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The 220th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 in the North Cafeteria. Members present: Chairperson Sbrega, Trustees, Berger, Cella, (Clay - remotely), Farias, Howard, Landry and Tomasetti. Present from the College: President Asquino, Vice Presidents, Belrose, Fama, Labonte, McDonald, Ruksnaitis, Scales, Stiso, Dean Ialenti, and Executive Assistant Cox. Guests: Commissioner Santiago, Michael Mizzoni from the BHE, Senator Brewer, Dean Costello, Jasson Gomez (student and new Trustee for August 2016).

Chairperson Sbrega called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. Announced that Commencement will be on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and all Trustees are invited to participate and be a member of the Platform Party.
2. Thanked members of the Presidential Evaluation Committee (Trustees Farias, Clay, Howard and Cella (Chairman) for their role in completing the Presidential Evaluation and submitting the final report to Commissioner Santiago.
3. Introduced Commissioner Carlos Santiago who spoke in depth about his meeting with the students; how President Asquino was the driving force to secure approval for housing at community colleges in Massachusetts; and many other positive comments regarding the college and its programs. Trustees presented questions to the Commissioner as to what MWCC can do to help and increase funding to the college. His visit and report was very positive.

#### PRESIDENT ASQUINO

1. Approval of new program - Substance Abuse Counselling Certificate. Dean Costello spoke about the importance of this new program.
2. Construction - unexpected delays which created change orders. Occupancy permit is hoping to be approved by October and actual students in the new building by January 2017.
3. DCAMM will release some monies to repair the roadways/sidewalks/parking lots.
4. Residence Halls - This initiative is still on going.

5. **Leominster/Devens Campus - leases will expire on these campuses within the next couple of years and an in-depth study is being investigated as to whether the campuses should be combined or a new campus closer to Route 2 and the bus line should be developed.**
6. **Budget was recently released by House I and it is disappointing due to the fact that union contracts necessitate funding for raises. This may necessitate a fee increase which will be presented at a later Trustee meeting.**
7. **Update on benefits given to community college non-unit employees - a chart was distributed to all Trustees highlighting benefits and buy outs available to retiring non-unit employees. Vice President Ruksnaitis spoke briefly regarding the process and benefits available to all non-unit and unit employees.**

Chairperson Sbrega thanked the President for this report, and upon a motion made and seconded, it was

**VOTED To approve the President's Report.**

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**AD-1183 - Approval - Authority to Confer Degrees**

**VOTED To unanimously approve Authority to Confer Degrees for May 2016**

**AD-1184 - Approval of Emerita Award (Janice Gearan & Kathleen Panagiotis)**

**VOTED To unanimously approve Emerita Awards**

**AD-1185 - Approval of Second Quarter Trust Fund**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Second Quarter Trust Fund - FY 2016**

**AD-1186 - Approval of Cancellation of Debt**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Cancellation of Debt**

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

1. Trustee Cella, who is Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, reported on the progress and time line.
2. Vice President Scales presented a video which highlighted success stories of 4 MWCC students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTED      To adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

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