

The 265th meeting of the Board of Trustees
Mount Wachusett Community College
Thursday, March 30, 2023
Murphy Room
8:30AM
Meeting Minutes

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Antonioni called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Robert Antonioni, Denise Gosselin, Irene Hernandez, Tracy Hutchinson, Cody Nathanson, Doug Petersen, Patricia Pistone, Ken Tomasetti, Rick Walton and representing the Academic Senate, and Sheila Murphy

via Zoom: Claire Freda

Unable to attend: Patti Bergstrom

Present from the College: President Vander Hooven, Vice Presidents Adam Duggan, Interim VP John Eisler, VP's Lea Ann Scales, Sandra Quaye, Peter Sennett, Executive Director Dan Horlander, Director of Nursing Kim Shea, Chief Diversity Director Stephanie Williams, Interim VP of Student Services Jason Zelesky, Senator Brewer, 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 February 9, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Hutchinson and seconded by Ms. Pistone. All approved. Motion carried.

D. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN ANTONIONI**

- Chairman Antonioni welcomed all members to the meeting on this opening day of baseball. He then waived his comments to President Vander Hooven for his report.

E. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT– President Vander Hooven**

- President Vander Hooven also welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Margaret Jaillet, Dean of Sciences, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. The president recognized Margaret's leadership and commitment to the college, community and students and congratulated her on her well-deserved retirement.
- Commonwealth Performance Recognition Awards were given to the following: Jessica Connors, Julie Sallet, Media Group (Chris Chouinard, Nate Haley, Tim Scanlon and Art Collins), Gateway to College group (Jess Connors, David Thibault-Munoz, Deborah Borack and Jennifer Welch). We had a reception on Tuesday to honor and congratulate them in the multipurpose room
- Received the resolution letter to the NECHE accreditation. (letter attached) We will be asked to submit an interim report in 2025 to include all of our new processes. We will need to do the comprehensive report ten year final report in the spring of 2032. The president emphasized his gratitude to all those who contributed to the process.
- On Saturday, March 25, was an Open House and we had an overflowing Multipurpose room
- Coming up on Tuesday, April 4th is the Leominster Campus will be hosting a Grand Opening Celebration at 10AM. Congressman McGovern will be in attendance as well as the Lt Governor, Driscoll
- Commencement is May 17th at 6PM with a traditional brief BOT meeting at 3 PM that afternoon
- Reminder that President Vander Hooven will be out of the country the week of April 10th

F. REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM –THERE ARE NO PRESENTATION THIS MEETING

G. MISSION/STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – PRESIDENT VANDER HOOVEN

- Strategic Plan meets the needs of the operational plan with lens toward racial equity. Thanked Heather Layton, Cheryl Oliveri and Stephanie Williams on all their hard work with looking at our data to serve our students of color. We have a very ambitious strategic plan. We need to prioritize what our students needs are and help them to achieve their goals as well as that of our area businesses.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- **AD – 1290 – Approval of Proposed Associate of Science Degree in Paramedicine**-after some discussion including questions by the board Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the proposal of the Associate Degree in Paramedicine. Ms. Hernandez made a motion to approve. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Petersen. All approved. Motion carried.
- **AD – 1291 – Approval of Emeriti Recommendation(s)** – tabled to May 17, 2023 meeting
- **AD - 1292 – Approval of Rank Change Recommendations** – Chair Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the Rank Change Recommendations. A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Mr. Nathanson. All approved, motion carried
- **AD - 1293 – Approval of Tenure Recommendation(s) – Holly Kriedler-Phaneuf** – Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the tenure recommendation for Ms. Kriedler-Phaneuf. A motion was made by Ms. Gosselin and seconded by Ms. Hernandez. All approved. Motion carried.
- **AD - 1294 – Approval of Fee Increase – Amended – Vice President Sandra Quaye.** Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the amended fee increase. A motion was made by Ms. Gosselin and seconded by Ms. Hernandez. All approved. Motion passed.
- **AD - 1295 – Approval of Withdrawal from the Reserve FY 23/24** – After much discussion Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the withdrawal of \$2M from the Reserve account. A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Ms. Gosselin. Mr. Tomasetti voted against. Motion carried.

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS- none

J. ADJOURNMENT- Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Petersen made a motion. It was seconded by Mr. Tomasetti. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Meagher