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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Northern Maine Community College / ZOOM

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Board Members Present: Joyce Maker, Chair, Peter DelGreco, Vice Chair, Margaret Angell, Mark Fourre, Kossi Gamedah, Jean Ginn Marvin, Winnie LaRochelle, Elizabeth Neptune, Anne Roosevelt, and Kate Rush

Absent: Jane Gilbert, Kathie Leonard, Cherie Wendelkin, Commissioner Pender Makin, and Commissioner Laura Fortman

Others Present: David Daigler, President and Secretary, and Bonnie Brown, Clerk

Chair Joyce Maker determined that a quorum of Trustees was present and no request from the public to address the Board of Trustees had been received. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

President Crowley provided an overview of Northern Maine Community College and invited students to present their experiences at NMCC.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution to Approve Minutes of Meetings

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board of Trustee minutes dated June 21, 2023, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

MCCS SYSTEM PRESIDENT REPORT

President Daigler provided updates on the budget, enrollment growth, and workforce development, noting enrollment and workforce development growth has increased workloads. He outlined the status of plans to enable MCCS to work with the defense industry and the State of Maine.

President Daigler provided an update on the SIS implementation, identifying some of the difficulties encountered working with Anthology.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Dr. Janet Sortor and Trustee Elizabeth Neptune reported from the Education Committee meeting. The committee approved the program reviews presented by the colleges. The following program changes were recommended for approval by the trustees:

Resolution to Approve Program Changes

New Program – 303.1
YCCC – Leadership Certificate

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program change as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

Program Discontinuation – 303.2
YCCC – Architectural and Engineering Design
YCCC – Help Desk and User Support
YCCC – Computer Science

A motion was made and seconded to approve the program changes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee

Trustee Kate Rush reported the Finance Committee reviewed the NMCC Early Childhood Education Childcare Center Project and the associated naming rights and further recommended the trustees approved the resolution as presented.

Resolution – NMCC Early Childhood Education – Grants/Gifts/Naming

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the NMCC Early Childhood Education Childcare Center Project to accept certain grants and gifts in connection therewith, and to authorize certain actions by the MCCC System President.

- Authorize the Northern Maine Community College to proceed with the renovations to Penobscot Hall to convert the building into a childcare center (NMCC Childcare Center) as proposed (the NMCC Childcare Center Project), following the System's procurement policies and legal obligations, and satisfactory negotiation of the construction contract(s) by the System President's designees.
- Authorize the naming of the NMCC Childcare Center in memory of Hope Greenlaw Akeley.
- Accept a grant of \$55,225.75 awarded to NMCC through the Troutbeck Fund, an advised fund of Silicon Valley Foundation in memory of Hope Greenlaw Akeley.

- Accept a donation of \$750,000.00 to NMCC from Peter and Betts Briggs for the NMCC Childcare Center Project.
- Accept a donation of \$100,000 to NMCC from the NMCC Foundation for the NMCC Childcare Center Project.

A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning process is moving along with the intent to finish by Fall. Work is presently being done in collaboration with the college presidents. Presidents and senior staff are working on the goals associated with each strategy.

Workforce Development

Trustee Kossi Gamedah briefed the trustees on the NMCC Workforce Development activities including New Mainer work, noting workforce development is making an impact. No action was required by the trustees.

Policy

Sally Meredith, Associate General Counsel and Counsel for Employee Affairs, and Janet Sortor, VP and Chief Academic Officer, provided overviews of the proposed policy changes. A review of each change request was provided, and trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions.

- MCCS Policy 201 – General Administration – Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (Amendment)
- MCCS Policy 302 – Academic Affairs – Criteria for Academic Credentials (Amendment)
- MCCS Policy 307 – Academic Affairs – Credit Transfer (Amendment)

Resolution to Approve Policy Amendments

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to MCCS Policy 201 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 9 – 1.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to MCCS Policy 302 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to MCCS Policy 307 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

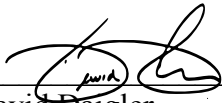
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Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement

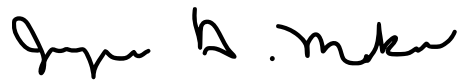
A motion was made and seconded to ratify the collective bargaining agreement for the Maine State Employees Association Adjunct Faculty Bargaining Unit for the period January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to be addressed by the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



David Daigler
President & Secretary
Maine Community College System



Joyce Maker
Chair
Maine Community College System