# 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 on the Rome Campus in Plumley Complex Room 150 and via Zoom was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Colón on Monday, September 20, 2021.

#### **Members Present**

Members Excused William S. Calli, Jr.

Camille Kahler

Tony Colón

Anna D'Ambrosio

Frank Dubeck, Jr.

Elaine Falvo

Dana Jerrard

David Mathis

Wendy Waters

Fabiha Khan (virtual)

## 2. Chair's Report

Chair Colón announced that the meeting will be audio and video recorded. He then went on to ask for an executive session to discuss personnel. Motion was made by Wendy Waters and seconded by Frank Dubeck to enter into executive session at 4:14 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The meeting reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

Chair Colón continued his report by confirming the College affiliation board liaisons as follows: Frank Dubeck and Elaine Falvo will serve on the Auxiliary Services Corporation Board and Camille Kahler and Wendy Waters will serve on the MVCC Foundation Board. Chair Colón concluded his remarks by recognizing faculty and staff who recently received awards and accolades as follows: the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement having launched its fall programming in its new location on the Rome Campus with an Open House attended by more than 100 people over the course of the morning; students in the high school program Pathways to Justice Careers, which partnered with MVCC, graduated its final youth academy on Aug. 30. The program was created to bridge the gap between the community youth and law enforcement, and help students become interested in careers in public safety; MVCC's Job Corps Scholars program graduated its first four students who earned certificates in Mechatronics, Carpentry & Masonry, and Welding; MVCC, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and Griffiss Institute held a week-long drone camp on the Rome Campus during which students in grades 9-12 assembled their own quadcopters, learning about flight, aerodynamics, and safety, and flew their drones through an obstacle course; and MVCC launched a new partnership with Ancora Corporate Training to once again offer CDL Training on the Rome Campus. Chair Colón went on to ask Vice President Squires for the Treasurer's Report.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

Vice President Squires explained his report does not include the usual Revenue, Expenditure, and Fund Balance reports as the College has begun to close the books on the last budget year ending August 31, 2021. He then went on to provide the Board with an update on Business Office staffing which include the appointment of an Interim Controller and two vacancies currently in the search process. Vice President Squires concluded his report by thanking the Student Affairs and Business Office members who have been working on the final details to distribute the last federal stimulus funding to the students.

## 4. Committee Reports

## Facilities & Campus Safety

Committee Chair, Frank Dubeck, reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting. The committee reviewed the charter with no changes being proposed. A review of the Board Policy Naming Opportunities was re-visited and will be bringing proposed language changes to the next committee meeting. The meeting concluded with a facilities/campus tour of the Rome campus.

## Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC)

ASC Board Liaison Elaine Falvo reported the appointment of Jim Suriano as the new ASC Director. Jim has been meeting with Student Congress, reviewing the by-laws and other organizational updates during his first few weeks on campus. ASC Board meetings will be scheduled shortly.

### Foundation

Vice President DuRoss reported that the Foundation has approximately \$8,353,765 in portfolios. The annual fund campaign raised \$42,271 for fiscal year 2020-2021. This year's annual fund campaign will raise money toward the College's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Vice President DuRoss continued to provide an update on the Foundation's fiscal year end. He concluded his report by reminding the Board that the next Foundation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29.

## NYCCT/ACCT

ACCT Board Chair Mathis reported that the ACCT Leadership Congress will be happening in-person next month in San Diego. During the ACCT conference, Chair Colón will be providing the welcome to the delegates and announcing the conference next will be held in New York City. He concluded by announcing that he has accepted an appointment to the NYCCT award review committee.

## NYCCAP/SUNY

President VanWagoner reported that NYCCAP will have its fall meeting immediately prior to the NYCCT annual meeting in Saratoga Springs. He also shared that the SUNY vaccine mandate deadline is September 27 and that MVCC's timeline is just a few weeks later on October 18. The fall semester has gone very well thus far with weekly COVID testing for unvaccinated students.

#### 5. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Fabiha Khan reported that Trustee Box and virtual themed office hours have been well received and attended by the students. She concluded with an update on student

congress and the elections to select a new VP of Utica.

## 6. President's Report

As the College will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall, President VanWagoner shared that he has been interviewing 75 employees and retirees to capture their stories of what made MVCC special to them. A webpage will be launched on the website during kick off week where all 75 story videos will be displayed. President VanWagoner concluded his report by sharing part of Professor Jerome LaLonde's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video.

## **College Senate**

Senate Chair Christine Miller held her first College Senate meeting earlier this month. Chair Miller will be meeting monthly with President VanWagoner and the Senate Advisory Committee ahead of each Senate meeting.

# **Vice President Reports & Discussion Item**

The Board had no questions on the written reports from the Vice Presidents. Vice President Reynolds provided the discussion item around pipeline programs in place at the college. Vice President Reynolds provided demographic information for each program, capacity to reach program participants, and the return on investment.

## **Consent Agenda**

Attachment a	Minutes of August 16, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting
Attachment b	Treasurer's Report
Attachment c	Emeritus, James Fiore
Attachment d	Emerita, Maureen McCleary
Attachment e	Emeritus, Brian Molinaro
Attachment f	Emerita, Colleen Cornmire
Attachment g	Distinguished Retiree, James Myers
Attachment h	Board Policy Revision: 3014 Medical Leave of Absence
Attachment i	Amend Staffing Plan-Civil Service Title: Senior Buyer
Attachment j	Amend Staffing Plan-Civil Service Title: Buyer
Attachment k	Cymil Hamilton, STEP Program Specialist
Attachment l	Gabrielle Coffey, Women's Basketball Head Coach/Athletic Specialist
Attachment m	Amend Staffing Plan: Patrick Gosier, Student Support Advisor
Attachment n	Michael Grider, Veteran Education Coordinator
Attachment o	Colton Lucas, Peace Officer
Attachment p	Senad Memisevic, Peace Officer
Attachment q	Dianne Head, Interim Controller
Attachment r	Babylog VN500 SN: ASFL-0043 Ventilator donation: MVCC
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Motion was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by Fabiha Khan to approve items 7a-r.

Unanimously approved.

#### 8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Elaine Falvo and seconded by Frank Dubeck to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Unanimously approved.