



Maine Community College System

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Maine Community College System, Augusta

April 24, 2013

Board Members Present: Robert Clark, Vice Chair; Jean Ginn Marvin, Kaitlyn Kinsey, Steven Howe, David MacMahon

Board Members Absent: Kris Doody, Chair; Carol Epstein, Laurence Grondin, Joanna Jones, Dennis King, James Libby, Christopher McCormick, Daniel Wathen, Commissioner Stephen Bowen, Commissioner Jeanne Paquette

Others Present: John Fitzsimmons, Ellyn Chase, David Daigler, Derek Langhauser, Helen Pelletier, Beth Shorr, Barbara Woodlee, Lawrence Barrett, Ronald Cantor, William Cassidy, Timothy Crowley, Richard Hopper, Scott Knapp, Pamela Proulx-Curry, Karen White, Charles Gelemmo, Liz Henry

Vice Chair Clark determined that a quorum of Trustees was not present. The Board of Trustees did unanimously ratify – effective May 3, 2013 – the actions taken at the meeting by voting via e-mail. The electronic votes will become part of the Board’s public record. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

Vice Chair Clark recognized Ms. Liz Henry. Mrs. Henry noted that she had been at the Board of Trustees meeting in March, and she asked if the Trustees had considered changing the dorm policies over which she had expressed deep concerns. Vice Chair Clark stated that the Trustees had reviewed the policies for all of the colleges, and had decided not to amend them. He noted that Chair Kris Doody, who could not attend that day, planned on touching base with Mrs. Henry to discuss the decision. Mrs. Henry asked if the particular portion of the policy with which she had a grievance (regarding residence hall cleanliness) was the same at all of the colleges. Trustee Clark stated that it was similar at each of the colleges which have dormitories. Mrs. Henry asked for clarification that there would definitely not be a change to these policies. Trustee Clark affirmed there would not.

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to accept Minutes of the March 27, 2013 Meeting

A MOTION was made by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee MacMahon to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting. They were unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Vice Chair Clark remarked upon the moving stories of the students at the Student of the Year event, noting the many obstacles, hardships and odds they overcame to achieve their educational goals. He added that he admired their persistence. Trustee Clark also thanked the faculty and staff at the colleges for their hard work in helping these students.

Vice Chair Clark stated that Chair Doody had sent him a memorandum noting that a nominating committee had been appointed. The Committee consists of Trustees Dennis King, Joanna Jones and Jean Ginn Marvin. He said that they would soon be meeting and making recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Clark then introduced President John Fitzsimmons.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Fitzsimmons welcomed new KVCC President Dr. Richard Hopper. He stated: "We are thrilled to have Rick join our family." President Fitzsimmons went on to state that Dr. Hopper has a wonderful track record of success with his previous experience at World Bank, and noted his outstanding academic credentials. President Fitzsimmons concluded that he is very excited about Dr. Hopper's leadership, and that it is already clear he has a lot to offer.

President Fitzsimmons announced that at the Student of the Year awards the MCCS had the opportunity to present President Emeritus status to Dr. Barbara Woodlee. He stated that it was a very special honor, and remarked upon her 37 years with the System, 29 of those as President at KVCC. He described Dr. Woodlee as a star in the community college world. President Fitzsimmons added that the System has been blessed by her leadership, and that he is thrilled she isn't just departing, explaining that she will stay on as the MCCS's part-time Chief Academic Officer. He concluded that her years of experience will remain with us, helping us go forward, and declared that Dr. Woodlee is a wonderful treasure for our System. He thanked her.

Resolution to approve amendments to the following MCCS Policies:

Organization & Governance – Section 105: Board of Trustees – Membership

Personnel & Employee Relations – Section 401: Introduction – Union Recognition

Personnel & Employee Relations – Section 412: Employment of Minors – Minimum Age

Financial Affairs – Section 706: Investments

Financial Affairs – Section 711: Acceptance of Gifts

Financial Affairs – Section 714: Taxation

Health & Safety – Section 803: Firearms

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Resolution to approve the following MCCS Policies:

General Administration – Section 213: Social Media

Health & Safety – Section 811: Fireworks

President Fitzsimmons presented the above policy changes, noting they had been discussed in previous work sessions, and all were approved unanimously there. He therefore requested approval by a formal vote at the public meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee MacMahon and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept the resolutions. They were unanimously approved.

Resolution to approve amendments to the following MCCS Policy:

Student Affairs – Section 501: Student Code of Conduct

President Fitzsimmons then presented the next policy change, which is new, but was also discussed in that afternoon's work session. He stated that normally these policies are presented to the Board a month in advance at a work session and then formally addressed at the next public meeting, but he went on to explain that because the colleges will be publishing their new codes of conduct shortly, they need advance notice on related policy changes.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Ginn Marvin to accept the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

Resolution to approve amendments to the following MCCS Policy:

Student Affairs – Section 504: Special Conditions of Admission, Enrollment & Participation

President Fitzsimmons presented the final Policy change. He explained that the MCCS requested this change on the advice of the System's General Counsel in an effort to prepare for new legislation. He asked for the endorsement of the Board.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Kinsey to accept the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

President Fitzsimmons shared some final thoughts, stating that we were just a few weeks away from the graduation ceremonies, and describing it as another successful year. He asked that the college presidents please thank their staff and faculty on behalf of the System and the Board of Trustees.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Resolution to authorize implementation of a two-year Associate in Applied Science in Behavioral Health at York County Community College

Resolution to authorize implementation of a two-year Associate in Applied Science in Veterinary Technician at York County Community College

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Resolution to authorize implementation of a two-year Associate in Applied Science in Precision Machining Technology at York County Community College

Trustee Howe introduced the three resolutions, noting that the Education Committee had reviewed them and requested their approval by the full Board.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee MacMahon to accept the resolutions. They were unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

No report was given.

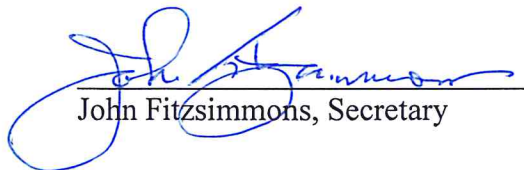
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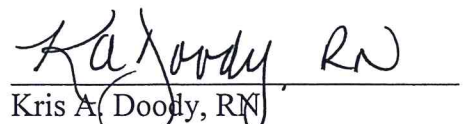
Resolution to adopt 2013-2014 Board Meeting and Events Calendar

Vice Chair Clark stated that the calendar had been reviewed by the Trustees and had been informally approved.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee MacMahon to adopt the calendar as presented in the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

As there was no other business to be presented, Vice Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m..


John Fitzsimmons, Secretary


Kris A. Doody, RN
Chair of the Board of Trustees
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