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**Selection of John J. Hurley '78 as the 24th President of Canisius College**

The board meeting began with an executive session to discuss the candidates for President of Canisius College. After much deliberation, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to elect John J. Hurley '78 as the 24<sup>th</sup> President of Canisius College effective July 1, 2010.

**Orientation of New Trustees**

An orientation session was held for new trustees who are joining the board: Nelson D. Civello '67, Rev. Brian B. Frain, S.J., Alfred F. Luhr, III '68, Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J., Acea M. Mosey '92, Kenneth F. Myszka '70, Julianne Urban '94, and Ben K. Wells MBA '82. Presentations were given by Father Cooke, Catherine Burzik, and members of the Executive Committee of the Board.

**President's Report**

Father Cooke reported that Dr. Margaret McCarthy will be stepping down as Dean of the School of Education & Human Services. After a sabbatical, she will return to the faculty. A search committee will be appointed to fill this position. A search committee is currently interviewing candidates for the position of the Dean of Arts & Sciences. Father Cooke reported that the college's endowment has risen recently due to the recovery in the stock market.

**New Trustees Welcomed**

The board welcomed new trustees who were in attendance. The board also welcomed new consultants to the board Rev. Patrick J. Lynch S.J. (Chair of the Faculty Senate), James J. Sherwood '68, PhD (Chair of the Board of Regents) and Mark J. Tortelli '10 (President of the USA).

**A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College**

R. Carlos Carballada reported that the campaign stands at \$68 million toward its goal of \$90 million.

**Academics Committee**

Joseph M. Hassett reported the committee reviewed the status of the implementation of the new Core Curriculum as well as issues raised by the Faculty Senate. Dr. Chadwick updated the committee on metrics for the Plan for Academic Excellence, changes in the organizational structure within the Academic Affairs division and new program needs and potential. Jill Conlon provided an update regarding enrollment, financial aid and recruitment.

**Audit Committee**

John R. Connolly reported that the college's annual audit and related reports from Deloitte & Touche were reviewed and accepted by the Audit Committee. The college received an unqualified opinion on its audit and the management letter had two minor items that were reviewed by the committee and the administration.

**Finance and Facilities  
Committee**

Edward Burke Carey reported that the committee reviewed the college's financial benchmarks for the past 10 years. Moody's conducted a review of the college's financial position and left its debt rating unchanged with a stable outlook. The committee also reviewed the capital budget projects and campus facility improvements. The committee reviewed proposed budget revisions for the 2009-10 operating budget and tabled this item until the December meeting.

**Institutional  
Advancement  
Committee**

Ann E. Celani reported that John Hurley has been working with a Core Group to update the 25 year study of Canisius donor behavior and the analysis of fund raising expenditures. The information will be used to forecast goals for future capital campaigns. The committee reviewed the cash receipts report for 2008-09 during which the college had its second best year ever for cash receipts from fund raising. Ann also reported that the college has received a \$285,000 federal appropriation for science equipment through the efforts of Reps. Higgins and Slaughter. The annual fund is off to a strong start this year.

**Student Life Committee**

Mary Kathryn Schneider reported on the preparations the college has made to deal with a potential outbreak of H1N1 flu on campus. A summary was given of some of the fall student activities on campus that have generated a significant amount of student enthusiasm. An update was given on the NCAA Certification Self-Study Steering Committee led by Dr. Terri Mangione. Approximately 50 members of the Canisius Community, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees and regents are involved in the certification process.

**Future Dates:**

**2009-10 Board of Trustees meetings**

**Monday, December 7, 2009**

**Monday, March 8, 2010**

**Monday, May 3, 2010**

**2010-11 Board of Trustees meetings**

**October 18, 2010**

**December 6, 2010**

**March 7, 2011**

**May 9, 2011**

**John J. Hurley, Secretary**