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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Meeting – Thursday, May 24, 2018, 8:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell at 8:03 a.m. at the Cowan Center, Room 302, Lowell, MA.

Roll Call - In Attendance

James J. Campbell
Steven C. Iem
Dr. Linda Banks-Santilli
Dr. Cheryl Howard

Bopha Malone
Annie O'Connor
Sierra DeWalt
Laurie A. Elliott

Alec A. Belanger
Kathleen A. Plath
Stephanie Cronin

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2018

With a motion by Trustee Cronin, seconded by Trustee Banks-Santilli the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2018 were presented for approval. All voted in favor of approving the minutes of April 26, 2018.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MAY 18, 2018

With a motion by Trustee Plath, seconded by Trustee Belanger the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2018 were presented for approval. All voted in favor of approving the minutes of May 18, 2018.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel (Board Action Required):

- 1) P-1349-2018 Approve the retirement of Staff members in accordance with the AFSCME Agreement.
- 2) P-1350-2018 Approve the resignation of the Professional Staff member in accordance with MCCC/MTA Agreement.

Motion made by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Howard to approve Personnel Action P-1349-2018, P-1350-2018. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

B. Chairman's Remarks:

- 1) The Chairman attended the Greater Lowell Chamber Distinguished Young Professionals luncheon that honored 15 young leaders in the Greater Lowell community. He shared with the Board that many of the young professionals honored are Middlesex Community College alumnus. The Chairman attended a dedication for a new UTEC building which is named after Richard and Nancy Donahue. MCC students were highlighted in the Lowell Sun as they served the governor. MCC has a great relationship with UTEC through the hospitality program.
- 2) Trustee DeWalt provided the Board with a brief SUGA update. She informed the Board that Representative Gordon attended a SUGA meeting to discuss two bills. Representative Gordon asked the students to draft an email of support. She reported student concerns about access to legal counsel, and the possibility of having an Omnibus professional on campus. President Mabry referred her to Compliance Officer Alisa Chapman, Coordinator of Title IX as a starting point. Phil also confirmed that student issues are handled through the Dean of Students Office. Director of Public Affairs, Patrick Cook recommended Alisa Chapman attend a SUGA meeting to review the resources available to students.

C. President's Remarks:

- 1) The President informed the Board that the College received a \$10,000 grant from Verizon to assist STEM students. The College also received a Massachusetts Skills Capitol Grant for just under half a million to renovate dental labs. President Mabry gave an update to the Mount Ida closing stating there are only a few students enrolling at Middlesex. Despite many efforts, Middlesex is not a great fit for students and most will transferring to four year institutions. President Mabry was selected to serve on the Bedford Town Manager Search Committee. He attended the sports recognition celebration, the student art show, 29 Who Shine event at the State House, and the College's spring play. He also held "Pizza with the President" at each campus. He attended the Paul Sullivan Leadership in Action recognition event which included the student's mentors. President Mabry was invited to a SUGA meeting to discuss issues at the college. Trustees asked what SUGA pointed out as the top three issues for students. President Mabry reported that student fees were discussed and students also wanted to explore ways they could assist the College. He also attended the TRiO graduation, the nursing student poster conference, the STEM student poster conference, Healthcare Programs Pinning ceremony, and Evening of Excellence Awards night.
- 2) President Mabry announced two guest speakers for commencement, Mayor Bill Samaras, and new City Manager, Eileen Donoghue who will bring greetings from the City of Lowell. Distinguished Alumni, Gail Tuzzolo will also address the graduates, and two student speakers will share their stories. The graduation data report was submitted to the Board. The report showcased a range of data from the number of dual enrollment students, first generation status, gender, residencies, languages spoken, and the number of degrees/certificates earned. Trustees asked for data on how many students transfer to four year institutions, and the percentage of students who begin working right away.

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D. Academic Affairs:

- 1) AA-49-2018 Approval of the Conferral of Degrees for the Graduating Class of 2018

Motion made by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Malone, to approve AA-49-2018. Chairman Campbell requested a roll call vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS


- A. The next Committee Report/Update will be from the Leadership Committee to approve the Presidential Evaluation for submission to the Department of Higher Education.
- B. A list of key events was provided to the Board – see below:
- a. Friday, June 8, 2018, Celebrity Forum featuring Jamie Lee Curtis, 5:30 pm, Lowell Memorial Auditorium
 - b. Tuesday, June 12, 2018, Board of Trustee Meeting, 7:30 am, Federal Building Courtroom, Lowell
 - c. Thursday, June 14, 2018, MCC Foundation Board Meeting, 8:00am, Bedford Trustee House, Galvani Room.
 - d. Tuesday, June 19, 2018, BHE meeting, 10:00am, MassArt, North Hall, Pozen Center, 1st Floor, 621 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA.
 - e. Tuesday, August 7, 2018, MCC Spinners Night, 5:00pm, LeLacheur Park, Lowell.
- C. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 7:30 am, at the Lowell Federal Building Courtroom.**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Trustee Cronin seconded by Trustee O'Connor. A roll call vote was requested and unanimously approved adjournment at 8:45 a.m.



James J. Campbell
Chairman of the Board

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Corbin
Secretary to the Board