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Monroe Community College Board of Trustees Minutes

Monday, January 30, 2023
MCC Brighton Campus, Monroe B
4:00 PM

Present:

Allen K. Williams, Chair
Daniel M. DeLaus, Jr., Esq., Vice Chair
Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres, Secretary
My Linh Le, Student Trustee
Carla M. Palumbo, Esq., Chair, Personnel and Programs Committee
Dale R. Rehkopf II, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee
Grace S. Tillinghast
Connie O. Walker, Esq.

Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, President
Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees

Excused:

Sabrina LaMar

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Mission: Monroe Community College transforms lives and communities, fostering the success of diverse students through affordable and innovative academic, career, technical, and workforce development programs. Our shared work inspires and champions excellence in higher education and builds global engagement and understanding.

Introduction and Opening Remarks

Allen K. Williams, Chair, Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and quorum was established at 4:01 pm.

- Presentation – Annual Audit
 - Jonathan Miller, Partner, Bonadio and Co., LLP
 - Andrew Kelly, Manager, Bonadio and Co., LLP

Consent Agenda

The following items were proposed to be adopted and approved by consent:

Board of Trustees

- Minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting.

Finance & Facilities

- Operating disbursements totaled \$8,287,527.97 for the month of November 2022, and \$9,057,511.79 for the month of December 2022, subject to final audit. (A detailed listing is available upon request.)
- Interim Financial Reports as of November 30 and December 31, 2022.
- Purchase of items over \$20,000 as listed for the months of November and December 2022.

Personnel & Programs

- Appointment of Dr. Margaret Semmer as Provost and Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs. This annual appointment will begin on February 1, 2023 and continue through August 31, 2023. The salary for the period ending August 31, 2023 is \$180,000, prorated for the period of this appointment.
- Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College adopt the consent agenda effective January 30, 2023. (T01-2023)

MOTION was made and seconded that the above resolution be adopted.
Motion was carried unanimously.

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Finance and Facilities

WHEREAS, the SUNY Board of Trustees ratified a resolution that establishes the benefit of resident tuition rates for the Spring 2022 term and the 2022/23 academic year for any undergraduate and graduate students at the State University of New York State-operated campuses who (a) currently hold a non-immigrant visa and who are nationals of countries that have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and (b) are currently ineligible for resident rates of tuition; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College welcomes refugee populations; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College supports SUNY's history of responding to populations in need by designating the citizens/residents of locations devastated by natural or manmade disasters as New York residents for tuition purposes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security is authorized to designate a foreign state (or any part thereof) for Temporary Protected Status upon finding that extraordinary and temporary conditions in the foreign state prevent its nationals from returning safely, unless permitting the foreign state's nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College supports the SUNY Board of Trustees' extension of the benefit of resident tuition to students who are nationals of countries that have been designated as Temporary Protected Status as a humanitarian response which acknowledges these students' inability to return to their home;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Monroe Community College supports the actions of the Chancellor, or designee, and hereby who is, authorized to amend the State University of New York Guidelines on Residency for Tuition Purposes to, within the confines of New York State Education Law, make graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the State-operated institutions of the State University of New York, who are attending these institutions on non-immigrant visas and are nationals of a country that has been granted Temporary Protected Status, to be considered eligible for resident tuition for the Spring 2023 term; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monroe Community College Board of Trustees operating under the program of the State University of New York, will take action to support students from Temporary Protected Status nations consistent with the spirit of this policy. (F01-2023)

MOTION was made and seconded that the above resolution be adopted.
Motion was carried unanimously.

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Student Success

- Student Testimonial by Sage Garcia
- Student Trustee Update
- Student Success Dashboard with Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Measurements
William Dixon, Director, Research

College Updates

- President's Update
- Cabinet Updates
 - Dr. Robin Cole Jr., Economic & Workforce Development & Career Technical Education
 - Dr. Calvin Gantt, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Belonging and Executive Director, Downtown Campus
 - Greg Hinton, CFO/Vice President, Administrative Services
 - Dr. Kimberly McKinsey-Mabry, Acting Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
 - Gretchen Wood, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, MCC Foundation
- Monroe Community College Foundation Report
- Shared Governance Updates

Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees called on the shared governance groups for their updates. The following groups shared an update:

 - Student Government Association – Paula Barlow
 - Faculty Senate – Nayda Pares-Kane
 - Support Staff Planning Council – written report
 - Administration – DeAnna Burt-Nanna
- Union Updates

Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees called on the union groups for their updates. There were no updates for this meeting.

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Information Items

Finance and Facilities

- CIP Status Report as of January 6, 2023
- Grants Report for November 4, 2022 to January 5, 2023

Personnel and Programs

- Purchasing Code of Conduct Policy

Board of Trustees

- Biographies
- Staff Recognition

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Summary

- Chair Williams gaveled in the meeting at 4:01 pm.
- Mr. Jonathan Miller and Mr. Andrew Kelly, Bonadio & Co., LLP, presented the annual audit findings for the year ended August 31, 2022.
- The business portion of the meeting ended at 4:56 pm.
- Student Sage Garcia provided her testimonial. The board thanked her for sharing her story.
- Student Trustee Mia Le attended a student panel discussion to welcome new students by familiarizing them with resources on campus and encouraging participation in clubs and organizations. Mia attended the Student Leader Winter Leadership Retreat with keynote Alex Webber, an international thought leader and host of American Ninja Warrior. He inspired students to approach leadership with positivity. The Housing and Residence Life team attended an intensive one-week training course to help create a supportive and safe environment for students living in the dorms and other student housing. Trustee Le looks forward to attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit in February which brings together more than 1,000 community college leaders. The event focuses on advocacy. Discussions will focus on current legislative issues impacting community colleges.
- William Dixon, Director, Research, provided an update on the Student Success Dashboard and Key Performance Indicator Measurements. Highlighted at this meeting was KPI: Enrollment - enrollment overall, enrollment in the School of Health Sciences & Physical Wellness, enrollment for students not assigned to a particular school (general studies) and also on transfer students.
- President Burt-Nanna acknowledged the disturbing circumstances surrounding the death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee and noted that on behalf of MCC, we reject injustice in its various forms and reaffirm our institutional values as guiding principles. The newly hired Provost and VP of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Margaret Semmer, was welcomed and introduced. Dr. Semmer will join MCC on February 1. Recognition was given to Dr. McKinsey-Mabry for her service as Acting Provost and VP of Academic and Student Affairs and Acting VP Student Services. Dr. McKinsey-Mabry will continue in the capacity of Special Assistant to the President through August 31, 2023. Recognition was also given to the Director of HR and Organizational Development, Kristin Lowe, who will be departing MCC in early March to pursue other opportunities but MCC is hopeful that opportunities will present themselves to continue partnering with her in new ways. The new SUNY Chancellor, Dr. John King, was appointed on December 5. Dr. King has begun his tour of all 64 SUNY campuses and has expressed interest in a visit and tour of MCC in the near future. The NY Community College Association of President's state advocacy agenda is calling for restoration of the funding floor, plus a 4% increase to cover routine operational needs and continuance of the \$60M one time allocation received from NYS in the current fiscal year which our community colleges are leveraging to bolster overall college enrollment and support for high-needs, high-cost programs. Other highlights included the \$3.5M investment from members of Congress made possible by support of Congressman Morelle along with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand.

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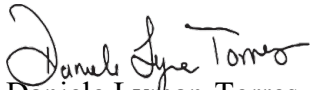
This investment is 10% of a total \$34M investment to construct the new Applied Technology Center on the Brighton Campus to replace the current facility. The new ATC is scheduled to open by Fall 2026. Lastly, FTE enrollment for Spring 2023 is up 6.6% over budget projections and applications for Fall 2023 are outpacing projections.

- Divisional highlights were shared with the Board and each cabinet member highlighted one to two items from their report.
- Gretchen Wood, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, MCC Foundation provided the MCC Foundation report. The MCC Foundation made a transfer of scholarship and program funds to the College of \$2.7M since September 2022. This is an increase of 53% over last year's transfer amount due to both new scholarships and the timing of the request for programming funds from the College. At the STAR Power Leadership Committee holiday reception, \$84,000 in new gifts and pledges was raised for the STAR Power Scholarship which supports 10-12 single student-parents annually. The 25th Annual Gold Start Gala, presented by M&T Bank, will be held on April 29 with this year's theme of "Wonka's Garden." The 39th Annual Scholarship Open will be held on Monday, June 26, at the Country Club of Rochester.
- SGA President Paula Barlow presented on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA held a fellowship gathering on January 11th at Bowl-O-Rama, it was a great team-building event. As referenced by Student Trustee Mia Le, the SGA also participated in the Winter Leadership Retreat and the Student Panel discussion. SGA is in the process of preparing for elections for new student leaders by holding election workshops and are looking forward to new student leaders this spring. On February 5th, SGA will attend an Intercollegiate Conference held by St. John Fisher College. The theme will be Building New Paths and Mayor Malik Evans will be the keynote speaker. Student roundtable discussions will be held focusing on leadership, programming, and diversity, equity and inclusion. On February 14, the SUNY Student Assembly is holding an advocacy day for all SUNY students to attend in Albany to advocate against the tuition increase being proposed by Governor Kathy Hochul.
- Faculty Senate President Nayda Pares-Kane began by thanking the faculty and professional staff for the time and dedication they commit to serving our students. This year was especially challenging with the move from Blackboard to the Brightspace learning management system. Dr. Pares-Kane welcomed the new Provost and VP of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Semmer and looks forward to briefing her on the work of Faculty Senate and thanked Acting Provost and VP Dr. McKinsey-Mabry for her work. Professional Development week will be held June 5-9th. Dr. Pares-Kane highlighted the work of the following committees: SCAA, Curriculum, Academic Policies and Nominations, Elections and Governance.
- President Burt-Nanna presented on behalf of Administration and gave special recognition to VP Dr. Robin Cole and SCAA Co-chair Dr. Becky Babcock for their service to the search for MCC's Provost and VP of Academic and Student Affairs. Thanks and recognition was given to all members of the search committee and to the entire college for their roles leading to the appointment of Dr. Semmer.

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- Chair Williams expressed his gratitude in recognition of the work being done every day by MCC employees and announced the next College Forum which will be held on March 16, 3 pm at the Brighton Campus.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniele Lyman-Torres, Ed.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees