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Minutes of the MCCC Board of Directors Electronic Meeting via Zoom April 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. APPROVED 6.16.2021

Present: President Margaret Wong, Vice President Rosemarie Freeland (MTA Board), Treasurer Chip Bradford, and Secretary Ellen Pratt; Members at-Large: Claudine Barnes (CCCC), Brian Falter (NSCC), and Candace Shivers (MWCC/NEA); Part-time At-Large: Laura Schlegel; Directors: Liz Recko-Morrison (BeCC), Shelly Murphy (BrCC), DeAnna Putnam (BHCC), Trevor Kearns (GCC), Trudy Tynan (HCC), Linda Giampa (NECC), Cathy Boudreau (MaCC), Jill Silos (MBCC), Joe Nardoni (MiCC/MTA), Sue McPherson (QCC), Tom Smith (STCC), and Ben Anilus (RCC).
Guests: Don Williams (Communications Coordinator); MTA: Bret Seferian, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Tyler Rocco-Chaffee, Eric Nakajima, Suzanne Wall; Lisa Connelly Cook (QCC), Edward Eaton (MBCC), Linda Giampa (NECC), Mark Linde (MaCC), Mary McEntee (GCC), Michelle Nash (STCC).

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Adoption of the Order of Business as amended without objection.

Approval of the March 19, 2021 minutes as amended. (Nardoni/Boudreau) Passed.

At-Large Part-Time/Adjunct Director Candidate Speeches

President Wong provided an outline of the process for filling the At-Large Part-Time/Adjunct Director seats for 2021-2022.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. Passed.

Returned from Executive Session at 11:04 a.m.

MTA Budget and Legislative Priority: Guest Erik Nakajima - 11:15 Time Certain (50-minute presentation)

Eric Nakajima spoke about budget and legislative priorities of the MTA, providing details on the new version of the Cherish Act, refiling the Adjunct bill of rights, and other bills that address funding collective bargaining agreements, health and safety, and reinstatement of the tuition and fees benefit. Nakajima suggested visiting the legislative action page on the MTA

Campus Roundup

NSCC: Bill Heineman (NECC) was BOT's choice for NSCC President.

MaCC: Selected Ray DePasquale for new president Ray DePasquale (Clinton CC, at STCC, and CCRI).

BHCC: Issues with online evaluations and outsourcing faculty work to consultants using CARES Act money.

STCC: NECHE was extremely critical of faculty and staff use of meetings to talk about concerns with administration and activities on campus.

HCC: Statewide Professional Staff Committee is finalizing recommendations to bargaining committee.

RCC: In-person commencement is schedule for May 14 (voted by students).

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BrCC: Another failed Dean search has some wondering if the College has a reputation.

MiCC: In the final stretch for selecting a new president.

MBCC: DCE seniority lists are inconsistent in calculation of seniority and how they are used (arbitrarily).

MWCC: Disparate application of Day Contract across divisions.

GCC: NECHE report identified 6-7 points of concern.

Reports

President

Delegate Assembly Information (11:04 a.m.)

Scheduled for a 4.24.2021. Drop Box and Google Drive used for DA materials. President Wong reported on the issues with not accessing meeting materials before the time of the DA, the need to pre-register, and using the same in email to register and enter Zoom.

Vice President

Vice President Freeland detailed how members have (and can) contribute at MTA Grassroots Division legislative sessions across the state. Legislators want to hear personal stories, not canned letters.

Treasurer

Treasurer Bradford reminded the BOD that financial reports are included in the meeting materials email send by President Wong. Bradford reported the PPP loan (\$109,000) was forgiven.

FY22 Proposed Budget

Treasurer Bradford stated the Finance Committee is recommending no dues increase in the proposed FY 22 budget which has a \$17,000 deficit.

MOTION: The Board of Directors supports the proposed FY 2022 MCCC operating budget of \$970,166 with a \$0.00 dues increase. This FY 2022 budget represents a FY 2022 MCCC dues rate of \$332 for DAY unit members based on approximately 2,048 DAY unit members and a MCCC dues rate of \$100 for DCE and other part-time unit members, based on approximately 1,792 DCE and other part-time unit members. (Boudreau/Tynan) Passed.

Secretary – Pratt

Secretary Pratt announced the Leadership Directory will be updated before the end of the month. Leadership Directory is posed in the Members Only portion of the MCCC website.

MTA – Seferian/Fitzpatrick/Rocco-Chaffee

An update/report was provided by the MTA FSO staff (in meeting materials). A situation at BHCC was highlighted: administration hired an outside law firm to run a Title IX hearing.

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MTA Board/HELC – Nardoni/Freeland

A presentation by a group of higher education unions mentioned federal and state grants require institutions to abide by CBA requirements. Joe Nardoni will share information. The UMass Coalition is proposing a 4-4-4% financial package in contract negotiations.

Bylaw amendment proposal

The estimated cost of the proposed bylaw amendment was addressed by Treasurer Bradford: no cost if meeting virtually and about \$1,000/year if meeting in person.

Motion: The BOD supports the Amendment to the Bylaws adding the Social Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. (Recko-Morrison/Pratt) PASSED

Motion to enter Executive Session at 3:03 p.m. Passed.

Exited from Executive Session at 4:53 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Passed.

Submitted by Ellen Pratt, MCCC Secretary