

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees held in the Board Room, Payne Hall, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Calli on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

**Members Present**

Dylan Bennett  
William Calli, Jr.  
Tony Colón (delayed arrival 4:25 p.m.)  
Frank Dubeck, Jr.  
Elaine Falvo  
Camille Kahler  
Mary Malone McCarthy  
John Stetson

**Member Excused**

David Mathis

**2. Chair's Report**

Chair Calli began by sharing his experience at the Observer Dispatch All-Star dinner on June 19. He said it was incredible to see the transformation of the Jorgensen Center field house. He said he never envisioned that type of event in the space, but that it was exceptional, citing the efforts of staff from Events, Sodexo, and Public Safety. Chair Calli then asked for the Treasurer's report.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Vice President Squires reported the revenue category is in good shape and within one-tenth of 1 % under budget at the end of May, making the college close to even on the revenue side at this point in the year. The under-budget percentage for expenditures grew noticeably smaller for the first time in 4 months, which is not out of the ordinary as summer projects are underway and the end of spring semester costs have also been incurred. The College moved from being 8.9% under budget last month to 7.7% under budget at the end of May. Regardless, the College is ahead of last year at this same time when expenditures were almost even with budget. Vice President Squires went on to report the College received the second quarter sponsor payment from Oneida County in May in the amount of \$1.9 million dollars, totaling half of the \$7.7 million sponsor support for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The student loan servicer the college uses for the Perkins Student Loan Program, Conduent (formerly ACS), will no longer be handling Perkins Loans for students. MVCC will need to find a new student loan servicer for Perkins loans quickly as Conduent's services will conclude on 7/31/2017. Dan Porcelli has been in contact with other potential servicers and has compared pricing to get the lowest rate for the College for servicing Perkins Loans. It appears the SUNY department that services loans for SUNY 4-year schools will be able to take on MVCC's Perkins loans, too. There will be a significant conversion fee to move from Conduent to any other servicer, even SUNY. However, SUNY's monthly fees are likely to be lower for MVCC than other commercial servicers. Updates on this transition will be

reported as they occur. Vice President Squires added there are very few NYS community colleges that still participate in the Perkins Student Loan Program and noted it remains beneficial to residence hall students at MVCC to have this option.

#### **4. Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee, Dylan Bennett reported the Student Congress leadership team will begin their training and will also participate in a leadership academy on Thursdays beginning in September. While the Student Congress Officers have been selected for next year, elections will need to be reopened for the treasurer seat. Trustee Bennett also reported that students who are enrolled in the SUNY Oneonta partnership program are eligible to be in Student Congress leadership positions.

#### **5. President's Report**

President VanWagoner began by highlighting the six days in June when the College hosted the following events: Build a Bike (over 1500 in attendance); Observer Dispatch All-star dinner (1205 in attendance); Donovan Moving Up Ceremony (1200 in attendance); JFK Moving Up Ceremony (1200 in attendance); and the Whitesboro High School Graduation Ceremony (2000 in attendance). He thanked Sodexo, facilities, public safety and events for the incredible effort they put forth in making all of the events a huge success. President VanWagoner went on to provide an update on the Excelsior Scholarship. Statewide, the Chancellor has reported 40,000 applications to date. The College has had 104 students apply (to date) with 40 meeting the eligibility requirements.

President VanWagoner then provided additional information on items 7d: Lease-financing agreement: Technology Network Infrastructure Equipment and 7m: Avaya Equipment Standardization. He explained 7d is how we pay for the equipment and 7m supports the standardization of the equipment and infrastructure which in the long run, ensures compatibility. Trustee Falvo added that when the College requests quotes, it is important to remain committed to soliciting the best price, to which all agreed.

President VanWagoner provided additional background for item 7i: Amend Staffing Plan: Ann Rushlo, Director of Leadership Mohawk Valley. He went on to say the Leadership Mohawk Valley program was originally 'housed' at SUNY Poly and will now reside at MVCC within the Corporate and Community Education Department (CCED).

And finally, President VanWagoner shared there would be a future ratification regarding another name change to what is now called the Small Unoccupied Aerial Systems. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring the name be changed to Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

A motion was made by Frank Dubeck and seconded by John Stetson approve the required name change. Unanimously approved.

President VanWagoner then asked for the College Senate report.

#### **College Senate Report**

Alex Haines-Stephan reported committee reports have been posted. He and President VanWagoner are continuing to fill any existing committee vacancies for the next academic

year. He also reported on the Cabinet and Senate Advisory annual retreat that took place at the end of May.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **Facilities and Campus Safety Committee**

Committee Chair, Tony Colón provided a quick update upon his (delayed) arrival to the meeting. Public Safety is working to upgrade their communications system. They are also on track with the arming of the department. The work in the Alumni College Center (ACC) Commons remains on schedule. Bids have been received for the Payne Hall steps and podium work. And finally, Mr. Colón offered his congratulations to all involved in the June events that President VanWagoner mentioned earlier in his remarks.

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Trustee Colón attend the ACCT Governance Leadership Institute in Washington D.C. earlier in the month. He shared that after listening to and participating in a number of conversations with trustees from across the country, he feels very fortunate to work with a Board whose relationships are grounded in common goals.

### **Consent Agenda**

<i>Attachment a</i>	Minutes of the May 15, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting
<i>Attachment b</i>	Treasurer's Report
<i>Attachment c</i>	2017-18 Tuition and Fee Schedule – Revision
<i>Attachment d</i>	Lease-financing agreement: Technology Network Infrastructure Equipment
<i>Attachment e</i>	Amend Staffing Plan: Peggy Axel, Library Cataloging Coordinator
<i>Attachment f</i>	Luke P. Hobaica, Welding Instructor
<i>Attachment g</i>	Anne Nolan, Assistant to the Office of Human Resources
<i>Attachment h</i>	Jonathan Ritzel, Construction Trainer for YouthBuild Utica
<i>Attachment i</i>	Amend Staffing Plan: Ann Rushlo, Director of Leadership Mohawk Valley
<i>Attachment j</i>	Lily Wadsworth, Librarian (Technology and Access Services)
<i>Attachment k</i>	Brandon Walcutt, Business/Entrepreneurship Instructor
<i>Attachment l</i>	Patricia Washington, College in Prison Program Assistant
<i>Attachment m</i>	Avaya equipment standardization

Chair Calli asked for a motion on the consent agenda. Motion was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by Frank Dubeck, Jr. to approve items 7a-m. Unanimously approved.

## **7. Discussion Item**

President VanWagoner distributed and shared highlights from the most recent Strategic Horizons Network: Staying Tethered Amid Disruption Colloquium in Burlington, Vermont. He also provided an update on the Values Colloquium the College is hosting tomorrow at thINCubator. The College administrators will attend along with guests from Adirondack Community College and Herkimer College.

President VanWagoner also discussed combining the program update with the discussion

item at future meetings. All Trustees were receptive to this approach.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Dylan Bennett and seconded by Camille Kahler to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Unanimously approved.