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

Maine Community College System, Augusta

March 27, 2013

Board Members Present: Kris Doody, Chair; Robert Clark, Vice Chair; Commissioner Stephen Bowen, Carol Epstein, Laurence Grondin, Kaitlyn Kinsey, Steven Howe, Joanna Jones, Dennis King, James Libby, David MacMahon

Board Members Absent: Commissioner Jeanne Paquette, Jean Ginn Marvin, Christopher McCormick, Daniel Wathen

Others Present: John Fitzsimmons, Ellyn Chase, Derek Langhauser, Helen Pelletier, Beth Shorr, Liz Henry

Chair Doody determined that a quorum of Trustees was present. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

Chair Doody recognized Ms. Liz Henry, who wished to speak to the board regarding concerns around dormitory policies at WCCC. She disclosed to the Board members present her concerns around the policy, stating that her son, whom she noted has special needs, was removed from the dormitory after his room was deemed too unclean. Ms. Henry stated that he was then left to travel back and forth to the college for classes, until he had an accident in his truck. At this point he could no longer commute for classes and, as an end result, he has stopped attending WCCC. She expressed her disappointment, noting that her family had been so pleased when he had been accepted at WCCC, because they had not been sure he would be able to attend a college. She also expressed disappointment and frustration at the way WCCC has handled her complaints about the policy, and at the reception she felt she had received from the college's administration. Therefore, she brought her concerns before the Board. She stated that she did not want another student to lose opportunities because of these policies. She asked that the Board review WCCC's policies around their dormitories.

Chair Doody thanked Ms. Henry for her time, and for speaking frankly with the Board about her concerns. She stated that the Trustees had been made aware of her concerns, and had decided to

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look at the dormitory policies at all of the community colleges with dorms. She informed Ms. Henry that they would do research into the policies and get back to her on their findings.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to accept Minutes of the November 28, 2012 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Jones to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting. They were unanimously approved.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Doody thanked the Trustees for their attendance at the All-Maine Academic Team event that morning. She lauded the event and described the ceremony as exceptional.

Chair Doody then introduced President John Fitzsimmons.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Fitzsimmons noted the status of the biennial budget, which was going through legislative committees. He also briefly discussed LD 90, which was before the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future. It contains over 2 million dollars for the MCCS to increase student capacity. President Fitzsimmons said he took this as a sign of respect, that the legislators see the great role the MCCS can play in helping to close the skills gap in Maine.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Resolution to authorize implementation of a one-year Certificate in Powersports Equipment/Small Engine Technician at Washington County Community College

Committee Chair Jones presented the program. She described it as a very smart move to fill an existing gap, noting that it would cover everything from snow blowers to jet skis, and would bring training for these mechanical skills to Washington County.

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

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Trustee Epstein noted that its morning meeting the committee had reviewed financial dashboards regarding financial results through January of this year. She also stated they had discussions on reviewing financials in October and what impact that would have on the annual audit.

OTHER BUSINESS

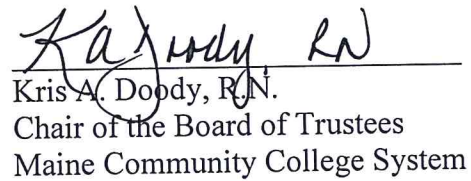
Resolution to accept gifts to the MCCS

- ◆ *Maine Community College System*
\$476,495.21 from The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges
for the period 10/1/12 to 12/31/12

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Clark and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept gifts to the MCCS as presented in the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

As there was no other business to be presented, Chair Doody asked for a motion to adjourn at 3:17 p.m. It was **MOVED** by Trustee MacMahon and seconded by Trustee Grondin to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.


John Fitzsimmons, Secretary


Kris A. Doody, R.N.
Chair of the Board of Trustees
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