

MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
Massasoit Community College
One Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton, MA 02302
Student Center, Louison Board Room
6:00 p.m.
Approved May 18, 2023

Attendees: Bonnie Blacker, Tom Carroll, Eshita Chakrabarti, Jim Dunphy, Laura Lawson, Travis Lawrence, Steve Murphy, Ann Sullivan, Eval Silvera, Kate Welch

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

Roll Call:

Chair Sullivan – yes
Vice Chair Carroll - yes
Trustee Blackler - yes
Trustee Chakrabarti – yes
Trustee Dunphy - yes
Trustee Lawrence - yes
Trustee Lawson – yes
Trustee Murphy – yes
Trust Silvera – yes
Trustee Welch - yes

Chairwoman's Report

Chair Sullivan welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded everyone about our Evening of Champions event on Saturday, May 13 and Commencement on June 1. Chair Sullivan is excited to share that The Women's Leadership Initiative kick-off event is tomorrow on the Canton campus.

Presentation of Global Learning at Massasoit (Morocco) by Assistant Professor Jared Gilpatrick, Public Service and Social Science, Professor Sawsan Zahara, Humanities and Fine Arts, Assistant Professor Katie DiMarca, Humanities and Fine Arts, Adjunct Faculty Roland Blanchette, Public Service and Social Science, Student Trustee, Travis Lawrence, Students Jacob Eaton, Liana Fontes, Jason Pollock, and Marly Weston.

Professor Jared Fitzpatrick, Public Service & Social Science, along with twelve of our students from the Global Learning class, took a trip to Morocco over spring break. They traveled over 10,000 miles and visited seven cities and three imperial cities. Dr. Sawsan Zahara, Professor, Humanities & Fine Arts, talked about the content of this project. Massasoit was awarded two grants which included IDEAS (Increasing Diversity in Education Abroad for US Students) for \$35,000 from the State Department and UISFL (Undergraduate International Study of Foreign Languages) was from the US Department of Education. These grants along with funds from the Foundation, allowed the students this opportunity. Kate DiMarca, Assistant Professor, Humanities & Fine Arts, communicated that the students applied what they learned in class to the trip which included globalization, history, literature, culture, and customs and were able to experience the culture firsthand in Morocco. Students made connections between their career interests and what they experienced in Morocco. Jason Pollock, freshman, Human Services major, learned a great deal about Morocco and is grateful for the experience. Shawn Welch, sophomore, Business Administration shared his experience of talking with people of the culture and his classmates. He found a new confidence in communicating with people. Tiyesa Bailey, freshman, Liberal Arts Studies Major, stated that this was her first trip out of the country. She is grateful for the connections she made with her peers and professors. Travis Lawrence, Student Trustee, Social Science Major, enjoyed seeing the Moroccan way of life and he is grateful for the confidence he gained from this trip. Marley Weston, Freshman, Human and Social Service Major, shared one of her favorite parts of the trip was a walk up a hill to watch the sunset. Marley connected with professors, tour guides, students, and the people of Morocco. Professor Roland Blanchard, Public Service and Social

Science, is grateful for the grants that allowed the students to experience travel abroad. Professor Gilpatrick announced that the Global Studies Seminar will visit the Azores in 2024.

Presidents Report

President DiPasquale applauded and thanked the faculty and students for sharing their experience of the Moroccan trip. Massasoit Community College hosted an open house, with over 300 in attendance, at our Brockton campus on April 1. Compared to last year at this time, our fall enrollments numbers are up in credit headcount (+21.5%) and in total credits (+23.7%). An Open House in Canton will be held on April 29. The Vice President of Academic Affairs search committee will begin first round interviews next week. William Eaton, Head of Grounds, was honored as the employee of the month. President DiPasquale, along with numerous colleagues, attended the CONNECT Legislative Awards on March at UMass Dartmouth. We are extremely proud of Massasoit student, Kehinde Abeleye, sophomore Nursing, as part of the student panel discussion. President DiPasquale and colleagues attended the South Shore Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting on Wednesday, April 5. We will honor Peter Forman, President & CEO, of SS Chamber, as the Education Champion at the Evening of Champions event on May 13.

Beginning the Fall of 2023, MassReconnect scholarship program will support Massachusetts residents, 25 years and older (who meet the criteria), with free associate degrees and certificates. This will create opportunities for more than 1.8 million Massachusetts residents.

Vice President Mitchell showcased the Honor Garden renderings for the Canton campus to add to the beautification project.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Dunphy and seconded by Trustee Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Sullivan – yes
Vice Chair Carroll - yes
Trustee Blackler - yes
Trustee Chakrabarti – yes
Trustee Dunphy - yes
Trustee Lawrence - yes
Trustee Lawson – yes
Trustee Murphy – yes
Trust Silvera – yes
Trustee Welch - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve tenure to Kathryn Neary, Librarian and Jesse Schreier, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, by President DiPasquale. (vote needed)

President DiPasquale recommended tenure for Dr. Jesse Schreier, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, in the Division of Business & Technology. Dr. Schreier holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin—Madison, a Master of Arts from Utah State University, and a doctorate in History from the University of California, Los Angeles. The President also recommended tenure for Ms. Kathryn Neary, Reference and Instruction Librarian. Ms. Neary holds a Master of Library and Information Sciences as well as an Honors Baccalaureate in Art History from Simmons University.

A motion was made by Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Welch to approve tenure to Kathryn Neary, Librarian and Jesse Schreier, Coordinator of Instructional Technology.

Chair Sullivan – yes
Vice Chair Carroll - yes
Trustee Blackler - yes
Trustee Chakrabarti – yes

Trustee Dunphy - yes
Trustee Lawrence - yes
Trustee Lawson – yes
Trustee Murphy – yes
Trust Silvera – yes
Trustee Welch - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of sabbatical report Global Learning by Assistant Professor Jared Gilpatrick, Public Service and Social Science.

In the Fall 2022, Assistant Professor Jared Gilpatrick, was on sabbatical. The research was geared towards identifying barriers to participation and identifying solutions to remove or reduce those barriers for Global Learning. This included expanded course offerings, international and precise outcomes, review core definitions, focus on “global ethics”, review problematic technology, and address language deficit. Students who study abroad are on average 60% more likely to graduate, are more appealing in the job market and a 2020 survey showed that 75% of companies are looking for employees with global experience. Study abroad positively impacts economic mobility, encourages social responsibility, leading to activism, perspective taking and awareness of discriminatory structures. Studying abroad positively impacts economic mobility.

Other Business:

A motion was made by Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Dunphy to conclude the meeting.

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Trustee Blackler - yes
Trustee Chakrabarti – yes
Trustee Dunphy - yes
Trustee Lawrence - yes
Trustee Lawson – yes
Trustee Murphy – yes
Trust Silvera – yes
Trustee Welch - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by:



Cori Foy
Recording Secretary



Ann M. Sullivan
Chair, Board of Trustees