

**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 Stetson Board Room, Payne Hall, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Colón on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Members Present

Tony Colón
William S. Calli, Jr.
Anna D'Ambrosio
Camille Kahler
Frank Dubeck, Jr.
Elaine Falvo
Dana Jerrard
David Mathis
Wendy Waters
Student Trustee Samantha Kisachi

Members Excused

2. Chair's Report

Board Chair Colón began by introducing Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon who bestowed a State of New York Legislative Resolution upon the College for 75 dedicated years to the community in commemoration of Mohawk Valley Community College's 75th Anniversary.

Board Chair Colón continued on with his report by recognizing continued excellence demonstrated by MVCC faculty, staff, and students as follows: MVCC created a partnership with Piedmont Airlines that will benefit Airframe and Powerplant students by offering them full-tuition assistance and conditional job offers at Piedmont after graduation; MVCC partnered with Oneida County to form the Oneida County Career Corps, a program that will help young adults build their skills to ensure they are ready for high-growth, high-paying careers, and which will be operated through MVCC's CCED; 69 students were inducted into the College's Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at the Spring Induction ceremony held February 14. They recently participated in the Regional conference in Albany where three of our PTK student members were elected to leadership positions in the regional chapter, including Regional president, Hanadi Tajir; and the Lambda Beta chapter receiving several awards, including best chapter leadership team and Liz Doherty receiving the Most Distinguished Advisor Award and Horizon Award for Chapter Advisor, Frank DuRoss receiving the Distinguished College Administrator Award, and Sam McManus, Liz Doherty, and Steve Frisbee receiving Five Star Chapter Advisors; MVCC international students volunteered to help recover over 100 pounds of food from the Dining Hall to donate to local soup kitchens; MVCC alumna Heather Beebe is a recognized international best-selling author, public speaker, humanitarian, advocate, retreat host, certified coach, and entrepreneur who in 2017 started her own business, UnStoppable You LLC — a holistic health and wellness experience providing virtual coaching sessions for men, women, couples, and teens. She recently was accepted to Albany Law School.

Chair Colón further went on to introduce Courtney Taurisano-Sprague with the MVCC Foundation who presented on the 2022 Week of Giving Campaign to benefit MVCC's Areas of Greatest Need and Access Fund.

Board Chair Colón then asked Vice President Squires for the Treasurer's Report.

3. Treasurer's Report

Vice President Squires reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure reports for March 2022. The College's revenue position experienced an improvement when spring tuition moved to \$416,000 under budget due to Dual Credit enrollment and non-credit programs. Expenditures have also increased 8% from this same point last year as the College heads further into a post-pandemic financial atmosphere. Vice President Squires concluded by reporting the second distribution of financial aid refund checks for the spring semester were mailed out on Friday, March 25 in the amount of \$1,800,000 to 1,159 students.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Samantha Kisachi reported on the recent events and activities held by Student Congress and Student Engagement that included a Paint Night and Slam Poet Chibi. Further, Student Congress has organized an MVCC Denim Day to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Day where people are encouraged to wear denim to combat victim blaming and educate others about sexual violence. She then went on to report that Student Congress Elections were held and officers for the fall of 2022 were elected. Hanadi Tajir was elected as the new Student Trustee.

5. Committee and Affiliation Reports

Audit and Finance Committee

Chair Mathis reported the committee met on April 4 and received an overview of the audit. Trustee Mathis introduced Courtney Pearsall from D'Arcangelo & Company to address the Board. Ms. Pearsall reviewed copies of the audit and summary document. She reported the audit resulted in a clean opinion for the College and no new findings or recommendations were reported. Trustee David Mathis made a motion to accept and approve the audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Frank Dubeck and unanimously approved.

Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC)

ASC Board Liaison Elaine Falvo reported that the ASC Board met on March 22. ASC reported that sales at Barnes & Nobles have been down, and they will be working on a marketing plan to boost sales. ASC also reported that American Dining indicated that student meal plans may be increasing next semester. The ASC Board also established an Audit & Finance Committee and discussed dorm occupancy over the summer by community groups/programs. Trustee Falvo concluded that the next meeting of the ASC Board will be to review the preliminary budget.

Foundation

Executive Director Deanna Ferro-Aurience reported that the Foundation has approximately \$8,189,475 in portfolios. She then went on to report on upcoming events and activities: Week of Giving Campaign officially kicked off with the Board meeting this evening and will run all week long; the Alumni of Merit Luncheon is scheduled for April 19; the 25th Annual Ted Moore Run/Walk will be held both in-person and virtually on April 30; the MVCC Foundation

Golf Tournament will be held June 20 at Valley View Golf & Country Club. Executive Director Ferro-Aurience further reported that the Foundation received over 400 scholarship applications this spring. Scholarship committees have been reviewing applications and will be finalizing their selections this week. Awarded students will be recognized at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Dinner scheduled for May 12 at 6pm.

NYCCT/ACCT

Board Chair Colón reported ACCT held a Governance Leadership Institute in Philadelphia from March 23 through March 25 around the topic of Strengthening the Leadership Team of the Board. Board Chair Colón, Vice Chair Dubeck, and President VanWagoner attended the GLI and presented a workshop “Succession Planning for the Board-choosing your next chair.” Board Chair Colón went on to announce that the ACCT Leadership Congress will be held in New York City in October and encouraged all board members to attend. ACCT Executive Committee Chair and Immediate Past Board Chair David Mathis reported that he attended the NYCCT annual meeting on April 9 and shared his takeaways from that meeting with the board.

NYCCAP/SUNY

President VanWagoner shared the disappointment over the Assembly and Senate one-house bills for community college base aid rate to be restored at the 2019 level and the outcome passed in the New York State budget was the funding floor received last year. SUNY will be following the Governor’s statement on “reimagining SUNY” closely and more will be shared on that.

6. President’s Report

President VanWagoner presented on the SUNY Community College funding context that outlined the overall decline in community college demographics, New York State support and SUNY policies compounded by the workforce reality of labor shortages.

College Senate

There was no College Senate Report

FCCC Plenary Update

Assistant Professor Amanda Miller provided an update on the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) Spring Plenary that she attended as the MVCC representative. The following resolutions were passed at the FCCC Plenary and will be brought before College Senate for endorsement at the next meeting: Hunger Free Campuses and Presidential Search Guidelines. One resolution of note was provided as information and will also be shared with the College Senate: Mental Health Spending. Assistant Professor Miller continued with updates that were shared at the FCCC Plenary that included: an update on the Chancellor search, a discussion about ways to reduce community college competition in the state budget, and the interim provost sharing enrollment initiatives. The interim provost specifically mentioned stackable microcredentials at MVCC as a vehicle to increase enrollment and form partnerships with employers. Assistant Professor Miller who serves as chair of the FCCC Academic Affairs Committee will be working to develop a microcredential development best practice guide.

President VanWagoner concluded his remarks by congratulating all the faculty and staff who were recommended for promotion and asked the Board's support as listed on the Consent Agenda.

7. Vice President Reports: Vice President Kahler Partnership Pathways to Education Careers

The Board had no questions on the written reports from the Vice Presidents. Vice President Kahler introduced Tim Thomas who presented on partnership pathways to education careers.

8. Discussion Item: Board Naming Policy Revision

The revisions to the Board Naming Policy approved by the Facilities and Campus Safety Committee were brought before the board as a first reading. With the full board in attendance and no subsequent discussion, Elaine Falvo motioned to suspend board policy and adopt revisions to the Board Naming Policy. Frank Dubeck seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Attachment a.	Minutes of March 21, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting
Attachment b.	Treasurer's Report
Attachment c.	Conferring of Degrees
Attachment d.	Administrator Promotion Academic Rank
Attachment e.	Administrator Promotion in Level
Attachment f.	Promotion in Academic Rank - Professional Association
Attachment g.	Non-teaching Professional Promotions
Attachment h.	Jensen Saere, Job Corps Scholar Counselor
Attachment i.	James Willey, Business Consultant
Attachment j.	Julianne Cardone, Controller
Attachment k.	Courtney Taurisano-Sprague, Director of Development

Motion was made by Camille Kahler and seconded by Frank Dubeck to approve consent agenda items 7a-k. Unanimously approved.

Motion for an executive session to discuss personnel with no further action was made by Wendy Waters and seconded by Anna D'Ambrosio. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 5:40 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by Camille Kahler to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Unanimously approved.