

**MSCA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 30, 2014
Worcester State University**

Present:

Aldrich, Berg, Bullens, Concannon, Cusack, Donohue, Foley, George, Hennessy, Hoagland, O'Donnell, Resnik

Guests:

Sandy Faiman-Silva (Bridgewater), Bob Whalen (MTA)

Approval of the Orders of the Day and the Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the orders of the day. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2014 meeting.

It was moved and seconded to table the minutes of the April 25, 2014 meeting. The motion passed.

MSCA Officers' Reports

President – C.J. O'Donnell

It was moved and seconded to accept the *Proposed MSCA Board Schedule 2014-2015* as distributed. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve reimbursement for lodging (at the dorm rate), mileage, tolls and food for any member who attends the MTA Summer Conference at Williamstown, MA in August 2014, with a cap of \$5,000 for total expenses. The motion passed.

Vice President – Amy Everitt

Not present.

Treasurer – Glenn Pavlicek

Not present.

Secretary – Nancy George

No report.

MSCA Committee Reports:

Day Bargaining – C.J. O'Donnell

It was moved and seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to come out of executive session. The motion passed.

Grievance – Sandra Faiman-Silva

Chair Faiman-Silva provided Board members with a brief Grievance Committee report. Discussion followed.

Chair Faiman-Silva announced her retirement from her full-time faculty position effective May 31, 2014. The board congratulated Chair Faiman-Silva on this news.

MTA Reports:

MTA – Bob Whalen

DGCE bargaining is due to begin this summer. The DGCE bargaining agreement expires on December 31, 2014. Board members noted that without an MTA Consultant for the Day unit Consultant Whalen's workload has increased tremendously. With DGCE bargaining added to this, the level of Consultant Whalen's workload will be extraordinarily large and burdensome.

Health and Welfare Trust – Nancy George

The Health and Welfare Trust met on April 25 and will be meeting again on June 11. The minutes for the April 25 meeting are not yet out and thus, there was nothing new to report.

MTA Board of Directors

The next meeting will be June 21. The director position will be open; President O'Donnell will be running for the position, but encouraged all interested members to put their names in as well. President O'Donnell is currently serving a one-year term left vacant by Ron Colbert who was required to resign as a result of being elected to the MTA Executive Committee.

Chapter President Reports:

Bridgewater:

Not present.

Fitchburg:

President Antonucci announced that he will be retiring in the near future. The presidential search will begin in the fall.

Paul Weizer will be the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The new chapter president is Joe McAloon. Jenn Berg will continue as Vice President/Director.

The university's strategic planning will continue to be worked on over the summer.

Framingham:

No report.

Mass Art:

Director Nancy Cusack will not be serving on the MSCA Board next year.

The campus is going through the strategic planning process. The Board of Trustees has tabled approval of the plan.

Faculty and department chairs may be asked for input into the president's evaluation by the Board of Trustees.

MCLA:

Not present.

Salem:

The library's dedication and naming ceremony was held this past week. The library was named after former State Senator Fred Berry.

The dorm building project continues; the former campus police building was torn down to make room for the building.

The structure that formerly served as storage space for the library's collection (before the new library was built) was torn down to make room for a parking lot. The new parking garage will likely be built on North Campus in a space currently used as parking for faculty/staff/students. There will be additional parking problems during the building of the garage.

The provost will be leaving in June for a presidential position at SUNY Potsdam. The interim provost will be Amie Marks Goodwin. The MSCA has agreed that evaluations will be conducted by College of Human Services Dean Neal DeChillo.

Westfield:

Margot Hennessey will be serving as chapter president next year. The Board thanked Buzz Hoagland for his tireless work on behalf of the MSCA, in particular, during the time period when the Trustees were addressing President Dobelle's spending.

Former president Dobelle's federal lawsuit is still active. A presidential search committee will be formed in the near future.

Approximately 100 students more than expected have accepted admission and sent in deposits. The university does not have the physical space for these incoming students.

The university has refused to hire a chemical hygiene officer. The university may encounter serious issues regarding this decision. Comparisons were made to the problems Fitchburg had, due to their not having a chemical hygiene officer. Discussion followed.

The aviation program is being sued by the FAA for non-compliance.

Jerry Greenfield (of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream) was one of the university's commencement speakers.

Worcester:

The provost is leaving.

A new wellness center is going up. The projected completion date is 2016.

The Worcester Chapter leadership wanted to find out how many campuses have assessment committees. About half of the campuses seem to have assessment committees.

Old Business

Web Page

President O'Donnell stated how pleased he was at the progress on a redesign of the MSCA webpage.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy George
MSCA Secretary