

The 262nd meeting of the Board of Trustees
Mount Wachusett Community College
Thursday, October 13, 2022
Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Robert Antonioni, Claire Freda, Denise Gosselin, Irene Hernandez, Tracy Hutchinson, Cody Nathanson, and Patricia Pistone

Unable to attend: Sheila Murphy, Doug Petersen 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, 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 August 11, 2022. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Freda and seconded by Mr. Nathanson. All approved. Motion carried.

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

- Chairman Antonioni thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He waived his time to President Vander Hooven for his report

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

- President Vander Hooven welcomed everyone to the meeting
- This was the first time the president was unable to attend the Finance Committee meeting but with good reason. We had Brian Bicknell, the chair of the visiting team from NECHE, touring the satellite campuses in preparation of the teams visit in November
- Tours included the Auto Tech building, Dental at Burbank and the Leominster campus currently under construction.
- The NECHE week (Nov 6-9) will begin with a Welcome Dinner at the Colonial Hotel on Betty Spring Road in Gardner.
- Invitations to the Welcome Dinner will be sent to the standard participants, Leadership Team, Foundation Board Chair and Finance Committee, and our Board of Trustees
- Congratulations to Kim Shea and team for receiving the final letter from the ACEN accreditation. We are awarded a full renewal status until 2030!
- Physical Therapy accreditation will take place five days after the NECHE accreditation
- Hoping everyone can unplug and rest over the Thanksgiving recess

F. **REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM – HEATHER LAYTON – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE & STRATEGIC INITIATIVE DEVELOPMENT – MWCC GRANTS IMPACT REPORT**

The purpose is to help faculty, staff and administrators obtain external funding that supports the college's mission, strategic plan and programs. Community colleges are underfunded, and grants can help to fund new initiative, expansions, wrap-around services, and other supports that lead to student enrollment retention and completion

- FY2022 & FY 2023 - \$9,806,14
- 49 grants submitted, 47 award decisions received; 45 grants awarded; 96% success rate
- FY2023 - \$4,822,339
- 14 grants submitted; 9 award decisions received; 9 grants awarded; 100% success rate

- FY 2022 – By Funder
 - US Dept of Education; amount funded=\$3,863,147-10 proposals-39%; Health Resources Services Admin.= \$640,000-1 proposal-6.5%; US Dept of Agriculture=\$30,400-1 proposal-.31%; National Science Foundation=\$80,000-1 proposal-.81%; Health Foundation of Central MA=\$124,612-2 proposals; Robinson Broadhurst Foundation=\$40,000-2 proposals; Barr Foundations=\$390,000-1 proposal; United Way of North Central MA=\$85,850-3proposals; Community Foundation of North Central MA=\$24,000-1 proposal; Commonwealth Honors=\$8,132-1 proposal
- FY 2022 Awards By Division
 - Academic Affairs, 15 proposals+\$3,115,801; Student Affairs, 19 proposals=\$4,098,080; Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development, 8 proposals=\$2,651,232; Access & Transition, 13 proposals=\$2,971,326; Finance and Administration, 1 proposal= \$907,049; Information & Technology, 1 proposal= \$21,000; Admissions and Financial Aid, 1 proposal= \$20,000
- FY 2022 Awards by Strategic Plan Goal
 - Goal 1: Equity & Access= \$6,919,318, 35 proposals
 - Goal 2: College and Career Alignment=\$4,279,497, 14 proposals
 - Goal 3: Academic & Workforce Strength= \$8,319,959, 41 proposals
 - Goal 4: Infrastructure & Readiness= \$1,501,142, 4 proposals
- New Grant: USDA NIFA SPECA FY 2023
- New Grant: MA Skills Capital FY 2023: Simulated Healthcare Lab
- Student Services: TRIO and US Dept of Education
- Year Ahead
 - New Concept Vetting and Development Process
 - New Grants Under Development

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- **AD – 1283 – Presidential Compensation** – Chair Antonioni explained the memo from Commissioner Santiago. After some discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the proposed \$12,000 pay increase. Ms. Hernandez made a motion and Ms. Hutchinson seconded. All approved. Motion passed.
- **AD – 1284 – 4th Quarter Trust Fund** as presented by Heidi Swift, Comptroller. Chair Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Trust Fund. Ms Hernandez made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nathanson. All approved. Motion carried.
- **AD – 1285 – Audited Financial Statements** as presented by Chris Pelland from O’Connor and Drew, P.C. Chair Antonioni asked for a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements. Ms. Freda made a motion to approve and Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

H. OLD/NEW BUSINESS- NONE

I. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hernandez made a motion. It was seconded by Ms. Hutchinson. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Meagher