

The 257th meeting of the Board of Trustees
Mount Wachusett Community College
Thursday, February 10, 2022
Zoom
Meeting Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Antonioni called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL:**
- Present: Chair Antonioni, Claire Freda, Denise Gosselin, Tracy Hutchinson, Irene Hernandez, Ken Tomasetti and representing the Academic Senate, Sheila Murphy
 - Unable to attend: Jamy Gaynor, Cody Nathanson and Doug Petersen
 - Present from the College: President Vander Hooven, Vice Presidents Adam Duggan, 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 December 22, 2021. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Freda and seconded by Ms. Hutchinson. 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
 - We will now be including an Academic Senate Report along with the Leadership Team Reports in the Trustees packet each meeting – Thank you Sheila Murphy.
 - Strategic Plan draft report is in progress and will be ready to submit to the Board of Higher Education in approximately two weeks.
 - NECHE Self Study Report is a great opportunity to “hold the mirror up to ourselves”. Thanked the board members who will be joining session on Friday, February 11th for their feedback. It will identify the areas that need focus on what the institution needs to do in order to be effective and efficient.
 - Federal Funding for Covid-19 relief will stop at some point so we will need to plan for that future. We are proposing modest fee increases. We need to maintain and rebuild our enrollment.
 - Legislative season – Governor’s budget process is beginning and VP Scales will be giving an update
- F. REPORTS FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM – LEA ANN SCALES (LEGISLATIVE UPDATE) MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**
- VP Scales gave the background on the meetings she attended at The National Legislative Summit on Capitol Hill last week. Massachusetts was recognized during the Summit by Congressman Richard Neal as well as Secretary of Labor, Marty Walsh, who also put a spotlight on our state.
 - They also heard from First Lady Jill Biden, *Build Better Bill*, and Secretary Cardona
 - Pell grants were discussed and the taxing of the grants
 - Discussion on extending Pell to include non-credit courses
 - TACCT grant
 - Statewide discussions included budget priorities for community colleges.

- SUCCESS Fund
- Early College Programs
- Dual Enrollment Grants
- TRAIN Initiative
- Community College Workforce Training Incentive Grant
- STEM Starter Academy
- EEC Provider Opportunities
- PACE

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- **AD – 1271 – Approval of 2nd Quarter Trust Fund** as presented by VP Sandra Quaye (documents included) VP Quaye explained that tuition fee revenue is down by \$893K which was anticipated and offset by CARES money. Maintenance appropriation is also higher than before and in direct correlation to increases in salaries, with MCCC and AFSCME also. Fitness Center, Theatre at the Mount and Green Street Café are now beginning to generate revenue streams. Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve AD-1271. A motion was made by Ms. Gosselin and seconded by Ms. Hernandez. All approved. Motion passed.
- **AD – 1272 – Approval of fee increases** as presented by VP Sandra Quaye.
 - i. Technology Fee – currently \$75 for 1-8 credits, or \$100 for 9+credits – seeking approval for a flat fee of \$100 per semester
 - ii. College Fee per credit hour - from current amount of \$197 to \$200
 - iii. Health Insurance Fee – from current rate per our insurance carrier to new rate once this rate is determined by carrier
 - iv. Student Activity Fee – from current cost of \$20 for students taking 9+ per semester to \$30 per semester
 - v. Course Fee Veterinary Technology Fee – from current cost of \$850 per semester to \$1200 per semester. Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve AD-1272. A motion was made by Ms. Gosselin and seconded by Mr. Tomasetti
- **AD – 1273 – Approval of Linus Allain building purchase proposal** as presented by President Vander Hooven. Jim went over the discussion that took place at the last meeting pertaining to purchasing the building that we currently lease for our Auto Tech program on Linus Allain in Gardner. The MWCC Foundation would buy the building and the college would lease it from the Foundation. Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to approve AD-1273. A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Mr. Tomasetti. Motion passed.

H. OLD BUSINESS-NONE

I. NEW BUSINESS –NONE

- J. ADJOURNMENT** - Chairman Antonioni asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Freda made a motion. It was seconded by Mr. Tomasetti. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Meagher