# 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 Wilcox Hall Room 225 and via Zoom was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Colón on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

#### **Members Present**

Members Excused Anna D'Ambrosio

Camille Kahler Tony Colón William S. Calli, Jr. Frank Dubeck, Jr.

Dana Jerrard

David Mathis

Wendy Waters Elaine Falvo

Fabiha Khan (virtual)

## 2. Chair's Report

Chair Colón announced that the Zoom meeting will be audio and video recorded to comply with New York State Executive Order 202 and Open Meetings Law. He then went on to recognize faculty and staff who recently received awards and accolades as follows: MVCC began its 21-Day Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Challenge on June 1 to help raise awareness and understanding about the community in which we all live, work, and play. The challenge was open to everyone: individuals, organizations, workplaces, and educational institutions – all of which resulted in more than 800 people accessing the site throughout the 21 day challenge. MVCC's Advanced Institute for Manufacturing and FuzeHub helped Pvilion, a Brooklyn-based manufacturer, secure a \$1 million dollar contract from the U.S. Department of Defense through a grant that provided the company with risk assessment, policy development, employee training, and other tools to fulfill federal cybersecurity requirements to achieve compliance. Five students who graduated from our Engineering Science program have earned merit-based transfer scholarships to Clarkson University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Holland Patent High School Senior, Grace Mahanna won second place in the 2021 MVCC Arts Scholarship Contest and will be joining our School of Art this fall. Dr. Harold Cantor, MVCC Professor Emeritus and former Humanities Department Head, has published a new book, "You and Madame Butterfly and Other Short Fiction," a collection of his works from the past 70 years. He closed his report by congratulating the Men's and Women's Soccer teams who both made it all the way to the semifinal game of the National Championship Tournament. Both teams finished a solid season with the Men's overall record of 5 wins, two losses and the women's overall record of 5 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Vice President Squires reported that the monthly financials statements were not available and will be reported on next month. Vice President Squires further reported that the College has received reimbursement from the state for unemployment insurance in response to the

Governor's Executive Order waiving the responsibility of employers' unemployment insurance during the pandemic. Vice President Squires concluded with an update on the student and institution emergency funding streams received due to the pandemic.

## 4. Committee Reports

### Academic & Student Success Committee

Committee Chair Kahler reported that the Academic & Student Success Committee met on June 17, 2021. Agenda items included a discussion on the Guided Pathways efforts and early results; recruitment strategies for adult learners; and K-12 career development opportunities.

# Facilities & Campus Safety Committee

Committee Chair Dubeck reported that the Facilities & Campus Safety Committee met on June 9, 2021. The committee reviewed the Stetson naming opportunity, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plaque that will be dedicated on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the proposed Capital Projects for the upcoming year.

A motion was made by Frank Dubeck and seconded by Elaine Falvo to accept the Capital Projects request as reviewed in Committee.

Unanimously approved.

## <u>Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC)</u>

President VanWagoner reported that Vice President Tom Squires will be acting Director for ASC. The search process for the ASC Director position has begun.

### Dormitory Corporation (DC)

Board Chair Colón announced that the next meeting of the DC Board will be held on June 28, 2021.

#### MVCC Foundation

Vice President DuRoss reported that the Foundation has approximately \$7,937,173 in portfolios. The Foundation Golf Tournament was held yesterday, Monday, June 21 with 96 golfers participating and raising over \$23,000. Other fundraising initiatives have yielded a total of around \$40,736 from 385 donors to date. Vice President DuRoss further provided an update on the Cree lumber donation. Vice President DuRoss concluded his report by reminding the Board that the next Foundation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29 at the ThINCubator.

#### NYCCT/ACCT

ACCT Board Chair Mathis shared that the virtual ACCT Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workshop was held earlier today and members of the administration along with members of the board attended. He then went on to report that ACCT is still planning an in-person Congress in October in San Diego. Board Chair Colón went on to remind the Board that the NYCCT Annual meeting will be held in November in Saratoga Springs. NYCCT also conducted a Student Roundtable recently where our Student Trustee Fabiha Khan participated.

## NYCCAP/SUNY

President VanWagoner reported the NYCCAP Executive Committee met with the NYCCT Executive Committee. Details for the November NYCCT annual meeting were discussed and registration details will be forthcoming. NYCCAP and their respective marketing staff held a joint conference call with SUNY for input around a SUNY-wide community college ad campaign. Out of that meeting, the ads will be customized upon economic region to promote the local community colleges.

## 5. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Fabiha Khan expanded on her role in the NYCCT Student Roundtable and shared her takeaways from the experience. She further went on to advise the Board that the Student Congress Executive Board will be coming back to campus August 16 for a weeklong training prior to the start of the semester.

## 6. President's Report

President VanWagoner began by introducing American Dining representatives Nick Salvagni, Vice President of Marketing and Greg Westnedge, National Director of Business Development. Mr. Salvagni and Mr. Westnedge led a brief presentation to the Board on food insecurity.

President VanWagoner continued his report by asking each Vice President to report out to the Board:

## Academic Affairs

Vice President Kahler provided an update to the board on the student success and retention data that was presented in the Academic and Student Success Committee. The data highlights around retention and velocity were explained to the Board.

### Administrative Services

Vice President Squires provided an update on the Information Technology infrastructure upgrades planned for the upcoming academic year. Vice President Squires explained the details of the campus-wide migration to MS365 and its relation to the campus infrastructure plan around network security.

## **Student Affairs**

Vice President Reynolds provided an overview of the current Medical Leave of Absence (MLA) policy and explained the revisions to the procedure that will be implemented in the upcoming academic year. The policy changes will be coming before the Board as a first reading at the August board meeting.

## **College Senate**

College Senate Chair Christine Miller reported that Senate held their annual end of the year joint meeting with Cabinet to evaluate the 2020-21 goals and propose goals for the upcoming 2021-22 academic year.

### **Consent Agenda**

Attachment a Minutes of May 17, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting

Attachment b Treasurer's Report Attachment c Board Policy Revision: 6001 Degrees Micro-Credentials

Attachment d Amend Staffing Plan: Vincent Petronio, Director of Hospitality Programs

Attachment e Amend Staffing Plan: Harlan (Harley) Fuller, Men's Basketball

Head Coach/Athletic Specialist

Attachment f Timothy Burke, Coordinator, Workforce Development

Chair Colón asked for a motion to approve items 7a, 7b, 7d-7f of the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Frank Dubeck and seconded by William Calli to approve items 7a, 7b, 7d-7f. Unanimously approved.

Item 7c was pulled off the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 7c was made Elaine Falvo and seconded by Frank Dubeck. Motion approved by a majority vote: 7 yeas and 1 nay.

#### 8. Discussion Items

## Board Policy Revisions Section II. Personnel

The Governance and Personnel Committee forwarded four personnel policies as a first reading before the Board. With no further discussion, the four policies will be placed on the August Consent Agenda for adoption.

# Stetson Naming Opportunities

Facilities & Campus Safety Committee Chair Dubeck reviewed the proposed Stetson naming opportunity that was unanimously supported by the Facilities & Campus Safety Committee.

Motion to remove the naming of the Charles Hall Board Room located in Payne Hall Room 300 was made by David Mathis and seconded by Camille Kahler. Unanimously approved.

Motion to name the Board Room located in Payne Hall Room 300 to the John B. Stetson Board Room was made by Frank Dubeck and seconded by David Mathis. Unanimously approved.

### July Board Retreat; Location TBA

The Board discussed dates and proposed agenda items for the upcoming half day professional training retreat. Further details will be communicated through the Board Portal.

President VanWagoner asked for an executive session to discuss negotiations with no further action. Motion was made by Frank Dubeck and seconded by David Mathis to enter into executive session at 5:36 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The meeting reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

### 9. Adjournment

Motion was made by William Calli and seconded by Frank Dubeck to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Unanimously approved.