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

Central Maine Community College / ZOOM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Board Members Present: Peter DelGreco, Chair, Kossi Gamedah, Vice Chair, Margaret Angell, Mark Fourre, Stacey Harris, Winnie LaRochelle, Joyce Maker, Jean Ginn Marvin, Elizabeth Neptune, Anne Roosevelt, and Kate Rush

Absent: Jane Gilbert, Pender Makin, Cherie Wendelken, and Commissioner Laura Fortman

Others Present: David Daigler, President and Secretary, and Bonnie Brown, Clerk

Chair Peter DelGreco determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and no requests from the public to address the Board of Trustees had been received. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to Approve Minutes of Meetings

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board of Trustee minutes dated November 13, 2024 and January 17, 2025. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

MCCS System President Report

President Daigler provided an overview of the recent legislature events, with focus on the supplemental and biennial budget processes, noting the budgets include funding to increase the base appropriation, making free college an ongoing program, and covering the paid family leave premium; however the request to fund additional student supports was not included. Several

students provided testimony in support of MCCC and specifically the Free College program at the budget hearing. Becky Smith, Director of Government and Community Relations, provided an overview of the legislative process and outlined several scenarios going forward for approving the budgets. A discussion regarding the guidelines for Free College followed, and President Daigler noted that 100% of students who received free college scholarships are living in Maine while enrolled, 96% are Maine Residents and 4% are from other places, with a majority of that group from New England.

President Daigler provided an overview of the ERP system conversion which includes installation of one SIS system for all seven colleges and the system office, all of which was preceded with the reconstruction of the IT services group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Trustee Anne Roosevelt reported the committee met and reviewed the requests for program changes presented by the colleges. The committee recommended the following for approval:

Resolution to Approve Program Changes

New Program (303.1)

Pre-Engineering A.S.	CMCC
HVAC A.A.S. and VA Certificate	WCCC

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program changes as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee

Trustee Kate Rush reported on an outstanding item from the previous meeting which requires board approval. The committee recommended the board accept the 2024 Audited Financial Statement and the required communications from the auditors.

Resolution to Accept Financial Statements and Required Audit Communications

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2024 Audited Financial Statements and required communications from the auditors as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Angell reported on the strategic plan update which is ready for publication. The committee will continue their work with focus on communication and development of dashboards.

Workforce Development Committee

Trustee Gamedah provided an update on the committee meeting held the same day as the Board of Trustee meeting. He reviewed outcomes of the HAF grant and the planning for the Alfond Foundations third grant. CMCC's workforce team develop provided an overview of their initiatives.

OTHER

Naming Opportunity

Interim President Buck provided a request to name the Childcare and Early Childhood Education Center building on the Northern Maine Community College campus as the "Crowley Building."

Resolution to Name Building

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the naming of the Northern Maine Community College Childcare and Early Childhood Education Center building as the Crowley Building. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved, with one abstention by Chair DelGreco.

Bylaw Amendment

William Fletcher, General Counsel, presented a proposed amendment to the Bylaws for the first reading. The changes reflect the formation of a new Governance Committee, which will also fulfill the role of the nominating committee. At the next meeting the board will be asked to adopt the amendment into the bylaws. Chair Delgreco will appoint the governance committee members at the next meeting.

POLICY

William Fletcher, General Counsel, presented amendments to MCCS Policy 202 and 802 and a recommendation was made to accept the amendments as presented.

Resolution to Approve Policy Amendment

MCCS Policy 202 – General Administration – Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault and Other Sex Based Conduct, Relationship Violence and Stalking (Amendment)

MCCS Policy 802 – Health and Safety – Public Order and Hazing (Amendment)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy amendments as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

GIFTS

President Daigler presented a gift to Kennebec Valley Community College and further requested the trustees accept the gift as presented.

Resolution to Accept Gift

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the system president to accept on behalf of the Maine Community College Board of Trustees the following gift to Kennebec Valley Community College:

Robotic Welder – OTC 6 Axis

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to be addressed by the Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



David Daigler
President & Secretary
Maine Community College System



Peter DelGreco
Chair
Maine Community College System