

FULL BOARD MEETING – Room 107A
October 16, 2024
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Linda Maykel, Raj Rajeshkumar, Satya Mitra, Lori Jones, Lynn Keeley, Liz Pape, Christian Bowlin

OTHERS PRESENT: President Pedraja, VP Steve Marini, VP Kathy Rentsch, VP Michelle Tufau, AVP Deb LaFlash, ED Kevin Lovaincy, Jess Ahrens, Lu Costa-Board Secretary

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mariyam Bhatti, Eric Goodwine

1. Meeting commenced at 8:35am by Chair Linda Maykel and roll call attendance noted.

The Board of Trustees of Quinsigamond Community College, at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, October 16, at the Worcester Senior Center, took the following actions:

- 2. Consent Agenda:** *The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite business by grouping routine agenda items together to be dealt with by one Board motion without discussion. Any member of the Board or staff may ask that any item on the Consent Agenda be removed and placed later on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.*

If any item is not removed from the Consent Agenda, the action on the agenda is approved/accepted by single Board action adopting the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes from the September 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (approve)
2. Trust Fund Reports –FY25 through current period (accept)
3. Informational Personnel Items (accept)
4. President’s Out-of-State Travel (accept)
5. President’s Leave Time (accept)

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda was approved/accepted unanimously as presented.

3. Chair Update

Chair Maykel provided updates for the Trustees.

- Chair Maykel urged the Trustees to consider mentoring a QCC student. She shared stories from her experience and others. For more information and to become a mentor, [click here](#).

4. Standing Committee Reports

A. Audit and Oversight (10/2/24)

1. Budget Presentation

VP Marini went over the Trust Fund budget and explained that spending is under control. They have released 50% of the budget to the cost centers at this time. The budget is being revised based on MassEducate and enrollment. The goal is to return \$500k to reserves at the end of FY25.

2. Bank RFR

VP Marini updated the Board on the recent RFR to take another look at the services and prices/rates available. Santander was a clear frontrunner as the best option for the College offering 5.1% interest.

B. Strategic Planning, Education, and Student Success (10/2/24)

1. Enrollment Update

VP Tufau presented an update on enrollment. Final numbers for the fall semester:

Headcount: 7811

Increase in Credits: 12.9%

FTE: 4291

C. Executive (No Meeting)

5. Student Trustee Report (Christian Bowlin)

- Student Trustee Bowlin expressed how he love QCC and wants to make an impact and help other students to be successful.
- He is a member of PTK and Bonnie suggested he join the Board.
- Trustee Bowlin's major is Applied Math.

6. QCC Foundation Report (Jorgo Gushi, President of the QCC Foundation)

- Mr. Gushi discussed how the position for a Foundation staff member will work. They are collaborating with College personnel and sorting things out for a job description.

6. President's Report

- President Pedraja discussed fundraising and the Foundation efforts. Jorgo Gushi is the new President of the Foundation and has helped with many things at QCC and a lot of knowledge of the College. The Foundation is considering hiring their own staff to assist with the efforts.
- Search is on for Chief Advancement Officer. President Pedraja discussed the search and the timeline. There were 8 applicants.
- October 29 the Foundation is hosting a donor appreciation event.
- ED Kevin Lovaincy has turned in his resignation and will take the job of Chief DEI guy at the City of Worcester. President Pedraja explained that he will be posting the position as soon as possible. He wants to be sure we continue the work on becoming an HSI/MSI institution. He explained what this designation means.
- President Pedraja is putting together a President's Advisory Council with CEOs and other friends of the College in and around the city. This Council will meet once or twice a year to advise him.
- President Pedraja is the Chair of the MACC Council of Presidents. It is more work than he thought. He has been keeping busy meeting with legislators, interceding where necessary, and holding meetings with the university presidents and others.
- MACC is trying to get the fundraising match reinstated with the next budget. The President discussed.
- MACC is working on SUCCESS funding increases. They are meeting with the Governor and legislators about this.
- Next week the President is headed to Seattle for the HERDI conference and the ACCT Leadership Institute. Trustees Mitra and Rajeshkumar are also attending. In February

is the Legislative Summit and the President invited anyone who wants to attend and advocate for the College.

- The President is talking with the other local presidents – MWCC, WSU, and FSU, about reinstating the “Big Four” to discuss how we can collaborate.
- The Presidents expect that we have not felt the whole impact of MassEducate. We may have a good number in the Spring, and Fall will be high enrollment again.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday 11/13 at 8:30am

Strategic Planning, Education & Student Success Committee – Monday, 11/25 at 8:30am

Audit & Oversight Committee – Monday 11/25 at 9:30am

Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday 12/11 at 8:30am

Respectfully submitted,

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