

Massachusetts Community College Council

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Minutes of the MCCC Executive Committee Electronic Meeting via Zoom September 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Present: President Margaret Wong, Vice President Rosemarie Freeland, Treasurer Chip Bradford, Secretary Ellen Pratt, and Members at-Large: Claudine Barnes, Brian Falter, and Candace Shivers, Bret Seferian and Colleen Fitzpatrick (MTA FSO),

Guests: Attorney James Shaw (MTA), Dennis Fitzgerald (Day Grievance Coordinator)

President Wong called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and the Order of Business was adopted as amended. Minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting were approved as amended. (Freeland/Shivers)

Leadership Directory

Secretary Pratt is looking to change the format; the form is out of sync with the information made available by chapter leadership. Suggestions are welcome.

Tuition waivers

Bret Seferian is getting a legal opinion on the MCCC contract language related to tuition remission; some is taken from MSCA language.

Financial reserves for special projects

Treasurer Bradford has organized a meeting for chapter treasurers which will cover the use of the online form to sign up new members. MCCC Office staff have been doing a deep dive into membership and organizing. Glitches encountered were addressed. Bradford shared his concern of the loss of income that the MCCC is experiencing.

Bret Seferian was asked if MTA was proving new members materials as they have in the past. The MTA misunderstood the needs of the MCCC. Seferian will find out if materials are available for chapters. There is a need for member materials to be available (and ready to print) on the MCCC website.

Distribution of confidential materials

Vice President Freeland started a discussion focused on the feasibility/availability of a secure way to share confidential materials, specifically confidential grievance files at electronic/virtual statewide grievance meetings. Freeland will confer with DCE Grievance Coordinator, Joe Rizzo, regarding reasonable expectations of confidentiality in a virtual setting.

The Executive Committee entered executive session at 12:34 p.m.

The Executive Committee returned from executive session at 4:09 p.m.

From Executive Session: President Wong will email a call for MCCC committee recommendations to Chapter presidents.

There were discussions on the following: MOA enforcement at Chapters; pushing Lisa Gallatin's invitation to the September BOD meeting to October (Although the reorganization plan was approved by the MTA BOD, the plan is not available for distribution.); the higher education funding formula group will continue through the Fall; MCCC will have an opportunity to join in or create a coalition like the UMass coalition.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by Ellen Pratt, MCCC Secretary