

The 211th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in James D. Murphy Room. Members present: Chairperson Sbrega, Trustees, Cella, Clay, Daly, Garrison, Hawke, Hunter (remotely), Shirman (remotely), Johnson. Present from the College: President Asquino, Vice Presidents, Belrose, Duncan, Fama, Labonte, McDonald, Ruksnaitis, Scales, Stiso, Dean Ialenti and Executive Assistant Cox. Guests: Commissioner Richard Freeland, Jennifer Perkins, Director of Trustee Relations, Carla DeFosse, Kathleen Kirby, Karen Kolimaga, Candace Shiver, and Student Kathy Matson.

Chairperson Sbrega called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. Chairperson Sbrega introduced Richard Freeland, Commissioner at the Board of Higher Education and Jennifer Perkins, Director of Trustee Relations at the Board of Higher Education.
2. Chairperson Sbrega thanked and congratulated President Asquino for recently serving as Chairman of the Civic Learning and Civic Engagement Task Force for the Board of Higher Education
3. An MCCTA meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at MWCC. All Trustees are invited to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Vice President Meslissa Fama delivered a power point presentation highlighting New Programs and Math Changes which will take effect Summer 2014 (see attached).
2. Commissioner Richard Freeland addressed the Board with regard to the Vision Project and spoke about the importance of metrics and performance based funding. The Commissioner thanked the members of the Board of Trustees for their service and outlined BHE budget priorities for FY 2015. This presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.
3. Fagan Forhan and Lauren Mountain gave a power point presentation on Youth Venture which highlighted all the ventures, initiatives and programs which Youth Venture offers to over 1800 kids in North Central Massachusetts (see attached).
4. Questions were raised by Board Members after reviewing the updated Strategic Plan for 2014-2017.

Chairperson Sbrega thanked the President for this report, and upon a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED To approve the President's Report.

AD-1154 - Approval of Sabbatical

VOTED To unanimously approve the Sabbatical Kathleen McGinn for Fall 2014

AD-1155 - Approval - Authority to Confer Degrees

VOTED To unanimously approve the Authority to Confer Degrees For May 2014 Commencement

AD-1156 - Approval of Emerita Award

VOTED To unanimously approve the Emerita Award for Christine Kisiel.

AD-1157 - Approval - Authorize MWCC Campus Police Officers to Carry Firearms

VOTED To approve (7 Approved, 1 Opposed) MWCC Campus Police Officers to carry firearms scheduled for January 2016.

Ex. VP McDonald and Campus Police Chief Karen Kolimaga presented a proposal which outlines the process and rationale for MWCC Campus Police Officers to carry Firearms (Included in April 10th Trustee Package).

Many questions and concerns were raised and addressed by Chief Kolimaga.

AD-1158 - Approval - Second Quarter Trust Fund

VOTED To unanimously approve the Second Quarter Trust Fund dated December 31, 2013.

AD-1159 - Cancellation of Debt

VOTED To unanimously approve that the President is authorized to cancel delinquent accounts.

AD-1160 - College Fee Increase

VOTED To unanimously approve to authorize the President to increase fees up to \$7.00 per credit hour for fall 2014 semester. Increase will be based on the final FY 2015 appropriation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Sbrega announced that Commencement is Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. A schedule for that evening's event will be e-mailed to the Board Members.
2. The Presidential Evaluation Committee will be the following Board Members: Sheila Daly, James Garrison, Mark Hawke, Scott Howard and Tina Sbrega.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, and upon a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED To adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

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Enclosures (2)