

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021
VIRTUAL MEETING
Approved September 15, 2021

Attendees: Craig Andrade, Thomas Carroll, Eshita Chakrabarti, Eval Silvera, Brandon Spitz, Ann Sullivan, Kate Welch

Absent: Bonnie Blackler

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes
Chair Carroll - yes
Trustee Chakrabarti - yes
Trustee Silvera - yes
Trustee Spitz - yes
Secretary Sullivan - yes
Trustee Welch -yes

Chairman's Report

Chair Carroll welcomed new president, Ray DiPasquale to his first official Board of Trustees meeting. Additionally, he welcomed two new Trustees, Kate Welch and Brandon Spitz, Massasoit's new student trustee. Chair Carroll noted that Trustee Welch was appointed to the Board in July and comes to Massasoit with a tremendous amount of community experience as well as teaching experience as she is an adjunct faculty member at Bristol Community College. Chair Carroll also noted that Brenda Molife, interim president, was in attendance and, on behalf of the Board, extended his sincere gratitude to her for her time at Massasoit. In closing, Chair Carroll thanked Sarah Yunits for her years at Massasoit and wished her well in her new role at the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges. He also thanked Paul Grand Pre and his team for a very successful golf tournament.

President's Report

President DiPasquale thanked the Chairman, the members of the Board, and all in attendance. He noted that his first eight days have been full of meetings with internal and external members of the community including members of the Massasoit Community College Foundation, friends and supporters of the college who were at the annual golf tournament, members of his Cabinet and direct reports, and various members of the faculty and staff. President DiPasquale added that he was also able to visit both the Canton Campus and Middleborough center, attended the South Shore Chamber of Commerce partners luncheon, and attended his first President's Council Meeting with the leaders of the 14 other community colleges in Massachusetts. He noted that during the President's Council Meeting there was lengthy discussion regarding COVID-19 and various vaccination requirements for particular programs throughout our sister institutions. Further, he will be meeting with Mayor Sullivan and State Representative DuBois later in the week. Additionally, President DiPasquale reported that he was interviewed by WGBH radio to discuss how community colleges have been using COVID relief funds. he added that he has felt incredibly welcomed by everyone and noted that

Elected Alumni Trustee Report

Trustee Blackler was not in attendance, no report given.

Student Trustee Report

Trustee Spitz thanked the Trustees for the warm welcome and stated that he looks forward to serving on the Board and representing the student body. Mr. Spitz discussed several upcoming events including the Student Senate election and the first Student Senate meeting which will take place on September 29, 2021.

Massasoit Community College Foundation Report

Paul Grand Pré, Chief Advancement Officer, reported on the results of the golf tournament stating that the net proceeds were approximately \$18,000. Mr. Grand Pré noted that while it was not as much as they were hoping for, given it had been several years since the last tournament, the level of participation was favorable. Additionally, Mr. Grand Pré, reviewed the fundraising efforts for the fiscal year 2021 noting that the areas of basic student needs and the food pantry in particular were the beneficiaries of philanthropy this past year. Additionally, support for student access to technology was significant and, overall, he was very pleased with what the Office of Advancement was able to accomplish in a very challenging year.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Secretary Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Andrade to approve items 1, 2, and 3 on the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Chair Carroll - yes

Trustee Chakrabarti - yes

Trustee Silvera - yes

Trustee Spitz - yes

Secretary Sullivan - yes

Trustee Welch -yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Request that the Board of Trustees approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$132,448 over three years with Accruent, LLC for the purchase of software and services related to course, classroom and event scheduling.

William Morrison, Chief Information Officer, explained that Accruent, LLC was chosen through a competitive bid process to provide a scheduling system that will be compatible and integrate with Ellucian's Banner, the College's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) environment which will enable the college to implement a comprehensive course, classroom and event scheduling system that will address operational and logistical activities around scheduling courses and facilities. He further explained that funds were budgeted funds in the FY22 spending plan and the total cost of the contract includes a three (3) year term. At the end of the term period, the college has the option of extending the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms. There were no questions regarding the proposal from the Board.

A motion was made by Secretary Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Andrade to approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$132,448 over three years with Accruent, LLC for the purchase of software and services related to course, classroom and event scheduling.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Chair Carroll - yes

Trustee Chakrabarti - yes

Trustee Silvera - yes

Trustee Spitz - yes

Secretary Sullivan - yes

Trustee Welch -yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Request that Board of Trustees approve a college credit card for President DiPasquale, President, as outlined in the College Trust Fund Guidelines.

A motion was made by Secretary Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Andrade to approve a college credit card for President DiPasquale as outlined in the College Trust Fund Guidelines.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Chair Carroll - yes

Trustee Chakrabarti - yes

Trustee Silvera - yes

Trustee Spitz - yes

Secretary Sullivan - yes

Trustee Welch -yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Request that the Board of Trustees accept the Land Lease and Transfer to the College

Vice President Mitchell explained that included in the Board packet is an executive summary explaining the details of the land lease. He further explained that this is an initiative that the college has been trying to resolve since September of 2012 when the college was paying the Foundation to lease land that was used for overflow parking. Vice President Mitchell said that the transaction was backwards and that the Foundation should be sending money to the College and that in December of 2018 it was decided to end the lease payments and turn the land over to the College. He explained that the land was actually being turned over to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but the College would take care of the property on behalf of the Commonwealth. Mr. Mitchell then reviewed the legal review and vote taken by the Foundation to turn the land over to the College/Commonwealth.

A motion was made by Trustee Chakrabarti and seconded by Secretary Sullivan to accept the Land Lease and Transfer to the College.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes

Chair Carroll - yes

Trustee Chakrabarti - yes

Trustee Silvera - yes

Trustee Spitz - yes

Secretary Sullivan - yes

Trustee Welch -yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) Bay State

Provost Yameen thanked the Board for the opportunity to share the exciting news that Massasoit is taking the lead on this initiative to serve our community. She then introduced Dr. Rachel Jessica Daniel, Director of the Center for Employee Enrichment and Development, and Carine Sauvignon, Executive Dean of the Canton Campus. Dr. Daniel and Dean Sauvignon reviewed the mission and purpose of the NCBAA and explained the background and evolution of the Massachusetts (Bay State) Chapter. Additionally, Dr. Daniel and Dean Sauvignon reviewed the executive board members, and hoc board members, and the specific purpose and mission of the Bay State Chapter of the NCBAA. Finally, the goals of the chapter were reviewed and are as follows:

- Goal One
 - Faculty and Staff Professional Development, Networking and Mentoring

- Introduce and offer professional development opportunities for Black faculty, staff, and administrators
- Offer programming for the recruitment, retention and advancement of Black faculty, staff, and administrators across the 15 Community Colleges
- Provide mentorship for the professional and academic advancement of Black faculty, staff and administrators.
- Goal Two
 - Student Academic and Professional Advancement, Networking and Mentoring
 - Offer programming for the recruitment, retention, and advancement of Black students
 - Provide mentorship for the professional and academic advancement of Black students
 - Provide networking opportunities and programming for the recruitment and retention and advancement of Black Students
- Goal Three
 - Advocate for Institutional Change
 - Use evidence-based research to advocate for change in policy and institutional structures to advance the recruitment, retention, professional opportunities and academic resources for Black students, faculty, staff, and administrators in Massachusetts' higher education system.

Discussion ensued about the next steps and the importance of the committee's work to the College. Trustee Andrade thanked the team for the presentation and added that if he can lend his support in any way he is happy to do so. Secretary Sullivan added that she too was very impressed with the presentation and invited the team to present again in the spring to report on the chapter's progress.

Sabbatical leave recommendation for Professor Brenda D'Alotto and Professor Panteha Sanati Zaker for the Spring 2022 semester.

Provost Yameen explained the process by which sabbatical requests are submitted and brought forward to the Board for approval. She noted that during this process there was some disagreement between the sabbatical committee and the recommendation to the (interim) president; however, she stated that the six academic deans and the vice provost for academic affairs along with herself and Interim President Molife agree with the recommendations brought forth to the Board for a vote this evening. Provost Yameen then gave an overview of each of the sabbatical projects. Secretary Sullivan requested that the faculty members present to the Board upon their return from sabbatical.

A motion was made by Secretary Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Spitz to approve the sabbatical leave recommendation for Professor Brenda D'Alotto and Professor Panteha Sanati Zaker for the Spring 2022 semester.

Roll Call:

Trustee Andrade - yes
 Chair Carroll - yes
 Trustee Chakrabarti - yes
 Trustee Silvera - yes
 Trustee Spitz - yes
 Secretary Sullivan - yes
 Trustee Welch -yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

None

Public Comments

None

A motion was made by Secretary Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Silvera to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.