



Maine Community College System

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

Central Maine Community College, Auburn

November 19, 2014

Board Members Present: Robert Clark, Chair; William Cassidy, Patricia Duran, Jean Ginn Marvin, Laurence Grondin, Steven Howe, Beth Ann Lorigan, David MacMahon, Jeanne Paquette, Jane Sexton

Others Present: Joanna Jones, Dennis King, Carol Epstein, John Fitzsimmons, Ellyn Chase, Scott Knapp, Lawrence Barrett, Richard Hopper, Timothy Crowley, Ronald Cantor, Joseph Cassidy, Barbara Finkelstein, David Daigler, Derek Langhauser, Linda McGill, James McGowan, Helen Pelletier, Jane Phillips, Beth Shorr, Barbara Woodlee, Pamela Zimmerman, Alex Clifford, Jon Connolly, Tim Conroy, Paula Gagnon, David Gonyea, Nick Hamel, Betsy Libby, Pamela Remieres-Morin, Janet Sortor, David Sousa

Board Members Absent: Kaitlyn Kinsey, Christopher McCormick, Shawn Moody, Robert Moore, Rachelle Tome

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 1:15 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to accept Minutes of the September 24, 2014 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Howe and seconded by Trustee Grondin to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting. It was unanimously approved.

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CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Clark thanked President Knapp for the wonderful set up provided, and congratulated the college on its 50th anniversary celebration.

Chair Clark stated that it was a wonderful day, as the Board has three former Trustees joining them. He noted that the Board has established a tradition of recognizing former Trustees who have served our system. He added that it was especially nice to honor these three Trustees who all played a significant role in helping to move our seven colleges forward. Collectively they represent 38 years of service on the Board. All three have held leadership positions on the Board. He said that he admired each of their styles and the way that they have led a cohesive board that cared deeply about one another, and the System as a whole. He thanked them collectively for being role models for other Trustees.

Chair Clark invited Joanna Jones forward. With 17 years of service, she holds the distinction of being the longest-serving trustee in the history of the System. During her tenure, she's served as Chair of the Board, Vice Chair of the Board, and Chair of the Education Committee. She has also served on the Executive Committee and Finance Committee, and chaired three presidential searches. Chair Clark stated that she can never be replaced, and has made the System better. He thanked her for her service and presented a chair to her to show the System and Board's appreciation for her service.

Joanna Jones thanked the group, stating: "I'm deeply honored and have always treasured my opportunity to serve on the MCCS Board. This has been one of the very best things I've been able to do in life. And I also treasure all the people that I've worked with. There is something so important about this work. I do believe that the community college chunk of college education is the most important chunk that we have for people, once they finish high school, and we need to make that as accessible and workable as we can. With the wonderful leadership we've had, we've been very successful. I think we're in perfect sync with what the State needs. So, keep the students first in your mind always. Thank you."

Chair Clark invited Dennis King forward. Mr. King served on the Board for over 13 years. He is a Former Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, and former Chair for the Finance Committee. He also served on the Executive Committee and Strategic Plan Committee, and chaired a presidential search. Chair Clark added: "Dennis, I always appreciated what a great listener you were to our faculty staff and students, and your commitment to the students is sincere, as is your motivation to always see our students be successful. On behalf of the System and Board, I am pleased to present this chair as a token of our appreciation."

Trustee King stated: "I feel so privileged to have served during such an enormous change for the System. It really was a great thing to see the Board in action, and the leadership in action as well." He noted how much he learned from the experience, and described the leadership as "very humble". He thanked all present.

Chair Clark invited Carol Epstein forward. Ms. Epstein served eight years on the Board. She served as Vice Chair of the Board, and Chair of the Finance Committee. She also served on the Executive Committee and led a presidential search. Chair Clark went on to say: "Those of us who served with Carol appreciated that she always asked the right questions. With her strong

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business background she is efficient, and she always understood that the highest priority is our students. Her commitment to the system is continuing, and now as a member of the System's Foundation Board she'll be helping raise funds for the System. So on behalf of the Board of Trustees and System, we present you with this chair as a token of our appreciation."

Carol Epstein echoed the sentiments of Jones and King. She stated that she came on not knowing a lot about the MCCS and not having had much interaction with it, but over the years she got to interact with students at each of the colleges, with the system staff, etc., and said that with each interaction she became more impressed with the System, and learned what an important System it is. She agreed with the assertion that the leadership is humble, and added that she also felt that no matter who she spoke to at what level, the commitment for the schools was apparent. Students have always been the focus. She concluded: "So, I've learned a tremendous amount and become more and more of a fan. I'm now looking forward to working with the Foundation Board."

Chair Clark noted that because Joanna Jones was also the current Vice Chair of the Board, he has appointed Trustee Cassidy and Trustee Grondin as the Nominating Committee to bring forward a slate for a new Vice Chair. Trustee Cassidy will chair the Committee which will bring a nomination for the Board's consideration at its meeting in January.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Fitzsimmons informed all present that this was the last meeting for Beth Shorr as President of the Foundation. He thanked Beth for her leadership, and said: "She has been here with us from the start of our Foundation in 2010, and has raised \$23,000,000 in our first campaign. That's because of her leadership and organizing a magnificent board of directors who opened doors across the state for us. Beth, we will miss you. It wasn't as simple as you having the skill sets. You have compassion, and a passion for our system, and we thank you and we'll miss you."

President Fitzsimmons then introduced Jane Phillips, the new head of the Foundation. Jane has worked previously for Yale, New York University, and the Smithsonian, and has tremendous skill sets and a track record for raising money. President Fitzsimmons stated when he hires people, there are three things that are critical. First, they have to be bright and have the intellectual capacity to do the job. Second, they have to be team players. He said that the System has assembled a team that is the best in the State of Maine, and in Jane we found someone to fit in with that team. The third thing he looks for is values. After talking with Jane he realized that she views the world horizontally instead of vertically; that is to say that everyone is of value and deserving of respect. President Fitzsimmons stated that in our world, community colleges are sometimes looked down upon. Of course, he added, we never look down at our students; we understand that the students we serve are an integral part of how this State and this nation run. So, he added, the Foundation is in very capable hands. He thanked Beth Shorr again, and stated that now he believes Jane Phillips will take the Foundation to new levels.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Howe noted there was no update from the Education Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution to approve FY15 Budget as Amended

On behalf of Committee Chair Ginn Marvin, a **MOTION** was made by Trustee Grondin and seconded by Trustee Howe to accept the resolution. It was unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

Resolution to adopt Goals and Objectives for the 2016-2020 MCCS Strategic Plan

Trustee Cassidy moved to accept the plan. A request was made for one alteration around Goal 1, Objective 2 with regards to tracking data to help ensure attainment of objective. Trustee Cassidy noted that the measures, still to be developed for each objective, would address Trustee Sexton's comment.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution to accept gifts to the MCCS

- ◆ *Kennebec Valley Community College*
 - Electrical Materials/Supplies
 - Nursing Equipment/Supplies
- ◆ *Maine Community College System*
 - \$600,000 Foundation for Maine's CCs
 - 4/1/14 – 6/30/14 (*for YCCC and SMCC*)
 - \$210,991.14 Foundation for Maine's CCs
 - 4/1/14 – 6/30/14 (*distributed as follows*)
 - CMCC \$44,818.37
 - EMCC \$75,712.92
 - KVCC \$34,814.25
 - MCCS \$3,600.00
 - NMCC \$37,491.47
 - SMCC \$1,250.00
 - YCCC \$13,304.13


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

As there was no other business to be presented, Chair Clark moved for adjournment. It was seconded by Trustees Ginn Marvin and Grondin. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.



Derek Langhauser, Secretary



Robert P. Clark
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Maine Community College System