



1000 College Drive
Clifton Forge, VA 24422

Minutes Number 287

The Mountain Gateway Community College Local Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023.

The following members participated:

David Crosier	City of Covington
Cheryl Hickman	City of Buena Vista
Sue Hirsh	Bath County
Marylin Alexander	City of Lexington
Tammy Scruggs-Duncan	City of Covington
Ingrid Barber	Alleghany County

The following members were absent:

Steve Vaughn	Botetourt County
Tony McFaddin, Jr.	Rockbridge County
Bill Hartsfield	Alleghany County

Members of the College administration/staff in attendance:

Angie Graham	VP, Financial & Administrative Services
Suzanne Ostling	Director of Student Services
Dr. Benjamin Worth	Vice President of Academic Affairs
Amy Phillips	Director of the MGCC Educational Foundation
Dr. Matthew McGraw	Associate VP of Institutional Effectiveness & Academic Services
Dr. John Rainone	President
Xavier Storey	Recording Clerk, Executive Assistant to the President

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order** – Dr. Rainone called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. because the new Board Chair, Ms. Tammy Scruggs-Duncan, had not yet arrived. Dr. Rainone introduced Buena Vista's newly appointed Board member, Ms. Cheryl Hickman, and announced the retirement of Mr. Rusty Ford from the Board.

- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Rainone solicited a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Mr. Crosier made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Barber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

- 4. Presentation** – Dr. Matthew McGraw provided a presentation on his recent trip to Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar. He was honored to represent community colleges as he discussed his experiences with US higher education. Dr. McGraw's Fulbright is generally unique for community college administrators as the program tends to attract full-time faculty from 4-year colleges and universities.

5. President's Report-

- a. College Updates-** Dr. Rainone opened the floor to allow members of the Executive Team to address the board directly to give them updates on their respective areas.

- i. *Finance & Administration-* Ms. Graham updated the Local Board on the status of the occupancy of MGCC's cafeteria; she will be conducting three interviews for potential vendors to occupy the space. She explained MGCC's current maintenance projects include: the replacement of the Scott Hall roof, a new fire installation system, and the new HVAC system in the Convocation Center. She reviewed the upcoming Tabletop Exercise which focuses on reunification in the instance of a campus evacuation. She will be attending the Allegheny Highlands Public School's exercise as an observer and reviewer. There was no budget news given that the state budget has yet to be approved.
- ii. *Institutional Effectiveness* - Dr. Matt McGraw provided updates on the college's SACSCOC Decennial accreditation report and visit. A team of individuals will be on campus October 22-26 to evaluate areas of the college. He reviewed a Study Abroad Partnership that Dr. Rainone approved to offer to faculty and staff for the Fall of 2024. Dr. McGraw also reviewed a new change in the law regarding Threat Assessment and that each college board will be required to establish a threat assessment team. More information will be forthcoming.
- iii. *Workforce Solutions/Continuing Education-* Dr. Rainone gave the workforce update as Mr. Gary Keener was not present. He noted that Gary Keener will retire on June 30, 2023 and a national search for his replacement is currently underway. He explained that enrollment from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023 in the workforce saw a

slight decrease but enrollment in workforce programs still remain up over ten percent from last year.

- iv. *Academic Affairs* – Dr. Worth updated the Local Board on the status of the G3 Innovation Grant and HyFlex Instruction for Information Technology, Nursing, Electrical & Instrumentation, Welding, and Criminal Justice. He explained that HyFlex Instruction involves preparing faculty through training and providing them with the proper equipment for the purpose of adequately accommodating face-to-face, Zoom, and asynchronous instruction. He shared that the Medical Lab program partnership with Virginia Western CC and LewisGale Hospital Alleghany is progressing well. Students will enroll in general education courses in Fall 2023 with the technical courses beginning in Fall 2024. Final drafts are being developed for MGCC's Lab School application. The focus will be on IT topics such as cloud computing and cybersecurity. Finally, Dr. Worth shared plans to physically move some programs to better serve lab space and enrollments.
- v. *Student Services*- Ms. Ostling explained her excitement for the first in-person New Student Orientation since the pandemic. The plan, *Roadrunner Steps to Student Success*, will take place on August 17 with many activities. The 2023-24 Student Activities Budget was presented for approval.

Ms. Barber made the following motion:

**TO APPROVE THE FY24 STUDENT ACTIVITIES
BUDGET**

Ms. Hirsh seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Ms. Ostling also discussed the great effectiveness of Student Activities field trips and MGCC's International Day.

- vi. *Institutional Advancement/Educational Foundation*- Ms. Phillips gave an update on the activities of the Educational Foundation. At the most recent Educational Foundation board meeting, they made the resolution to create a strategic plan, which will be completed by the Fall of 2023. She explained that the Foundation will award a significant number of scholarships to both current and new MGCC students. She also described the happenings of 2023 Alleghany Give Day, where new Development Officer Bruce Loving, led the event and helped the Foundation place second in fundraising amount with \$40,000. The Foundation also received a \$5,000 donation from Lumos Fiber for the new Esports program. She also

shared the focus of the Foundation currently is fundraising for athletics, and planning for the 2023 Bubbles, Bands, and Brunch event on October 8.

- vii. *Human Resources*- Dr. Rainone gave a human resource update regarding the College's Personnel Report, specifically focused on the search for MGCC's next Associate VP/Chief Workforce Officer.
- viii. *Real Estate Foundation Update*- Dr. Rainone updated the Local Board of the status of the two buildings owned by MGCC in Buena Vista, specifically regarding the status of the fundraising. MGCC has currently raised \$4.854 million out of the necessary \$5.3 million. However, there is a clear pathway to raise the rest of the funds by the Fall. The expectation is to begin Phase 1 of the construction in Summer 2023. Classes will begin in the adjacent building this summer. Electrical, plumbing, and HAVC will be offered.
- ix. *Legislative Update*- Dr. Rainone discussed how the VCCS will request in the new Biennium Budget the largest ask in the history of the System, Funds will be used to meet the demands in the healthcare, manufacturing, and transportation fields. The goal is to fill at least 75,000 jobs in Virginia that are best served by a workforce credentials or college degree. Dr. Rainone also asked Board members to be ready this Fall and during the Legislative session in January 2024 to assist with advocacy efforts.
- x. *President's Goals*- Dr. Rainone explained that, given that the VCCS has a very new Chancellor, it was communicated that the presidents will submit their FY24 goals at a later date than usual. However, Dr. Rainone did present the results of last year's President's Goals.
- xi. *Medallion of Merit*- Dr. Rainone presented the revival of the annual Medallion of Merit awards. He noted that no ceremony had taken place in 2021 and 2022. The plan is to recognize all three recipients at a ceremony in the Fall. He will be calling on Board members to serve on the selection committee.
- xii. *Local Funds Budget*- Dr. Rainone reviewed the FY24 Local Funds Budget for board approval.

Ms. Alexander made the following motion:

TO APPROVE MGCC's FY24 Local Funds Budget

Mr. Crosier seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

6. Other Business-

- a.** Dr. Rainone discussed term limits with the board members and said he expects a new Rockbridge County representative to be named by the end of June.
- b.** Dr. Rainone went over some important upcoming dates with the board members.

7. Informational Items

- a. MGCC In the News-** The Board was provided with a digital copy of MGCC *In the News* before the meeting.

8. Adjourn- There being no further business, Ms. Scruggs-Duncan made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Crosier seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried. Ms. Scruggs-Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Ms. Tammy Scruggs-Duncan
Board Chair

Dr. John J Rainone
Secretary to the Board

Attachments: Approved Minutes #286; June 12, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda; MGCC in the News; MGCC Personnel Report; Workforce Handout; Proposed FY24 Student Activities Budget; Proposed FY24 Local Funds Budget; FY23 President's Goals Results; Threat Assessment Law Changes; Medallion of Merit Information; Local Board Term Limit Handout; Study Abroad Information Handout