

Massachusetts Community College Council

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Minutes of the MCCC Executive Committee Meeting 27 Mechanic St, Worcester, MA Friday, May 17, 2019

Approved on June 5, 2019

Present: President Margaret Wong, Secretary DeAnna Putnam, Treasurer Gail Guarino, VP Rosemarie Freeland, Executive Committee Members-At-Large Claudine Barnes, Ellen Pratt and Linda Grochowalski, MCCC Communications Coordinator Don Williams

Guest: MTA Field Representative Joe LeBlanc, MWCC Chapter President Candace Shivers

President Wong convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The committee approved the day's meeting agenda and the minutes from its April 2019 meeting.

XCom discussed issues pertaining to DCE sick time, then turned its attention to the June 6, 2019 Early College event to be hosted by MassINC at the State House. XCom confirmed its position that the community colleges have not consulted with MCCC, nor have they properly engaged in impact bargaining with MCCC, with regard to early college programs, as required by certain related grants awarded to the colleges.

Committee members reviewed MCCC's 2018-2019 calendar to be presented to the BOD in June for approval, recommending some changes (*see the appendix*). XCom also discussed the possibility of having a committee retreat in the fall.

XCom agreed that MCCC should consider bringing back its Fall Conference. President Wong agreed to look into possible available locations, and VP Freeland agreed to speak with MTA about possible grant funding that might be available for such an event.

The committee broke for lunch from 12:10-12:30 p.m.

President Wong reported that 22 out of a possible 48 elected MCCC delegates attended the MTA Annual Meeting, and that only five reported in advance that they would not be attending. *Note: MCCC is allowed up to 96 delegates.*

XCom discussed the advocacy of MCCC MTA Annual Meeting delegates, along with other locals, with regard to MTA member services. *Note: On the first day of the MTA Annual Meeting (Friday, May 3), delegates added to the agenda a discussion item*

pertaining to dwindling MTA services to locals. MCCC delegates spoke before the assembly to advocate for improved services for MCCC members. On the second day of the meeting (Saturday, May 4), delegates passed a motion directing MTA to conduct a thorough assessment of the needs of locals, in consultation with local presidents, to be completed by September 2019.)

XCom agreed that President Wong should consult with Chapter Presidents to compile a full list of MCCC's needs when it participates in this assessment. Secretary Putnam requested confirmation of the names of the other MTA locals who are most concerned with MTA services, so that MCCC could reach out to them during the assessment period, as these locals share an interest in ensuring that the assessment does in fact proceed in a satisfactory manner

XCom discussed an upcoming Professional Staff Committee meeting with regard to a proposed agenda item that might be out of order. XCom reaffirmed that MCCC members appointed or elected to leadership or committee positions have a duty of loyalty and care to MCCC under Mass General Laws Chapter 180. XCom thus reaffirmed that appointed and elected leaders or committee members may not use their position to advocate against, or cause harm to, MCCC.

MOTION: President Wong shall contact the convener of the Professional Staff Committee to address the appropriateness of an agenda item (Pratt, PSM) **PASSED**

MWCC Chapter President Candace Shivers updated XCom members with regard to pressing MWCC matters.

XCom discussed issues pertaining to the fact that 12 out of 15 chapters have gone on work-to-rule (*Note: The other three intend to consider the matter*). The committee also discussed a letter sent by BHE Director of Employee and Labor relations Mike Murray claiming that college meetings may not be adjourned by MCCC members and that faculty are required to wear regalia at commencement. LeBlanc updated XCom regarding legal opinion(s) in response to the specifics of Murray's claims.

XCom agreed that its position is that the adjournment of meetings by MCCC members is proper and allowable according to parliamentary procedure.

XCom also discussed the matter that some colleges, but not all, cover the cost of regalia. XCom discussed the possibility of pursuing reimbursement for regalia for MCCC members statewide.

XCom entered executive session at 3:20 p.m. to discuss BrCC matters and also personnel matters. The committee exited executive session at 5:27 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2019

Submitted by DeAnna Putnam, *Secretary*

Appendix

Calendar of Meetings for 2019-20

Description	Day	Date
BOD	Wednesday	June 19, 2019
X-Com	Thursday	August 1, 2019
	Wednesday	August 14, 2019
Summer Conference	Sun-Wed	August 4-7, 2019
BOD	Friday	August 16, 2019
	Wednesday	August 21, 2019
X-Com	Friday	September 6, 2019
HELC	Friday	September 13, 2019
BOD	Friday	September 20, 2019
X-Com	Friday	October 4, 2019
HELC	Friday	October 11, 2019
BOD	Friday	October 18, 2019
X-Com	Friday	November 1, 2019
HELC	Friday	November 8, 2019
BOD	Friday	November 15, 2019
X-Com	Friday	December 6, 2019
HELC	Friday	December 13, 2019
X-Com	Friday	January 3, 2020
HELC	Friday	January 10, 2020
BOD	Friday	January 17, 2020
X-Com	Friday	February 7, 2020
HELC	Friday	February 14, 2020
BOD	Friday	February 21, 2020
X-Com	Friday	March 6, 2020
HELC	Friday	March 13, 2020
BOD	Friday	March 20, 2020
X-Com	Friday	April 3, 2020
HELC	Friday	April 10, 2020
BOD	Friday	April 17, 2020
Delegate Assembly	Saturday	April 25, 2020
MTA Annual Meeting	Fri-Sat	May 1-2, 2020
X-Com	Wednesday	May 13, 2020
	Friday	May 15, 2019
X-Com	Wednesday	June 10, 2020
HELC	Friday	June 12, 2020
BOD	Wednesday	June 17, 2020