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The 218th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 in the North Cafeteria. Members present: Chairperson Sbrega, Trustees, Berger, Cella, Clay, Daly, Farias (remotely), 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: Carla Zottoli, Linda Fazio, Candace Shiver, Paula Pitkiewicz, Maryann Kane, Maureen Provost, Auditor from O'Connor and Drew.

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

1. Professor Candace Shivers, Union Representative for faculty introduced herself and spoke about concerns and actions taking place within the faculty union. A vote of Work to Rule will be taking place next week. She invited all Board members to attend Union Meetings.
2. Trustee Howard presented the audit report and financial statements which were distributed and discussed previously at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting. Todd Merriam, auditor from O'Connor and Drew discussed the excellent report and entertained any questions.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Sbrega spoke about the following:

1. Introduced Thomas Berger as the new Student Trustee.
2. Chairperson Sbrega reported that Trustee Hawke's term has expired and Attorney Robert Antonioni has been appointed to replace Trustee Hawke.
3. A statewide Trustee Conference sponsored by the Board of Higher Education will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the U. Mass Lowell Conference Center. All Trustees are encouraged to attend.
4. Carla Zottoli, Ex. Director of the Foundation is planning a Retreat to include Trustee and Foundation Board members on November 19, 2015 at Oak Hill County Club. An invitation and agenda will be sent to all Board members asking them to attend.

5. President Asquino will receive the Community Award at the Health Alliance Gala on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Devens Conference Center. All Trustees are invited to attend and congratulations were extended to President Asquino.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President Asquino thanked Candace Shivers for remarks and comments and invited her to attend future Trustee meetings.
2. Thanked Vice President LaBonte and his staff for an excellent/perfect audit report.
3. Renovations - Completion for new building and renovations of the existing building are on track for August/September 2016.
4. Designs are being worked on for a new Student Center and monies for the repair of the roadways and sidewalks are still awaiting release.
5. Congratulations to the MWCC Marketing Team on their numerous awards from NCMPR which were presented at a recent conference.
6. WIGS (Wildly Important Goals) - President Asquino discussed the current WIGS which were recently developed for 2015-2016. A presentation was delivered regarding the current WIGS.
7. Magic of Motown - This event/fundraiser will be presented, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster on January 22, 2016 in the Theater at MWCC. All Trustees are invited to become a sponsor and attend the event.

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Safety & Security (Enclosure) - Ex. Vice President McDonald presented, through power point, the measures currently in place regarding the safety and security for all students, faculty and staff. Future additional safety measures to be implemented in 2015-2016

2. Distance Education - Dr. Vincent Ialenti delivered to the Trustees an updated report on Distance Education - past to present. A myriad of questions and comments, presented by Trustees were addressed. Please use the following link for the power point presentation.

[https://iconnect.mwcc.edu/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?uuid=cb94f908-5af9-4743-8baa-64e96bf06e36&groupId=10217](https://iconnect.mwcc.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=cb94f908-5af9-4743-8baa-64e96bf06e36&groupId=10217)

3. TAAACCT Grant - Vice President Jacqueline Belrose spoke about the \$15.9M TAAACCT grant. Board members received handouts highlighting data and program opportunities.

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-1176 - Approval - Third Quarter Trust Fund**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Third Quarter Trust Fund ending March 31, 2015.**

**AD-1177 - Approval - Fourth Quarter Trust Fund**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Third Quarter Trust Fund ending June 30, 2015.**

**AD-1178 - Approval - the Fiscal Year 2016 Final Budget/Spending Plan**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Final Budget/Spending Plan.**

**AD-1179 - Approval - Financial Statements**

**VOTED To unanimously approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statements as presented by the auditors at O'Connor and Drew.**

**AD-1180 - Approval - Establish the National Endowment for the  
Humanities Trust Fund**

**VOTED** To unanimously approve to establish the National Endowment for the Humanities Trust Fund. This Fund will house the college's humanities endowment and its associated revenues.

Chairperson Sbrega thanked the Presidential Evaluation Committee Members - Trustees Howard, Daly and Hawke for their work regarding the development of the President's Evaluation Report. The report will be submitted to Commissioner of the Board of Higher Education, Carlos Santiago and any appropriate salary increase will be determined by Commissioner Santiago.

**AD-1181 - Approval - Presidential Evaluation**

**VOTED** To unanimously approve the President Evaluation submitted by the Evaluation Committee for President Daniel M. Asquino for 2014-2015.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED** To adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

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