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Minutes of the MCCC Executive Committee Meeting
27 Mechanic St, Worcester, MA
Friday, March 6, 2020

Approved on April 3, 2020

Present: President Margaret Wong, Vice President Rosemarie Freeland, Treasurer Gail Guarino, Secretary DeAnna Putnam, Members-At-Large Linda Grochowalski, and Ellen Pratt

Absent: Claudine Barnes

Guests: MCCC Communications Coordinator Don Williams, MCCC DCE Grievance Coordinator Joe Rizzo, NEA Director Candace Shivers, MTA Field Representative Bret Seferian, RCC Adjunct Representative Rashid Khalid, RCC DCE Faculty member Jacqueline Payne Thomson, and Earl Thomson (in support of Jacqueline Payne Thomson).

President Wong convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and XCom approved minutes from its February 7, 2020 meeting.

DCE Impact Bargaining Chair addressed the committee regarding his status for the Fall 2020 semester.

NEA Organizer Justin Tsaulvos introduced himself and presented his understanding of his assignment with MCCC, having been invited by MTA to work with adjunct faculty at BHCC and RCC.

President Wong directed Tsaulvos to follow-up with Membership Team Co-Chairs Rosemarie Freeland and Gail Guarino.

XCom entered into executive session to discuss a RCC grievance matter at 11:45 p.m., exiting at 1:30 p.m.

COVID-19

The committee discussed proposed contingency plans that colleges were drafting and/or announcing related to COVID-19. XCom agreed that the matter would need to be subject to statewide impact bargaining. *Note: MTA Field Rep Bret Seferian later informed XCom that the four-year state colleges already had reached out to MSCA to impact bargain contingency plans.*

GENERAL UPDATES

Bret Seferian requested feedback from XCom regarding a handout he is interested providing at a March 27 meeting for adjunct faculty at MiCC.

XCom confirmed that Members-At-Large Ellen Pratt and Linda Grochowalski would serve on the Delegate Assembly Credentials Committee.

VP Freeland reported on Higher Ed Advocacy Day at the State House on March 2.

EARLY COLLEGE

XCom reviewed draft language developed by Treasurer Guarino and Member-At-Large Claudine Barnes regarding a formal position to be taken by MCCC regarding Early College. Committee members agreed to follow up with suggestions in advance of the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for March 20.

Member-At-Large reported on a meeting with MWCC President James Vender Hooven, the result of which being Vander Hooven's willingness to discuss a joint information request regarding early college programs to be discussed at Joint Study.

OER

Member-At-Large Pratt also reported on the OER Statewide Advisory Council for BHE, in particular the lack of consideration regarding input from the unions.

STUDENT TRUSTEE LEGISLATION

XCom reviewed proposed legislation that would allow part-time college students to be eligible to serve as student trustees.

MOTION: Executive Committee recommends endorsing to SAC legislative amendment language relating to student trustees, as submitted by Claudine Barnes (Freeland) **PASSED**

MTA BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

President Wong reported on the MTA Blueprint Committee's survey of MTA staff, which indicates that MTA staff morale is low and that organizing assignments has significantly increased their workload to the point where they feel they are significantly understaffed.

Wong informed XCom that the Blueprint Committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding these staffing issues.

LMS COMMITTEE

LMS Committee Chair Gail Guarino reported on that committee, in particular regarding communication glitches at the colleges whereby many members are unaware that volunteers have been solicited to help with LMS assessment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (MULTIPLE MATTERS)

XCom entered into executive session at 3:55 p.m. to discuss award nominations, PCA Bargaining, and DCE Impact Bargaining.

XCom exited executive session at 5:11 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

The Committee will meet next on Friday, April 2, 2020.

Submitted by DeAnna Putnam, *Secretary*