



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The meeting of the Montgomery County Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rotelle Family Board Room, Central Campus, Blue Bell.

Board of Trustees

Present: Frank Custer, Chairperson; Lisa Binder, Vice Chairperson; Marcel Groen, Treasurer; Margot Clark, Secretary; Theresa Reilly, Assistant Secretary; Eleanor Dezzi, Varsovia Fernandez, Anisha Robinson Keeyes, Sean Kilkenny, Dave Kraybill, Napoleon Nelson and Rick Taylor

Absent: Raj Guttha, and Ellen Toplin

Also Present:

Dr. Victoria Bastecki-Perez, Interim President and Provost; Marc Davis, Solicitor; Philip Needles, Vice President of Student Services; Dr. Celeste Schwartz, Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Digital Officer; Charles Somers, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Dr. Gloria Oikelome, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Health Sciences; Therol Dix, Vice President of the West Campus; Diane O'Connor, Executive Director of Human Resources; Tim Connelly, English Assistant Professor, Faculty Union Representative; Connie Speier, Administrative Assistant for Social Sciences and Support Staff Union Representative; Diane VanDyke, Director of Strategic Communications; Michael Bettinger, Director of Government and External Relations; Dr. David Kowalski, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Innovation; Dr. Jenna Klaus, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Gaetan Giannini, Dean of Business and Entrepreneurial Initiatives and Interim Dean of Arts and Humanities; Holly Ann Clayton, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications; Eric Karol, Manager Media Services; Aly Murray, Executive Director of UPchieve; Stacey Rosenfeld, Principal Engineer, Phrase Health; Candy Basile, Support Secretary; Deborah Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees

Call to Order

Chair Custer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Aly Murray, Executive Director of UPchieve and Stacey Rosenfeld, Principal Engineer from Phrase Health lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim President Bastecki-Perez provided the Board of Trustees with a brief background on the Karen A. Stout (KAS) Accelerator Award and how it was funded. Dean Giannini who oversees the KAS Accelerator Awards, congratulated Aly and Stacey for being this year's winners. Upchieve will be using their \$20,000 grant to work with select Montgomery County School Districts to bring free online tutoring to socio-economically disadvantaged students who need additional academic support. Phrase Health's \$5000 grant will be used for further developing their products and services which assist healthcare providers use their data more effectively in order to better serve their patients. The Business and Entrepreneurial Initiatives division is proud to work with growing companies that will contribute to the wellbeing of the county and society at large. The funding for this program was funded by MCEDC.

Vice President Needles also congratulated the award winners.

Introduction of Guests

There were no new guests to be introduced.

Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Binder motioned to approve Consent Agenda action item **A**. Trustee Fernandez seconded the motion. Chair Custer asked if anyone had any questions or concerns for the Consent Agenda Information items **B** through **F**. There were no comments or concerns. The Board unanimously approved action item **A** and Information items **B** through **F** as presented for the month of February, 2020.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of the January 27, 2020 Minutes

Information Items:

- B. Executive Summary, Year to Date December 31, 2019
- C. Budget Variance Report, Year to Date December 31, 2019
- D. Treasurer's Report, Year to Date December 31, 2019
- E. Wilmington Trust: Fiscal Year 2019-20 - Six-Month Investment Review and Outlook
- F. Investment of 2015 Bond Proceeds as of December 31, 2019

Interim President's Report

a. Interim President's Report:

<https://www.mc3.edu/html-email/2020/int/report/02/24.html>

Interim President Bastecki-Perez, provided an overview of the February Interim President's Report. This month's focus was on the College's most recent accolades. She highlighted the Bellwether award the College received for being a top 10 finalist in the Planning, Governance & Finance category for its "Anytime, Anywhere: An Equitable, Scalable & Impactful Approach to Academic Support". The "Anytime, Anywhere" initiative is in support of the College's 24/7 online tutoring.

Dr. Bastecki-Perez noted that Achieving the Dream (ATD) has named Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) as a *2019 Leader College of Distinction* for its work in improving student outcomes and closing equity gaps. MCCC is one of only 11 community colleges in the country to receive this inaugural designation. She also mentioned the *Equity in Design for Holistic Student Supports* brochure that was just printed by Achieving the Dream. The Brochure features several of the College's Gateway to College students along with quotes from Gateway to College staff.

Dr. Bastecki-Perez also noted that she attended the 2020 Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. where she advocated for MCCC, our students, and our communities. While there, she had the opportunity to meet Bill Nye, The Science Guy.

The College also hosted Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Loerrach, Germany, which was spearheaded by Representative Steve Malagari.

Dr. Bastecki-Perez along with Vice President Dix welcomed Representative Joseph Ciresi to the West Campus in Pottstown to share the College's vision for the proposed Challenger Center and Pottstown Possibilities projects.

Additional highlights in the President's Report included:

1. The men's basketball team is the #2 seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).
2. Basketball Coach Nyere Miller was named Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference's (EPAC) Coach of the Year.
3. The College's Baking and Pastry Arts students prepared General Washington's birthday cake, along with 500 cupcakes for the annual Presidents' Day celebration at Valley Forge.
4. A Fitness Center pilot began at the West Campus.
5. Montco Monty helped to spread some Valentine's Day cheer with his special Monty-grams and t-shirts.
6. Weeks of Welcome (WOW) wrapped up with Academic Affairs Meet & Greet, Student Club Fair, Employer Days and mini massages.
7. MCCC's Black Student Union celebrated Black History Month with the Pan African Festival at the Blue Bell Campus.
8. In the month of January, MCCC had 32 hits and 14 media outlets for a total reach of 4,366,900.

This was an information item only and required no action by the Board of Trustees.

Institutional Risk Committee

Chair Custer reported out for the Committee.

a. Capital Application for 2020-2021:

The College is in the process of preparing the 2020-2021 capital applications for State assistance. The State capital funding pool supports current short-term and long-term debt service projects, capital leases, short-term emergency, and cash outlay projects approved by the Commonwealth. All projects are evaluated based on scope, appropriateness, quality and need within the community college. Projects are submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on or before March 16, 2020. PDE applies its point criteria system and submits a list of projects to the Council of Presidents for review. The Council responds with comments to PDE, who then make the final funding decisions after the enactment of the Commonwealth's General Budget Fund.

For the carryover project, the College proposes the Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) relocation project at the amount of \$7,983,917. And for our second capital project application HVAC system replacements on College Hall, Fine Arts Center, Children's Center, lower level Science Center and the Pottstown Campus with a total estimated cost of \$5,563,466.

Trustee Kilkenny motioned to approve and execute the proposed resolution authorizing the 2020-2021 capital applications to be submitted for State assistance. Trustee Clark seconded and the Board unanimously approved. Chair Custer and Trustee Clark signed the Board Resolution to be sent with the application.

Chair's Report

Chair Custer reported out that the Board Committees, Chairs and members, are reappointed in February. Since the Committees were newly re-organized this past year, he had no changes with the Committees. He asked the Board members if anyone wanted to move to a different Committee to contact him.

He also noted that the men's basketball playoffs are being held on February 25, and asked that those who may be interested, attend in support of the College's men's basketball team. He also mentioned that Board of Trustees Scholarly Series has begun, and if anyone is interested in participating to let Deb Rogers know.

On a final note, Chair Custer recognized Trustee Kilkenny as he is being honored at a Villanova basketball game on February 29, at the Wells Fargo Center for his military and civic. Kudos Trustee Kilkenny!

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Upon motion, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Rotelle Family Board Room at the East House, Central Campus, Blue Bell.

Margot Clark
Secretary