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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

### ZOOM

**January 6, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

#### **Executive Committee Members Participating:**

William Cassidy, Chair  
Beth Anne Lorigan, Vice Chair  
Patricia Duran, Trustee  
Peter DelGreco, Trustee  
Joyce Maker, Trustee  
Jean Ginn Marvin, Trustee

#### **Others Participating:**

David Daigler, President  
Rob Nadeau, Chief Counsel for Labor and Employment  
Becky Smith, Director of Government and Community Relations  
Noel Gallagher, Director of Communications and Public Affairs  
Dan Belyea, Chief Workforce Development Officer  
Ande Smith, Deer Brook Consulting/MCCS IT Optimization  
Amy Homans, General Counsel

#### **Members of the Public:**

Gregory Osilka, a student at KVCC

Chair Cassidy called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Chair Cassidy asked Committee members and guests to introduce themselves. He then invited Gregory Osilka to offer comments.

Gregory Osilka told the Committee he had complied with the vaccination requirements, but he did so reluctantly. His reservations were based on the unknown long-term health consequences of the COVID-19 vaccination. Mr. Osilka also expressed an objection to the booster shot requirement and indicated he would not continue his education at KVCC if required to obtain an additional booster in the future.

Chair Cassidy thanked Mr. Osilka and told him that we appreciated his thoughtful comments; noting that the colleges have had to make several difficult decisions, but our primary focus is on the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students.

Then President Daigler asked Rob Nadeau to update the Committee on the presidential search currently underway at EMCC and KVCC. The search committees have convened, advertisements have been placed on national databases and in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The are qualified applicants in both pools and staff is preparing additional outreach in hopes of building broader diversity in the candidate pools.

President Daigler then asked Noel Gallagher to update the Committee on MCCS's COVID Protocols and college plans. Having noted an increase in COVID cases on our campuses at the end of the fall semester, MCCS will require booster shots for all students who are attending on-campus campus and events in the spring term. No such requirement exists for online courses.

In addition, several of the colleges pushed the commencement of on campus instruction back a week so that now all seven colleges begin on campus instruction on January 18, 2022.

Turning Dan Belyea, the Committee received an update on MCCS's Workforce Development Implementation plans. The State of Maine has approved MCCS's plans for deploying the \$35 million that was allocated to the System from the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan funds. MCCS's programs were among the first applications to be approved. There are 16 programs running at five of the colleges that are training students in computer technology, education, healthcare, sustainable energy, and commercial truck driving and construction.

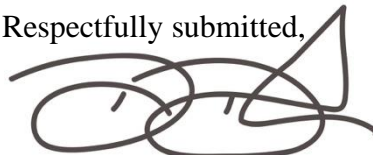
President Daigler introduced Ande Smith, of Deer Brook Consulting to update the committee on the System's plans for "IT Optimization Plans and SIS Conversion." Daigler explained that Mr. Smith is President & Principal of Deer Brook and that his firm was hired to support the System's assessment of its current information management environment and student information system.

Modern systems reduce or eliminate redundancy and lower costs are a key element of creating a landscape where the colleges can focus on their core mission and support new ways to attract students, new ways to support them, and new ways to stay connected with them throughout their careers.

As part of that assessment, Deer Brook has consulted with campus leadership and MCCS has issued a request for proposal from several leading vendors. The Board will be engaged as the process continues.

After some discussion on the topics discussed, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Daigler', with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

David Daigler  
President & Secretary