

**MSCA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 2, 2017
Salem State University**

Present: Bullens, Chenault, Colligan, Craghead, Diakite, Donohue, George, Gubbins, Gullen, Hennessy, Krishnamurthy, Mason, O'Donnell, Falcetta, Ramsden, Torda

Guests: Amy Everitt (Salem), Roberta James (MTA)

Approval of the Orders of the Day:

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

The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2017, meeting. The motion passed.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report – C.J. O'Donnell

Committee Appointments:

It was moved and seconded to approve the following committee nominations:

AA/EO/DIV: Virginia Rutter (Framingham)
Gretchen Skogerson (MassArt)
Anton Smith (MMA)
Tanya Mears (Worcester).

The motion passed.

Meeting with BHE:

On May 10th President O'Donnell met with MTA Budget Director Sean Nelson and Senior Budget Analyst Joe Wallerstein to explain the methodology of formulary increases. Nelson has left the BHE for a position in the University of Wisconsin system and Victor NG, who was the point person for computing the formulary increases, is now the Payroll manager at Roxbury Community College. Mike Murray had requested that he meet with them.

House Bill 1434:

On May 31st MTA lobbyist Sean King and President O'Donnell testified before the Joint Committee on Public Service. They testified in favor of House Bill 1434 a bill filed by Rep. O'Day that would require the governor to include the cost of the roll out years of

collective bargaining agreements in the governor's subsequent budgets. This (in theory) would release funds to reduce student fees.

As written, the bill is problematic. MTA has drafted and submitted to Rep. O'Day and the committee revised language that would modify Chapter 29 rather than Chapter 150E of the General Laws.

The MSCA and Rep. O'Day were the only people to testify on the bill in person.

Vice President – Robert Donohue

The MSCA now has a Twitter account. When a news item is posted on the MSCA web page, it will be pushed out to the twitter feed. There are currently 39 twitter followers.

Secretary's Report – Nancy George

Holding the Delegate Assembly on a Friday, immediately following the MSCA Board meeting, attracted more delegates to attend than holding it on the traditional Saturday following the Friday MSCA Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Glenn Pavlicek

Not present. No report submitted.

MSCA Committee Reports:

AA/EO/DIV

The committee has met recently. A report will be sent to the Board over the summer.

Elections

The Board reviewed the materials submitted by the chair of the committee. It was decided, after discussion, to hold off on any additional actions until the September 2017 Board meeting.

Day and DGCE Bargaining

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 – Pendharkar

Not present.

Librarians Committee – Shakalis

Not present.

MTA Reports:

Day – Roberta James

On June 7, 2017, there will be a meeting held at the State House to discuss H639.

Health & Welfare Trust – Nancy George

The meeting will be held next week. No additional information to share with the Board.

Board of Directors – C.J. O'Donnell

The next meeting will be held in June. There will be no overall dues increase from the MTA. The NEA is proposing a \$2 increase in dues.

Chapter President Reports:

Bridgewater

There have been a reorganization within Academic Affairs.

The chapter president has been unsuccessful in obtaining any more than small bits of information on the university's budget. Discussion followed.

The chapter is interested in developing a chapter web page.

Fitchburg

An innovative approach to faculty's involvement with local businesses is being pursued by the university.

A new administrative position is due to be filled without a search.

The chapter is interested in sending out a survey using a SurveyMonkey survey.

Framingham

No report.

MassArt

Chapter President Mason is going on sabbatical this fall.

There are issues involving the choice of the new interim provost.

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.

An effort to resolve old PTR cases failed.

The presidential inauguration will be held October 20.

MCLA

Chapter President Ramsden has returned from sabbatical.

There is a need for diversity training on campus.

The college president has established a travel fund of \$30,000. A committee will be formed to decide on the distribution of these funds.

Former chapter president, Mike Birch, thanked the Board for working with him during his tenure on the Board.

MMA

A request submitted to administration for additional faculty parking has been denied. Parking for students has been added where faculty had formerly parked.

The academic vice president was promoted from captain to commodore.

Salem

The university's board of trustees recently selected the next president of the university. The faculty supported the candidate who was not selected. Discussion followed.

The campus climate survey is still being worked on.

Westfield

There is a new college structure on campus, which makes sense to the faculty. Faculty are not pleased with the process which was used to create this new college structure.

Graduation was interesting.

The new provost will be beginning on July 1. He has asked for a transition team, which includes the search committee that selected him.

Worcester

There will be a new person in the position of Associate Vice of Academic Affairs.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy George
MSCA Secretary