

**MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
Virtual
Approved February 15, 2023**

Attendees: Bonnie Blacker, Tom Carroll, Eshita Chakrabarti, Travis Lawrence, Laura Lawson, Jim Dunphy, Steve Murphy, Eval Silveira, Ann Sullivan, 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
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Chairwoman's Report

Chair Sullivan welcomed all to the virtual meeting. She introduced and welcomed our newest member of the board of trustees, James Dunphy. Mr. Dunphy is the President/CEO of South Shore Bank. He has been in the banking industry for numerous years and has been an adjunct faculty member at various colleges. The foundation and board gathered in November to discuss ideas on how they could collaborate to benefit the college.

Presidents Report

President DiPasquale thanked Chair Sullivan for bringing the two boards together and looks forward to additional meetings. Special welcome to Jim Dunphy in his official role as board member.

President DiPasquale provided an enrollment update noting the figures he is reporting today will fluctuate as we get closer to the start of classes. As of today, there are 3,194 headcounts versus 3,302 last year representing a 3.3% decrease. Credit numbers are 28,050 versus 28,520 last year, representing a 1.6% decrease. The college projected 4,404 headcounts for our spring enrollment. Opening Day will be held on Tuesday, January 24 in person and via zoom as we welcome everyone to the spring semester.

The president introduced Dr. Katie Ruggeri, Dean of Mathematics & Science. She joined us on Jan 9th from Bristol Community College. On behalf of the board of trustees we welcome Katie to Massasoit. The college has interviewed three candidates for the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Two additional candidates will be interviewed on February 7 & February 13. The resumes of the candidates and information will be sent out soon.

As part of the Transformation through Renovation project, Vice President Mitchell, along with faculty and staff, visited Cape Cod Community College, Bristol Community College, UMass Boston, and Curry College to review their newly renovated sites. The faculty were engaged and excited to see the potential outcome of

our renovated space. Our Brockton downtown site is not open as DUA finalizes their search for a building management firm. Once we receive an official opening date, we will host an opening ceremony at the site.

President DiPasquale discussed meetings he had had with community partners including Richard Staiti, Norfolk Agriculture County Commissioner, Boys & Girls Club, Stonehill & Providence College, South Shore Health, Carol Chin, owner of 5 McDonalds, and Senator Brady. Along with Dr. Carine Sauvignon, the president hosted the Josh Cutler, House Chairman, Committee on Labor and Workforce Development and discussed how we can expand our programs. We held a ribbon cutting for the Data and Analytics center, thanks to the \$20,000 donation from Jim Dunphy and his team at South Shore Bank. We hosted coffee connections for the South Shore Chamber in Canton, held a deans retreat and the Foundation/BOT gathering. Along with numerous colleagues, the President will attend the 37th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast hosted by the NAACP on January 21. On campus happenings include, the Julie Mulvey court dedication and the December employee of the month awarded to Linda Berolini, an unsung hero, she works as a Staff Assistant for Campus Police. Tom Carroll has agreed to chair the capital campaign. Lydia Dodson has been asked to speak at the South Shore women's leadership conference in May. Our golf tournament raised 45,000 and netted \$24,000. President DiPasquale now represents community college presidents from Connecticut, MA, RI, and Region 21 on a national basis. This gives our region and college a voice. Former Gov. Baker is going to be the NCAA President. I was asked today to bring the National Junior College president and the NCAA president together.

Alumni Trustee Report

Trustee Blacker announced the next meeting of the Alumni Association is scheduled for February 9. There will be a vote taken on whether or not to dissolve the existing Alumni Association 501c and moving it under the umbrella of the MCC Foundation. They are also planning to sell flowers at Commencement and attending the Grad reception.

Student Trustee.

Trustee Lawrence announced that the Student Advisory Council is making plans for the community building day to be held in April.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carroll and seconded by Chair Sullivan 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

Trustee Silveira - yes

Trustee Welch – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve an expenditure for the 2023 commencement ceremony (term) in the amount of \$117,656.95. In addition, the option to extend for four (4) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$500,785.58 with Creedon and Co., Inc. for the rental of a tent and other related items, by William Mitchell, Vice President for Administration/CFO. (vote needed).

Vice President Mitchell reviewed the need for a Commencement tent to accommodate the 2,500 to 2600 students and families attending Commencement. Commencement is the most prestigious event of the year. We do not have the capability of an event this size inside of any our buildings. This fee also includes flooring, lighting, siding, chairs, staging, pipe, and drape. We added the floor last year to assist with ADA compliance. This is a one-year term with the option to extend for four more years. This expense was included as part of our spending plan that was approved in June 2022. We also have the option not to continue with this service is we are not satisfied. We were very happy with the services from this company last year. The company requires a third of the expense up front and if for some reason we do not hold Commencement, we are able to use that money towards a future event.

A motion was made by Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Welch to approve an expenditure for the 2023 commencement ceremony (term) in the amount of \$117,656.95. In addition, the option to extend for four (4) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$500,785.58 with Creedon and Co., Inc. for the rental of a tent and other related items.

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Recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Massasoit Community College Emerita/Emeritus Policy, by Ray DiPasquale, President. (vote needed).

President DiPasquale presented the need for an emerita/emeritus policy. This is an opportunity to honor retirees who committed themselves to the college. There is no cost associated with this. It is a way for retirees to be allowed to retain their title, to keep engaged with the college, and possible inclusion in fund-raising opportunities. The nominations would be sent to the President with the Board having the final approval. This is a college tradition that has been missing at our institution and allows us to honor those who gave many years of service.

A motion was made by Trustee Chakrabarti, seconded by Trustee Murphy to approve the proposed Massasoit Community College Emerita/Emeritus Policy.

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The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of two vehicles from Eversource Energy Service Company for educational purposes by the Massasoit Community College Foundation. The vehicles are a 2018 International Altec Material Handler (Salvage Title) and a 2010 John Deere 310J Backhoe, by Carine Sauvignon, Executive Dean for the Canton campus. (vote needed).

Dr. Carine Sauvignon and Aaron Rovaldi, instructor Emergent Technologies, reviewed the partnership between Massasoit and Eversource. The 2018 International Altec Material Handler, valued at \$180,000 is hybrid which allows it to run on battery power or diesel fuel. The 2010 John Deere 310J Backhoe, valued at \$30,000, will augment our training in hydraulics and power train classes. Eversource continues to help us enhance our curriculum and training. We work with them constantly to upgrade our program and to ensure it is relevant to the industry. Our diesel program continues to grow. We are the only school in New England that offers a heavy equipment & diesel program, and our job placement is 100%. An entry level salary would be anywhere between \$30 - \$40 an hour. The salary of an experienced diesel mechanic is well into six figures. With the addition of the prison program, we hope to expand the diesel program. We do not need to insure these trucks as they are never registered or on the road.

A motion was made by Trustee Chakrabarti, seconded by Trustee Welch approve the acceptance of two vehicles from Eversource Energy Service Company for educational purposes by the Massasoit Community College Foundation. The vehicles are a 2018 International Altec Material Handler (Salvage Title) and a 2010 John Deere 310J Backhoe.

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The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Blackler to adjourn the meeting.

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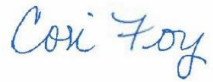
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Prepared by:

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Cori Foy
Recording Secretary

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Ann M. Sullivan
Chair, Board of Trustees