

**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 4:03 p.m. by Chair Calli on Monday, October 19, 2015.

Members Present

William Calli, Jr.
Tony Colón
Carol Fox
Orisia Jones
David Mathis
Mary Malone McCarthy
John Stetson
Camille Kahler

Members Excused

Elaine Falvo
Bruce Karam

2. Chair's Report

Chair Calli began by recognizing the recent tragic events at Umpqua Community College and asked President VanWagoner if the Board could have an update at a future meeting on the College's security efforts. Chair Calli made one last call out for board member requests for committee assignments. He plans to finalize assignments for distribution next week. He then went on to recognize past Chair, David Mathis for his outstanding work as Board Chair over the last two years and his third overall role as Chair of the MVCC Board of Trustees. On behalf of the Board, he presented Mr. Mathis with a commemorative chair which followed with a photo and round of applause from all present.

3. Treasurer's Report

Vice President Squires again reminded the Board that financials will not be available until January as the audit is underway. He reported the first round of financial aid refund checks were distributed on October 9 and the next is set to be distributed on October 30. He provided an update on the bookstore transition to Follett with regard to processing financial aid vouchers. He also shared a recommendation from M & T bank, who provides the College's banking services, to establish a stand-alone computer that is dedicated exclusively to facilitating any work that involves College bank accounts. Vice President Squires concluded his report by providing an update on the safety (and security) of the Rome campus during the transitional times while construction is ongoing.

4. Committee Reports

Facilities and Public Safety Committee

Committee Chair, Tony Colon also added to Chair Calli's recognition of Umpqua Community College. He added the timeliness of the current efforts to fill two vacant positions in the Public Safety office. He also said the College has an emergency event training exercise planned for Friday, November 20. Public Safety is scheduled to report at

the December Board meeting. He shared that the construction of the safety building in Rome is almost complete and the demolition of the barn will follow. He concluded his report by congratulating the College on receiving the Title III grant and mentioned that it also includes plans to renovate a space to accommodate a learning commons.

Personnel Committee

Committee Chair, David Mathis began his report by thanking those Board members who attended the Oneida County Living Legends dinner on October 15. He went on to report that the committee received union negotiations updates at their last meeting. The committee is also in the process of looking at the Chief Diversity Officer position as required by SUNY. They are investigating the possibility of a shared position with Herkimer College. He also shared the committee is hoping to have a meeting with the county regarding civil service positions at the College in the next month or so.

Dormitory Corporation

President VanWagoner reported on Elaine Falvo's behalf. A trip has been planned for a few College and dorm personnel and board members to visit Dutchess Community College to look at their recently built facilities. The Dormitory Corporation master plan steering committee will reconvene to discuss plans for next summer.

5. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee, Orisia Jones reported the semester is going well and has no concerns to report.

6. President's Report

President VanWagoner reported that he toured the Rome campus project earlier today and was very pleased with the progress being made. He has a meeting scheduled with Frank DuRoss and Deanna Ferro-Aurience to discuss the capital project fund raising plan. He announced the College received a Title III grant (Pathway to Graduation) that will total \$2.2 million over the next 5 years. He said the grant will be a catalyst for existing initiatives and line up nicely with the Achieving the Dream efforts and the recently approved Strategic Plan. He thanked Vice Presidents Eannace and Reynolds, Dean Boulanger, Mary Noti, and Russ Davis for their incredible efforts in putting together the grant proposal, which he also noted received a perfect score. President VanWagoner reminded the Board of the dinner scheduled for this Thursday with Dick Alfred and Pat Carter from Strategic Horizons Network. He shared that he is considering alternate formats for the student dinner which normally takes place in November, and asked for any ideas to be shared with him or Jill. He concluded his report by drawing the Board's attention to the new academic programs that appear on the consent agenda for approval. He then asked Don Kelly for the College Senate Report.

College Senate Report

Don Kelly reported the Senate met on October 6 and discussed a number of SUNY items which included: Applied Learning; Regional Councils; and Skills and Competency Based Learning. He said that Ron LaBuz is planning to attend the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) plenary later this month and will likely report to the Board at their November meeting. He said the Senate also discussed some of the changes to the bookstore with the transition to Follett. The Senate plans to review committee charters and

responsibilities over the course of this academic year. He said that the faculty caucus will be discussing emerging trends in education at their October meeting. He also reported that the employee members of the Senate Disciplinary Appeals committee will serve as the appeals body for student Title IX appeals. The next College Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3.

Prior to the Consent Agenda, President VanWagoner remarked that he attended a dinner with Mohawk Valley EDGE to welcome (from the nano-industry) AMS to the area. He also said that Dean Akhavi participated in the recent Semicon Euro event, which Dean Akhavi went on to share in greater detail.

7. **Consent Agenda**

<i>Attachment a</i>	Minutes of the September 21, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting
<i>Attachment b</i>	Treasurer's Report
<i>Attachment c</i>	Emerita, Jean Wagner
<i>Attachment d</i>	Program Discontinuance Submission to SUNY: Telecomm. Technology-Verizon
<i>Attachment e</i>	SUNY Program Announcement Submission: Personal Training Certificate
<i>Attachment f</i>	SUNY Program Announcement Submission: Public Safety Telecommunications Certificate
<i>Attachment g</i>	SUNY Program Announcement Submission: Sports Management, A.S. Degree
<i>Attachment h</i>	SUNY Program Announcement Submission: Unmanned Aerial Systems Certificate & A.A.S. Degree
<i>Attachment i</i>	Strategic Plan 2015-2020 – <i>Catalyst 2020</i> : Objectives
<i>Attachment j</i>	SUNY Excels
<i>Attachment k</i>	Timothy Burke, EOC Program Technical Assistant
<i>Attachment l</i>	Cynthia King, Associate Professor in the Center for Life and Health Sciences
<i>Attachment m</i>	Brett LaSalle, Assistant Director of Facilities & Operations
<i>Attachment n</i>	Rebecca Pepperine, Career and Employer Relations Specialist
<i>Attachment o</i>	Amend Staffing Plan and Appoint Staff: Nolan Snyder, Technical Assistant in the Admissions Department

Motion was made by Carol Fox and seconded by John Stetson to approve items 7a-7o.

Discussion followed:

President VanWagoner said that he will make a few very slight revisions to SUNY Excels before it is submitted on Wednesday. He pointed out that the Strategic Plan objectives (7i) will also have a data definition sheet that will be provided to the Board once it is created. He also said that future Discussion Items will more closely align with the Strategic Plan measures.

Vice President Eannace provided additional background on the Emeritus recommendation for Jean Wagner (7c).

7a-7o: Unanimously approved.

8. Program Update

Vice President Reynolds introduced Mike Henningsen and Sara Miller who provided an update on the efforts at the College around LGBTQ awareness and efforts to create a more inclusive environment for all of our students, and faculty and staff.

David Mathis asked if the Board could be included in future training invitations.

9. Discussion Item - Strategic Plan Objectives

President VanWagoner provided more detail on how the Strategic Planning Council arrived at the planning objectives that appeared on today's agenda. He went on to also discuss the conversation the council is currently having about objective measures and how aspirational they should be. The Board had further dialogue that encouraged the Council to be courageous in setting their goals and make them meaningful – recognizing that there are downsides to setting benchmarks and goals that are too aggressive. President VanWagoner will keep the Board informed of progress

10. Adjournment

Motion was made by Camille Kahler and seconded by David Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Unanimously approved.