



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

January 22, 2014

Board Members Present: Robert Clark, Chair; Kris Doody (by phone), Jean Ginn Marvin, Laurence Grondin, Steven Howe, Joanna Jones, Dennis King, Kaitlyn Kinsey, David MacMahon

Board Members Absent: Carol Epstein, Vice Chair; Commissioner James Rier, Commissioner Jeanne Paquette, Christopher McCormick, Daniel Wathen

Others Present: John Fitzsimmons, Ellyn Chase, Lawrence Barrett, Ronald Cantor, Timothy Crowley (by phone), Christopher Hall (by phone), Richard Hopper, Derek Langhauser, Linda McGill, James McGowan, Helen Pelletier, Beth Shorr

Chair Clark determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and that no one from the public wished to address the Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to accept Minutes of the September 25, 2013 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Grondin to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting. It was unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Clark noted that there are currently six openings on the Board of Trustees for appointment or reappointment. Potential candidates have been meeting with the Governor. It is anticipated that the nominations/re-nominations will be posted in late March.

Chair Clark turned the floor over to President Fitzsimmons for the President's Remarks.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Resolution Directing a Review of System and College Policies Regarding Tobacco Use

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing healthy working and learning environments for its employees, students and the general public. In order to promote a culture of wellness at all offices and colleges of the MCCS by reducing harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, the Board of Trustees asked that President Fitzsimmons, in collaboration with the college presidents, review system-wide and individual college policies regarding tobacco use on all MCCS properties. The Trustees requested that not later than May 1, 2014, that a report be prepared for the Board's consideration which outlines a plan of action that would move the system and colleges toward implementation of policies requiring that all MCCS properties become tobacco free.

President Fitzsimmons noted that in discussions with the College Presidents, they are supportive of having tobacco-free campuses, and in fact, a couple of our campuses are already tobacco-free. He added that the review would be done in a very respectful way, and plans would include support to help people transition off of tobacco.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Doody and seconded by Trustee Jones to approve the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

Resolution to Ratify Negotiated Agreement with MSEA Adjunct Faculty Bargaining Unit

President Fitzsimmons said that this is the last of the collective bargaining groups to have a contract, and it is the first contract for this group. First contracts are always the most challenging, he added, and we have been in negotiations for two and a half years. He feels that it is a good agreement, and a good starting place. President Fitzsimmons stated that adjunct faculty are a very important part of our system, and we'd like to have a very positive, good working relationship with them. Upon a formal vote by the Trustees, it will be executed and put in place as soon as possible. He asked for a formal endorsement.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Howe to ratify this collective bargaining agreement. It was unanimously approved.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Jones brought up a discussion held by the Education Committee that morning. She described how the Committee now reviews only programs which are not nationally and/or professionally accredited. She noted that while it was good to review programs without that level of oversight, that the Committee no longer gets to see all the wonderful accredited programs. She suggested that when the Board meets at a campus, when they usually visit a program, perhaps they could make time to hear about these stellar accredited programs.

Resolution to authorize implementation of a two-year AAS in Criminal Justice at EMCC

Trustee Jones brought this proposal before the full Board, requesting its acceptance.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee King provided an update from the Finance Committee's meeting that morning. The agenda items included a review of the System's performance, review of OPEGA and what we're required to submit to the state, review of System expenditures, and contract awarding.

Resolution to Accept Interim Budget Amendment

Trustee King explained the grant received by WCCC, which brought in an unexpected \$65,000. He stated it is a great opportunity for them, and moved for acceptance.

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

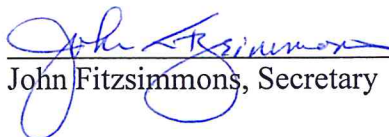
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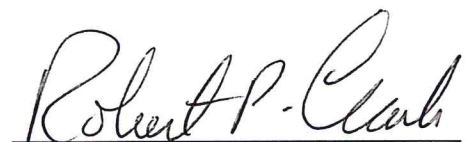
Resolution to accept gifts to the MCCS

- ◆ *Central Maine Community College*
 - 2013 Ford F150
 - 2013 Ford Fiesta
- ◆ *Kennebec Valley Community College*
 - Telephone Poles
 - Hospital Bed Mattresses
 - Mitsubishi Mini-Split Heat Pump
 - G5Twin; Refrigerant Recovery Machine
 - T-shirt, CD, Sign, Book
- ◆ *Northern Maine Community College*
 - BIASI Boiler

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

There being no further business, Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.


John Fitzsimmons, Secretary


Robert P. Clark
Chair of the Board of Trustees
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