed budget. State aid to the community colleges was increased by $50 per student, and $54.4 million for renovations to the Brooklyn College Library was added to the previous capital budget recommendations for CUNY:

"The extraordinary work of the trustees, presidents, the Chancellor's office, faculty, students, alumni and friends of CUNY contributed mightily to the positive outcome of the deliberations," stated Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds.

"The strong support we received from New York State legislators was essential to our success." In a July 15 letter to senior college presidents, the Chancellor indicated that "reinvestment planning is no longer necessary at the senior colleges where financial exigency had been in effect. The recruitment and retention of full-time faculty remains the University's top priority and we will continue to work with the Governor's Office and the Legislature in this regard," she said.

New York City: The 1996-97 City Budget for the community colleges included an increase of $560,000 above the originally proposed operating budget; an additional $500,000 directed to the CUNY Police Cadet program; and $10.5 million in capital funding ($3.4 million of which is earmarked for the University's Educational Technology Initiative).

During the summer, the City Administration announced a $500 million cut in City Budget expenditures for 1996-97. CUNY was not included in this reduction. The City supported an additional $10 million in community college capital projects (rehabilitation and renovation) by authorizing their inclusion in the Fall bond sale.

"The support and cooperation of the City Council and the Office of the Mayor enabled the University to achieve these results in a most difficult financial environment," observed Chancellor Reynolds. "But the fiscal situation will continue to be an austere one requiring our ongoing vigilance and creativity."

The $40 million restoration to the senior colleges keeps the University at last year's level of state aid. It does not, however, provide for rising costs and shortfalls inherent in the reduced level of support of the past few years. The possibility of post-budget-adoptions reductions, which occurred during the previous two years, is being monitored.

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Carnegie Names Lehman's Perl New York Professor of Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching will announce on Oct. 11 the selection of a Herbert H. Lehman College professor as its 1996 New York Professor of the Year.

Sondra Perl, Professor of English, teaches English composition and literature courses to undergraduate and graduate students at Lehman. She is also a faculty member at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center. Dr. Perl was selected from among 40 nominees from 29 New York colleges for the teaching award.

"We were delighted by the Carnegie Foundation's choice," said Lehman Provost Rosanne Wille. "Our entire campus is proud of this national recognition of one of our faculty members."

An authority on collaborative learning and the teaching of literature and writing, Dr. Perl is the author of "Through Teachers' Eyes: Portraits of Writing Teachers at Work and Landmark Essays on Writing Processes."

She received a B.A. from Simmons College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from New York University. Her other academic honors include a Guggenheim Fellowship and Lehman's "1994 Excellence in Teaching Award." The Carnegie Foundation announced winners in 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Nationwide, 505 faculty members competed for the prestigious teaching award.
service, and has been recognized for outstanding professional contributions during emergency situations such as the "Happy Land" fire in 1992 and the 1995 collapse of a building on West 124th Street. He earned a National Diploma in Architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India. Having been a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Architects Council of New York, Mr. Babbar is currently President of the Indo-American Society of Engineers and Architects. He is a resident of Queens.

JOHN J. CALANDRA, a gubernatorial appointee, is a litigation associate with the law firm of McDermott, Will and Emery, providing legal representation to Fortune 500 clients involved in substantial litigation in state and federal courts throughout the nation. He was previously a litigation associate with the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore. His areas of practice include general commercial litigation, antitrust law, securities law, constitutional law, trademark law, products liability and municipal law. A civic and community leader, Mr. Calandra has been very active in educational issues, serving as "Principal for a Day" at Public Schools 14 and 71 in the Northeast Bronx. In 1995 he received the "Friend of P.S. 14 Award" when he was the school's commencement speaker. He was also Director of the Career Day Program at Pelham High School; during his directorship, the school received the "Best Program Award" from the New York State Guidance Counselors Association. Currently, Mr. Calandra serves on the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Ruko-American Associations and is a member of the Bronx Job Service Employer Committee. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Bronx Columbus Alliance and on the Board of Advisors of the Italian-American Legal Defense and Higher Education Fund.

Mr. Calandra is a magna cum laude graduate of Cornell Law School and an alumnus of Columbia University. He lives in the Bronx.

REV. MICHAEL C. CRIMMIN, who was appointed by the Governor, has worked extensively in higher education. In 1988 he assumed his current position as Director of the University Apostolate and Coordinator of Campus Ministry of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, where he is a priest; from 1988-91 he also served as Chaplain at the College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale. Since 1990 he has held the position of Associate Vicar for Education of the Archdiocese.

Rev. Crimmins has served as Pastor of St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel, since 1991. From 1970-85 he served as Associate Pastor in several Manhattan parishes. In 1970, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A Manhattan resident, Rev. Crimmins graduated from Georgetown School of Foreign Service and received a Masters of Divinity from St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers and an M.A. in Religious Studies from St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

RONALD J. MARINO, a mayoral appointee, has been Vice President in the Public Finance Division of Smith Barney Inc. since 1987. He coordinates New York State and counties' business activities and concentrates on infrastructure/transportation finance.

Mr. Marino's extensive career is also notable for senior-level service in the public sector. He was Deputy Commissioner, Office of Development, for the City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), where he directed negotiations with real estate developers and financial institutions for new construction and rehabilitation programs and projects; as well, he developed and implemented programs for multifamily and single-family housing. He also held positions as Deputy Commissioner, Office of Policy and Government Liaison for HPD and was Deputy Borough President/Executive Assistant in the Office of the Manhattan Borough President from 1978-79.

Mr. Marino holds a Masters in Urban Planning from Hunter College and a B.A. in Political Science from Iona College. He is a resident of Brooklyn.

ANNE ATTURA PAOULCI, who was appointed by the Governor, has had a distinguished career in higher education, serving St. John's University as a full Professor of English since 1960 and as Director of its Doctor of Arts Degree Program in English since 1982. Previously, she was Assistant Professor of English at The City College of New York for a decade.

Dr. PaOLucci holds a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University, an M.A. in Italian Literature from Columbia and a B.A. from Barnard College. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Italy from 1951-52, a Fulbright Lecturer in American Drama at the University of Naples from 1965-67, and a Visiting Fellow at the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University. She won two New York State Grants for special study and research in Chinese Culture at Columbia in 1964 and 1965 and has lectured at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at numerous universities in Italy.

A member of the National Council on the Humanities from 1986-94, Dr. PaOLucci is Founder and President of the Council on National Literatures, a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to promoting the expansion of comparative literary studies into "global" multidisciplinary approaches. She was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Queens College in 1982 and was awarded an Honorary Degree in Human Letters from Lehman College in 1993. She resides in Queens.

ROBERT PRICE, a gubernatorial appointee, has had a distinguished career in business, municipal government, law enforcement, and private legal practice. Mr. Price is President of both Price Communications Corp. and Price Cellular Corp., and is the owner of radio and television stations and cellular licenses.

Formerly, he was Executive Vice President of the Dreyfus Fund and a General Partner of Lazard, Freres and Co. He was Assistant United States District Attorney, Criminal Division, for the United States Department of Justice, Southern District, a clerk for Judge Archibald Dublin of the United States District Court, Southern District, and a partner in Kupferman and Price Attorneys at Law.

Mr. Price served as Deputy Mayor during Mayor John Lindsay's first term and is a prominent civic leader whose interests include membership in the Citizens Union and the Council on Foreign Relations. He also serves as State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno's representative to the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC).

A Manhattan resident, Mr. Price is a graduate of New York University and Columbia University Law School.

GEORGE J. RIOS was appointed by the Mayor. He is Commissioner of the City's Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS). Mr. Rios has 30 years of achievements in the senior management of federal, state, county, municipal and private sector administration of education, economic development, issues management, public affairs, law enforcement, utilities and governmental regulations. He served three cabinet officers (Bell, Bennett and Alexander) of the U.S. Department of Education. As Deputy Director of the Office of Bilingual Education, he managed the largest discretionary grant program, and as the Secretary's Regional Representative for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, he directed all aspects of the America 2000 education initiative.

Mr. Rios has also been Assistant to the Westchester County Executive; Corporate Officer at The Equitable; Deputy Director, Civilian Complaint Review Board, New York City Police Department; Public Affairs Representative, Con Edison of New York; Director, the East Harlem Redevelopment Project; and Senior Education Counselor of ASPIRA. He is a member of the New York State Local Government Records Advisory Committee.
Standard & Poor's Ranks CUNY First as Supplier of Chief Executives for 6th Consecutive Year

Sustaining a winning streak since 1990, CUNY again topped the list of colleges and universities whose undergraduate alumni ascend to executive positions in the nation's leading corporations.

The Standard & Poor's Executive College Survey, released in June, polled 70,000 business leaders who are alumni of 950 institutions. CUNY ranked above the University of Wisconsin and Yale University, listed second and third respectively, in the prestigious annual survey.

"It is no surprise that CUNY continues to produce alumni who rise to the top level of their chosen fields," said James P. Murphy, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds in a joint statement. "CUNY's longstanding mission of providing access to an excellent education has permitted generations of New Yorkers to become leaders in the business community and in our greater society. Today's students are eagerly preparing to make their mark. Our City, State, and nation will reap the benefits of their achievements and success."

In addition to ranking first, CUNY emerged as the only university in New York State to place among the survey's top 12. The Standard & Poor's poll also found that a majority of the CUNY alumni headed New York-based companies, creating jobs for thousands of other New Yorkers.

Fresh Program Offerings, Language Immersion on 5 Campuses Distinguish Start of Fall Semester

The Fall 1996 semester is distinguished by a broad spectrum of new programs available to students.

At the senior colleges, Queens College is offering a Master of Arts in Social Sciences, an interdisciplinary program with concentrations in Education, Public Policy and Social Research. Baruch College's new School of Public Affairs has instituted its first new program, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Affairs. Lehman College has established a Bachelor of Arts in Multilingual Journalism, an interdisciplinary effort jointly sponsored by the Departments of Communications and Foreign Languages.

The Weekend College of Brooklyn College will offer courses leading to a Bachelor of Arts in English; a Bachelor of Science in Business, Management, and Finance; and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

Among the community colleges, Bronx Community College will offer an Associate in Science, Degree in Community/School Health. LaGuardia Community College has established an Associate in Science in Fine Arts, intended for students who wish to transfer and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Studio Art.

Queensborough Community College is providing an Associate in Science degree in Health Sciences designed to prepare students for a host of upper-division programs in those fields. Bronx Community College, Queensborough Community College and New York City Technical College will offer a special Associate in Applied Science degree in Telecommunications to NYNEX employees.

The program is part of a statewide CUNY-SUNY consortium supported partially by NYNEX.

The Fall semester will also mark the expansion of the CUNY Language Immersion Program, as well as the continuation of the groundbreaking Children's Studies Program at Brooklyn College.

The Language Immersion Program was established to provide incoming CUNY students with limited English proficiency the opportunity to spend an intensive period learning the language before enrolling in regular college courses.

Due to its tremendous success, the program, which began as a pilot in the Fall of 1995 at the Theresa Towers in Harlem, will now be available at five campuses: Bronx, Kingsborough and LaGuardia Community Colleges; New York City Technical College; and York College. In addition to the ongoing program at the New York State Office Building in Harlem at Brooklyn College, a new program in Children's Studies incorporates research on children from the social sciences, humanities, the arts, health sciences, and law.

Introduced during the Spring semester, the interdisciplinary program is the first of its kind in the nation and serves as a model for other institutions.

Among the courses offered are: Introductory Child Psychology; Sociology of Children; and The Black Child and the Urban Education System.
Noted Urban Expert Carolyn B. Williams Named to Presidency of Bronx Community College

Dr. Carolyn B. Williams, a renowned expert on urban higher education, became President of Bronx Community College on Aug. 26. Her appointment was approved by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds and followed a national search.

Previously, Dr. Williams headed Los Angeles Southwest College of the Los Angeles Community College District. During the first year of her tenure in 1992, she erased a budget deficit of $1.6 million and increased student enrollment by 99%.

Under her administration, the California college was designated the convening institution for the Los Angeles Citywide Partnership of the National Center for Urban Partnerships, a Ford Foundation-funded program to boost the number of minority baccalaureate degree graduates.

"Dr. Williams brings to the University strong administrative experience, and an extensive background in developing community partnerships," said James F. Murphy, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Williams has also served as Vice Provost of Wayne County Community College; Administrator and Dean of Student Services at Highland Park Community College (Michigan); Director of Urban Seminars at the Center for Urban Education in Detroit; and Social Science Instructor at Wayne State University's College of Life-Long Learning.

She has also held consultancy positions with the Ford Foundation's Urban Transfer Opportunity Program, the United Negro College Fund's Transfer Opportunity Program, and the American College Testing (ACT) Board. She serves on the American Council on Education's Commission on Minorities in Higher Education.

Her honors and memberships include election to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges in April. She also sits on the Boards of the AACC's National Council on Black American Affairs, the Center for Urban Education and the Institute for Student Success.

The presidential search committee was comprised of trustee, faculty, student, presidential and alumni representatives. Dr. Leo A. Corbino had served as Acting President of Bronx Community College for the past three years.

Artist Adrienne Yorinks Weaves Patchwork of CUNY History

A vibrant homage to CUNY's 150th anniversary, award-winning artist Adrienne Yorinks' nine-panel quilt depicting the University's history has been displayed during the summer at CUNY's Central Office, 535 East 80th St., Manhattan.

The quilt, exhibited on all CUNY campuses over the next 20 months, begins with the oldest, City College, which traces its origins to the creation of the Free Academy in 1847. The tour will end with the Graduate School and University Center in its new home in the B. Altman building.

The quilt, 8-by-10-foot, brightly colorful work of art is entitled "Look At Their Faces: CUNY Celebrating 150 Years." Reflecting the mosaic of cultures in CUNY as well as its history of educating immigrants and their children, Ms. Yorinks stitched the quilt using fabrics from 26 countries.

"The quilt conveys not just the history and mission of The City University of New York, but the history of the nation," said Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds. "The telling details that are memorialized—of war and peace, of civil rights, of achievement in the arts and sciences, of the accomplishments of women—place CUNY's mission within the context of our nation's history and are woven together with impeccable artistry."

Ms. Yorinks, who is the daughter of CUNY Trustee Jerome Berg, used a process called photo transfers, in which photographs are reproduced on diverse materials, to feature representations of transformative events as well as pictures of distinguished graduates and other notables throughout the University's history. Trustee and Mrs. Barry donated the quilt to CUNY.

Among distinguished graduates whose pictures are featured are General Colin Powell; comedian Jerry Seinfeld; actress Ruby Dee; Rhodes Scholar Lisette Neves; civil leader Stanley H. Lawrence; former U.S. Representatives Herman Badillo and Shirley Chisholm; polio vaccine discoverer Jonas Salk; and Nobel Laureates Gertrude Elion, Rosalyn Yalow, and Arthur Kornberg.

Others whose photographs are incorporated include Albert Einstein; former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt; former Mayors Fiorello H. LaGuardia and Robert Wagner; and former Governors Herbert H. Lehman and Thomas E. Dewey.

The fiber artist recently completed a one-woman show at the HarperCollins Exhibition Gallery in New York City. Ms. Yorinks' work has been featured in many periodicals, including Quilting International and Quilting Today; James F. Murphy, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Chancellor Reynolds hosted a reception for the artist in the Robert J. Kibbee Lounge at the Central Office on Sept. 16.

Letters or suggestions for future articles on topics of general interest to the CUNY community should be addressed to CUNY Matters, 535 East 80th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10021.

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