

**APPROVED 4.20.15**

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees held in the Hall Board Room, Payne Hall, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Mathis on Monday, March 9, 2015.

**Members Present**

William S. Calli, Jr  
Tony Colón  
Rachel Dominic  
Elaine Falvo  
Carol Fox  
Camille Kahler  
Bruce Karam  
David Mathis  
John Stetson

**2. Chair's Report**

Chair Mathis began by welcoming back those Board members who were away over the winter. He reported that he attended a student congress meeting in February. He commented on the strength of the Student Congress membership team. At the meeting he learned the students are in the process of developing a petition to ban smoking on campus.

Chair Mathis also reported on some of the recent activities he has participated in on behalf of the College including: the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C.; an ACCT legislative summit on Diversity in Miami; and the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) awards ceremony which was held today in Albany. Chair Mathis will share more with the Board from the diversity conference at a future retreat.

Chair Mathis also shared the Community College enrollment reports are available and encouraged the Board to review them when they have an opportunity.

Chair Mathis informed the Board and meeting attendees of the Alumni Association's April 7 blood drive that will take place in ACC 116. Please donate if you are willing and able.

Chair Mathis then asked for the Treasurer's report.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Vice President Squires reviewed the expenditure, revenue and fund balance reports that were included in the Board agendas. He reported a savings in utilities costs compared to last year as the therm price did not increase as it did last year. The financials reflect the payment to

the County for the NYS retirement obligation, as well as the annual workers comp premium. The first installment of student loan checks were issued on March 6. The second and final installment will be paid the first week in April. He then went on to provide an update on where the College is in the budget process. He and his team are currently meeting with budget managers to review their budget submissions and Cabinet will continue to meet for additional review.

John Stetson asked for more information on the agreement with GroSolar that was mentioned in President VanWagoner's written report. Vice President Squires provided an overview of the agreement and anticipated savings the College should experience as a result. The agreement should be in place and operational by fall of 2015. President VanWagoner thanked VP Squires and County Attorney, Nichole Hinman for their efforts putting the agreement together.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

##### Governance Committee

Committee Chair, Bill Calli reported the committee met a few weeks ago to continue the review of Board policies. The Board will see a few new policies as Discussion Items on today's agenda. He also reported the committee charters are available in Drop Box for Board reference.

##### Academic and Student Affairs

Committee Chair, Bill Calli reported the committee met a few weeks ago and received a report on the Achieving the Dream efforts as well as an update on the Title IX efforts. They also received an update on the 64-credit cap work academic affairs has completed. An overview is available in Drop Box for Board review. Vice President Eannace credited the College Curriculum Committee for the amazing effort on the 64-credit cap program review.

##### Personnel Committee

Committee Chair, Carol Fox reported the committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on April 9.

##### Facilities and Campus Safety

Committee Chair, Tony Colón reported the committee will be meet at the end of March. He also reported he is in full support of item 7h, the increase to capital project budget for the exterior work on the Academic Building and the Alumni College Center.

##### Finance and Audit Committee

Committee Chair, Elaine Falvo reported the committee will meet at 2 p.m. on April 20 to discuss the status of the budget. She encouraged all Board members to attend.

#### **5. Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee, Rachel Dominic reported Student Congress has approved five new clubs this semester. She added to Chair Mathis' earlier remarks on the progress Student Congress is making on the smoking policy. They plan to bring it to the College Senate in April. She also reported that she attended the Community College lobbying day in Albany last week.

## **6. President's Report**

President VanWagoner reported he also attended today's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognition ceremony in Albany where Ingrid Quiceno and Juan Lugo were named to the PTK All New York State Academic Teams. The MVCC Lambda Beta chapter hosted the PTK New York regional convention this past weekend where first year student Ainsley Brundage was elected as regional president for the upcoming year. President VanWagoner introduced Ainsley who shared some of the reasons why he wanted to run for the position.

President VanWagoner also reported best-selling short story author, George Saunders was at the College this past Sunday as part of the Cultural Series. Mr. Saunders was named as one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. President VanWagoner remarked on the amazing literary programs the Cultural Series has provided this year.

President VanWagoner asked Associate Dean of Athletics and Physical Education, Gary Broadhurst to report on the successes of the College's athletic programs this season. Mr. Broadhurst reported the Ice Hockey team participated in the NJCAA National Tournament for only the third time in the program's history. The Men's Bowling team finished 7<sup>th</sup> at Nationals. Bowling team member, Bobby Jones achieved NJCAA All-American honors. The Men's Indoor Track 4X400 Meter Relay Team qualified for indoor nationals, which is an almost all scholarship school meet. They set a school record in the event. The Women's Indoor Track Distance Medley Relay Team, who also qualified for the indoor nationals, finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie Boucher finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the mile while qualifying for six events. She was selected the Atlantic Region Female Indoor Track of the Year. The Men's and Women's Basketball teams both made it to the regional championship games. The women advanced and are competing for the national championship March 12-14 in Bethlehem, PA. Mr. Broadhurst also reported MVCC will be hosting the track and field nationals this May.

President VanWagoner provided a brief update on last week's Community College Advocacy Day where a lot remains up in the air in the Assembly.

The opening of the Fablab last week was a huge success. He thanked Chair Mathis and John Stetson for attending. He also thanked Jennifer Fanelli and Marketing for their efforts in putting the event together and Seyed Akhavi for his thoughtful planning for the space itself.

President VanWagoner shared he was recently interviewed by the Mohawk Valley Business Journal. The article has been placed in Drop Box. He thanked Matthew Snyder for coordinating the interview.

President VanWagoner provided an update to an earlier question from David Mathis regarding the graduation rate of the MVCC Presidential scholars. Frank DuRoss worked with Mark Radlowski to gather the information and report a 60-68% 3-year graduation (degree) rate.

President VanWagoner reported a successful visit from the Governor in February. The Governor's staff was very complimentary of the great logistics support from MVCC staff and the renovation of room ACC 116.

President VanWagoner then asked if Board members had questions for any of the Vice Presidents from their written reports.

Elaine Falvo thanked Vice President Reynolds for the update she provided in her written report on the food service contract. She also asked Vice President Squires for more information regarding his reference to a student assistant/work-study for the Rome project. Vice President Squires responded the student will serve as an assistant to him organizationally.

### **College Senate Report**

College Senate Chair, Don Kelly reported the College Senate met last week. Krista Hartman has done a great job revising their website. The review of by-laws continues and may carry into the next academic year. Senate received a proposal to establish a faculty caucus and are strongly considering it. Senate established a committee to review academic freedom policies and consistency, which will be a topic at the FCCC Plenary in April. Ron Labuz will provide a follow-up report to the Board later in the semester. Senate passed a resolution regarding SUNY Excels, recommending they suspend the effort until more engagement of faculty has occurred.

David Mathis asked Mr. Kelly for additional background on the faculty caucus. Mr. Kelly said Senate is still in the development stages and will report further as progress is made.

### **7. Consent Agenda**

<i>Attachment a</i>	Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting
<i>Attachment b</i>	Treasurer's Report
<i>Attachment c</i>	BOT Policy: Board Policy Review
<i>Attachment d</i>	BOT Policy: Resignations
<i>Attachment e</i>	BOT Policy: Discipline
<i>Attachment f</i>	BOT Policy: Sabbatical Leave
<i>Attachment g</i>	BOT Policy revision: 1010 Committees of the Board
<i>Attachment h</i>	Capital Project Budget Increase – Academic Building and Alumni College Center Exteriors
<i>Attachment i</i>	Professional Association – Career Appointment
<i>Attachment j</i>	Tamara Mariotti, Coordinator of Disability Services Kenan Radeljas, Civic Responsibilities Assistant in Student Affairs

Motion was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by William S. Calli, Jr. to approve Attachments 7a -7j.

Unanimously approved.

## **8. Program Update**

Dan Ianno provided the Program Update on admissions and recruitment efforts.

## **9. Discussion Items**

Board of Trustees Policy Drafts – President VanWagoner asked that as Board members review the drafts to share any changes or suggestions with him or David. Edits will continue to be made and policies will appear on the April agenda for approval.

## **10. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Carol Fox and seconded by Tony Colón to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Unanimously approved.