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The 228th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 in the new Murphy Conference Room. Members present: Chairman Antonioni, Trustees Cella, Clay, Daly, Farias (remotely), Freda, Gosselin, Landry, Tomasetti, Tran and Vilayphone. Present from the College: President Vander Hooven, Vice Presidents, Belrose, Fama, Labonte, McDonald, Ruksnaitis, Scales, Stiso, Dean Ialenti and Executive Assistant Cox. Guests: Senator Brewer, Robert Mayer, Tiffany Parker, Becky Forest, Marcia Rosebury-Henne, Heather Mulry, Jason Zelesky, Rachel Cardelle-Frick, Margaret Jaillet, Angela Quitadamo.

Chairman Antonioni called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Trustee Robert Antonioni is now the new Chairman of the Board. Tina Sbrega and Scott Howard have completed their terms on the Board of Trustees and are no longer on the Board.
2. Three new Trustees were sworn in before the meeting – Denise Kindshi Gosselin (sworn in at an earlier date), Claire Freda, Dean Tran and Gina Vilayphone.
3. All those at the meeting introduced themselves so that the new Trustees could become acquainted with staff in attendance.

PRESIDENT VANDER HOOVEN

1. Spoke about his first 4 months as President and is so impressed by faculty and staff and their sense of community and support to the College.
2. An orientation for new Trustees as well as current Board Members is being planned for some time in the Fall.
3. The new Strategic Planning process and update will be presented at the next Board meeting.
4. The new Bemis Student Center will be complete for the opening of school and a Ribbon Cutting is planned for Wednesday, September 13th.
5. Dean Vincent Ialenti presented a video salute to Kevin Berg who was selected by the AACC as the National Alumni of the Year. Kevin is an alumni, former commencement speaker and a Vice President at CBS.
6. Discussed the e-mail sent by Commissioner Santiago regarding Community College Performance Dashboard – provides information to evaluate the President and what the process is.
7. Vice President Melissa Fama and Tiffany Parker, Senior Research Analyst presented via power point, the results from Gray Associates regarding the assessment of degree programs and certificates. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chairman Antonioni thanked the President for this report, and upon a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED To approve the President's Report.

AD 1215 - Approval for Sabbatical Leave

VOTED To unanimously approve a half-year Sabbatical Leave for
Professor James Korman and Associate Professor Maureen
Provost for January 2018

AD 1216 - Approval – Delegation of General Authority

A discussion was held to determine that the Board of
Trustees has exclusive authority and responsibility for
establishing those policies necessary for the administrative
management of personal, staff services and the general
business of the College (see attached)
This AD was tabled and will be presented at the October
Board Meeting.

AD 1217 – Approval of the Revised FY 2018 Budget

VOTED After a lengthy discussion by Board Members, this AD was
unanimously approved for the Revised Fiscal Year 2018
Budget

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustees no longer on the Board will be recognized at the Ribbon Cutting for the new Bemis Student Center on Wednesday, September 13th. All Trustees are invited to attend.
2. Approval for repair of the parking lots and outer roads has now been received and the construction and repair will begin after Commencement in May 2018.
3. Vice President Jacqueline Belrose will retire in September 2017.
4. A report on enrollment trends will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, October 12th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED To adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

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