

The 259th meeting of the Board of Trustees
Mount Wachusett Community College
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Zoom
Meeting Minutes

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Antonioni called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.
- B. **ROLL CALL:**
- Present: Chair Antonioni, Claire Freda, Irene Hernandez, Tracy Hutchinson, Cody Nathanson, and Doug Petersen
 - Unable to attend: Jamy Gaynor, Denise Gosselin, Sheila Murphy and Ken Tomasetti
 - Present from the College: President Vander Hooven, Vice Presidents Adam Duggan, Interim VP John Eisler, Lea Ann Scales, Sandra Quaye, Peter Sennett, Executive Director Dan Horlander, and Interim VP of Student Services, Jason Zelesky, Senator Brewer, Comptroller Heidi Swift and Executive Assistant, Jo-Ann Meagher. There were many faculty and staff viewing the live Vimeo stream.
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Antonioni called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Freda and seconded by Mr. Petersen. All approved. Motion carried.
- D. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Chairman Antonioni**
- Chairman Antonioni thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He deferred his time to the president for his report.
- E. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT– President Vander Hooven**
- The president welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - Would like to keep his report short as it is an extremely busy day today with our first in-person commencement!
 - President Vander Hooven has already attended several ceremonies over the last week. The president will forward a video to the board that one of our student speeches. Very moving!
 - Manufacturing
 - Dental pinning
 - Evening of Excellence
 - TRIO and RX ceremonies
 - Nurses pinning - Thursday
 - Gateway and Pathways - Friday
 - Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Chris Gabrieli, will be our commencement speaker this year.
 - NECHE Self Study is well underway. There is a preliminary visit on June 14th before their accreditation visit in November
 - Our Strategic Plan will be going before the Board of Higher Education on June 21st
 - Enrollment services are working hard toward Summer/Fall goals
 - Linus Allain Auto Tech building is in good shape to close on that property.
 - Leominster campus is vacated and well underway with demolition for the renovation. The team meets every Tuesday with kudos going to IT and Media Services as well as all other areas
 - Devens campus is experiencing a lesser footprint remodel. The RFP process will be done through DCAMM
 - The Gardner campus looks beautiful! Kudos to our grounds crew
 - Our summer retreat (annual meeting) is June 16 and will be “in-person”
 - The president is working on his self-evaluation and hopes to present at that meeting
 - Jim will be taking some vacation over the summer and Jo-Ann will forward schedule to the board.
 - Sue Goldstein is with us on the meeting today. She was awarded Emeritus status at the April BOT meeting. Sue’s commitment to our students is exceptional in the classroom and outstanding with MWCC newspaper, *The Mount Observer*.

- Lastly, President Vander Hooven thanked our student Trustee, Cody Nathanson, for his input and insight while serving on the board. However, it is not “goodbye” but a new “hello” as Cody will be on the board again next year.

F. REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM – NONE

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- **AD – 1276-** Rank Change Recommendations
 - Heather Conn
 - Maureen Provost
 - Julie Capozzi
- Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the Rank Change Recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Nathanson. It was seconded by Mr. Petersen.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS-NONE

- I. ADJOURNMENT** - Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Freda made a motion. It was seconded by Ms. Hutchinson. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Meagher