

The 209th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 in James D. Murphy Room. Members present: Chairperson Sbrega, Trustees, Cella, Clay, DosSantos, Garrison, Hawke, Howard (remotely), Hunter, Johnson, Shirman (remotely). Present from the College: President Asquino, Vice Presidents, Fama, Labonte, McDonald, Ruksnaitis, Scales, Stiso, Dean Ialenti and Executive Assistant Cox. Guests: Jeremiah Riordan, Heather Layton, Carla DeFosse, Jennifer Perkins (Department of Higher Education), Auditors from O'Connor and Drew.

Chairperson Sbrega called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Sbrega spoke about the Harvest Ball and expressed her appreciation to the President and Staff for a wonderful event. Chairman Sbrega thanked all those who attended the Trustee/Foundation Retreat at Devens. She also reminded all Trustees that the MCCTA meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at Middlesex Community College and all Trustees are encouraged to attend.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Auditors from O'Connor & Drew presented the Financial Statements and addressed any questions or concerns which were presented by the Trustees. The Audited Financial Statements were unanimously approved by the Board.
2. All Academic Programs are reviewed on a cyclical basis - Dr. Asquino distributed some program reviews for observation.
3. The Retreat was outstanding and thanked all of those who were able to attend.
4. Harvest Ball was a great success and a wonderful time had by all.
5. All the Trustees were invited to attend the Alumni Art Show and the MWCC Theater presentation "Shout" this evening with a reception before the show.
6. Enrollment - MWCC is still doing well considering a small service area and an aging population.
7. On target with the New Building with the hope that groundbreaking will be within the next several months.

8. **Residence Halls** - the endeavor is still moving ahead and MWCC will be working with the Board of Higher Education Building Authority to move this project along.
9. MWCC received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for \$500,000 (see attached).
10. MWCC is the lead institution for receiving the largest grant that any one institution has received - TAACCCT Grant for \$15.9 million. President Asquino recognized Heather Layton who was the lead Grant Writer to develop the presentation for this grant.

Vice President Belrose and Assoc. Vice President Stiso presented a power point regarding the TAACCCT grant (see attached).

Trustee Clay gave a more in-depth explanation as to what the actual program will teach and what a student will be trained in.

11. President Asquino presented (WIGS) Wildly Important Goals/Metrics For 2013-2014 (see attached).

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-1149 - Approval - Audited Financial Statements by O'Connor & Drew**

**VOTED** To unanimously approve the Audited Financial Statements - dated June 2013 by O'Connor & Drew

**AD-1150 - Approval for Additional Funding**

**VOTED** To unanimously approve the authorization for the College to borrow \$3 million through the State College Building Authority for the construction of a new science wing.

**AD-1151 - Approval - Fourth Quarter Trust Fund**

**VOTED** To unanimously approve the Fourth Quarter Trust Fund dated June 30, 2013.

AD-1152 - Approval of 2013-2014 Annual Plan & Strategic Initiatives

**VOTED** To unanimously approval the 2013-2014 Annual Plan  
and Strategic Initiatives

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sbrega introduced Jennifer Perkins, Director, Office of Trustee Relations at the Department of Higher Education. Ms. Perkins read the Mission Statement

"Our mission is to foster two-way communication between the Board and Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the local Boards of Trustees. More broadly, the new Office presents an opportunity to facilitate heightened levels of collaboration, communication and information sharing at the board level. This will foster a cohesive, mission-driven system of public higher education focused on meeting the needs of the state and specifically of our students, employers and our communities."

The Annual Security Report was distributed to all Trustees.

President Asquino reiterated the fact that all the President's expenses are approved by the Chairman of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED** To adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

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Enclosures (3)