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The 208th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 in James D. Murphy Room. Members present: Chairperson Sbrega, Trustees, Cella, Daly, Dos Santos, Hawke, Howard, Hunter (remotely), Johnson, Shirman (remotely). Present from the College: President Asquino, Vice Presidents, Fama, Labonte, McDonald, Ruksnaitis, Scales, Stiso, Dean Ialenti and Executive Assistant Cox. Guests: Janice Barney, Stephen Grieco, Tom Montagno, Carla DeFosse, Margaret Jaillet.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. Chairperson Sbrega introduced and welcomed new Student Trustee Jillian Johnson.
2. Chairman Sbrega thanked faculty and staff for all they do for MWCC and reminded Board Members that realizing that everyone has very busy schedules, it is important to attend the Board meetings. The statement below is from the Mass General Laws and the Board of Higher Education regarding attendance:
"If a member is absent from four regular meetings in any academic year, exclusive of July and August, that person's membership on the Board shall terminate and a vacancy shall be deemed to exist. The Chairperson shall forthwith notify the Governor when any vacancy exists"
3. Jennifer Perkins, new Trustee Relations Director at the Board of Higher Education will attend the October Trustee Meeting. A finance meeting will be held prior to the Full Board meeting with the Auditors presenting their most recent audit review.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Enrollment- Fall Semester is above where we were last year.
2. New Building - Moving toward the design phase with the hope that breaking ground will take place in 10-12 months.
3. Residence Halls - Discussions are still taking place and a proposal with various design firms soon to be discussed.
4. Trustee and Foundation Board members will receive an invitation to attend a Strategic Planning Retreat/Dinner scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the Devens Marriott at 2:30 - 7:30 p.m.

5. 50th Anniversary Finale - The Harvest Ball will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Chocksett Inn in Sterling. Monies raised from this event will go toward student scholarships. All Board Members will be invited to attend.
6. Budget - The College received an increase in the FY 2014 budget unlike former years when monies are usually much less.
7. President Asquino spoke about new positions and new faculty and staff being hired. One of the new positions is an Alumni Director plus many new faculty positions are being filled.
8. Professor Thomas Montagno presented his sabbatical report which was sent to all Board members electronically. Dr. Montago developed two new courses: one in Agriculture and another course in Field Biology which hopefully can be used as a dual enrollment course in the local high schools.
9. Vice President Fama presented a power point report on Academic Program Management and reviewed all the programs being offered at MWCC.

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

VOTED To approve the President's Report.

AD-1146 - Approval - Third Quarter Trust Fund - FY 2013

VOTED To unanimously approve the Third Quarter Trust Fund - FY 2013

AD-1147 - Approval of Final Spending Plan - FY 2014

VOTED To unanimously approve the FY 2014 Final Budget/Spending Plan

AD-1148 - Presidential Evaluation and Compensation - Upon a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED To unanimously approve the Evaluation of President Daniel M. Asquino, presented by the Evaluation Committee.

Chairperson Sbrega thanked those Board members who served on the Presidential Evaluation Committee and reviewed the Presidential Evaluation report. Chairman Sbrega thanked President Asquino for all he does for Mount Wachusett Community College and congratulated him for his extraordinary service and leadership. A letter will be sent to Commissioner Richard Freeland regarding the review and approval of President Asquino's evaluation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Sbrega informed the Board that on the evening of October 10th, at 6:00 p.m. there will a reception, Alumni Art Exhibit and a special performance of "Shout" in our Theater. All Trustees are invited to attend this special evening event.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED To adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

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Enclosures (2)