

**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 Boardroom, Payne Hall, Room 300, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Dubeck on Monday, January 23, 2023.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Excused**

Wendy Waters

**2. Chair's Report**

Chair Dubeck began by welcoming everyone to the January Board meeting. He then reported on a number of programs and employee accolades as follows: Stephanie Lai, MVCC Program Technical Assistant, was awarded the Partnership Excellence in Higher Education Award for her support of P-TECH Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES students across their college curriculum; Graphic Design students Adam Naresky, Kendra Barajas, Taylor Smith, and Chad Garnsen had logos chosen for use by the City of Utica's Youth Bureau; The Lambda Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa made Creative Kits for Mohawk Valley Health Systems pediatric patients for the holidays; Eight MVCC Students were inducted into Spire, the national honor society that recognizes the achievements of adult learners and non-traditional students enrolled in two-year colleges; MVCC was the top-scoring team in the Fall Math League Competition held by the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges. MVCC student Brandon Massett had the third-highest individual score with 25, Dylan Archer and Jarrod Cammer each scored 23, Jonathan Rush scored 16, and Janet Baker scored 15; the Fall semester concluded by celebrating 50 graduating students and their families at December Commencement.

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

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Vice President Squires reviewed the revenue and expenditure reports. Revenue and expenditures are tracking higher than budget. Revenue has seen a higher chargeback rate than originally budgeted as well as an increase in non-credit revenue. Similarly, expenditures are tracking higher as we continue into post-pandemic operations. Fringe benefits will increase in February when the annual county retirement invoice is received. He further went on to report that the College's annual report has been received and accepted by SUNY. Kathleen Samide has been appointed Interim Purchasing Coordinator until a search is able to

be conducted. Vice President Squires concluded his report by noting that all budget managers have submitted their proposed budgets which will be inputted into Banner by the end of the week for Cabinet's review.

#### **4. Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Hanadi Tajir reported that Student Congress will be looking to fill the President and Treasurer officer positions this semester. The Treasurer position will be interviewed and hired and nominations for the President role will be received through January 31 with elections scheduled for February 7. She concluded her report by noting that Student Congress has changed their standing meetings to Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. for the remainder of the academic year.

#### **5. Committee and Affiliation Reports**

##### Audit and Finance

Committee Chair Elaine Falvo reported that the committee met last Wednesday as the committee has been doing on a monthly basis to receive updates on budget developments and considerations for the upcoming fiscal year.

##### Facilities and Campus Safety

Committee Chair Dana Jerrard reported that the committee met on January 9. The committee received updates on the current capital projects around campus that include the Wilcox Hall A/C compressor, Alumni College Center Dishroom, Utica campus electrical repair, and the cooling tower on the S&T building. The committee concluded with a public safety update on the youth presence on campus.

##### Foundation

Executive Director Ferro-Aurience reported that the Foundation recently concluded its first annual 12-Days of Giving Campaign that raised over \$23,000. She went on to thank the Board of Trustees and members of Cabinet for their generosity and support of the Foundation over the past year. She then went on to review Foundation initiatives for 2023 that will focus on new ways to cultivate alumni and donors. Concluding her report, Executive Director Ferro-Aurience reported that the Foundation has approximately \$7,901,724 in portfolios and the upcoming meeting schedule as follows:

- MVCC Foundation Executive Committee – January 26
- MVCC Foundation Board – February 2

##### ACCT/NYCCT

Trustee Colón reported ACCT is preparing for the upcoming National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC that will be happening in February. During the NLS, meetings with legislative members will be taking place with the main point of advocacy centering around funding issues. A webinar will be held tomorrow regarding legislative priorities ACCT will be pursuing in Congress.

Trustee Colón circulated copies of an ACCT Public Policy Committee presentation that reviewed the legislative priorities for the upcoming year. President VanWagoner concluded

with an update on the advocacy meetings held in partnership between NYCCT and NYCCAP with various legislative representatives.

### SUNY/NYCCAP

President VanWagoner reported that the new Chancellor has begun his campus visits to the 64-campus. The Governor's proposed budget includes the funding floor for community colleges with a 20% holdback pending a plan from SUNY to allocate that 20% in some alternative way than the funding floor. We're not sure what that means and will continue to watch where this goes.

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

President VanWagoner began by introducing MVCC alum, Andrew Dean, as our new County Attorney. He further went on to report that the College recently held a "Cross the Stage" event for a few students and their families that were unable to attend December commencement due to the weather. It was a small event but greatly impactful to those students and families that attended. Further, President VanWagoner commended Dean DiMaggio for his efforts to quietly calm what could have turned into a heated mixing of Herkimer and MVCC students during the rival Men's and Women's Basketball games held on campus over the weekend.

President VanWagoner concluded his report and reviewed the KPI data point MVCC *commits to student success through Career Pathways* noting the two indicators as provided in the Board's prep materials: 1. Percent of graduates employed in their field of study 2. Average graduate earnings post-graduation. There were no additional questions from the Board.

### College Senate

There was no College Senate report.

### **7. Vice President Reports: Student Affairs Spotlighted**

The Board had no questions on the written reports from the Vice Presidents. Vice President Reynolds introduced Director of Opportunity Programs, Salina Billins, for the Student Affairs spotlight. Director Billins provided an overview of EOP and CSTEP opportunity programs, the challenges and successes to each, and what's on the horizon for both programs.

### **8. Discussion Item:**

#### **Regional Higher Education Landscape in the Mohawk Valley**

President VanWagoner reviewed a comparative chart that illustrated all the public postsecondary institutions in the six-county Mohawk Valley Region across 13-15 variables. Conversation ensued around how MVCC has positioned itself with respect to shared services, consolidations, mergers, and regionalization as these topics are becoming more public and specific.

### **9. Consent Agenda**

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| <i>Attachment a.</i> | Minutes of December 19, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting      |
| <i>Attachment b.</i> | Treasurer's Report  |
| <i>Attachment c.</i> | Capital Project – MVCC Food Service Area Renovations (H611) |
| <i>Attachment d.</i> | Board Policy: 3018. Student Success                         |

<i>Attachment e.</i>	Emeritus, Gary Broadhurst
<i>Attachment f.</i>	Distinguished Retiree, Kathleen Kresa
<i>Attachment g.</i>	Excluded Administrative Staff Appointments
<i>Attachment h.</i>	Heidi Palmiter, Instructor Health Sciences
<i>Attachment i.</i>	James Dixon, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Counselor
<i>Attachment j.</i>	Sharrone Sofer, Business Consultant
<i>Attachment k.</i>	Nicole Law, Admissions Counselor
<i>Attachment l.</i>	Grant Calogero, CSTEP Coordinator
<i>Attachment m.</i>	Amend Staffing Plan: Marissa Flo, Payroll Analyst
<i>Attachment n.</i>	Amend Staffing Plan: Kathleen Samide, Purchasing Coordinator
<i>Attachment o.</i>	Vincent Petronio, Dean School of Business and Hospitality (HOBS)
<i>Attachment p.</i>	Amend Staffing Plan: Dominic DiMaggio, Dean of Athletics and Recreation

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 7a-7p was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by David Mathis. Unanimously approved.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion was made by William S. Calli and seconded by Elaine Falvo to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Unanimously approved.