



**Student Success Committee
Board of Trustees
Massachusetts Bay Community College
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 13, 2020
Wellesley Hills Alumni Room**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Pam Lassiter, Chair; Liliana Silva, Mikael Pyrtel, Sandra Lish (via phone) and Rodolpho Sanz (via phone).

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Blumberg, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students; Neil Buckley, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Curtis Cormier, Director of Financial Aid; Michael Discolo, Associate Director of Student Accounts; Courtney Jackson, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Initiatives; Lynne Davis, Dean of Health Sciences; Sue Hamilton, Adjunct Professor of Math; Lynn Hunter, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Chitra Javdekar, Dean of STEM; Elizabeth Kinsman-El Khider, Executive Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & Provost and recording secretary; Nina Keery, Interim Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Robert Lilley, Dean of Automotive Technology; Susan Maggioni, Dean of Business and Professional Studies; Matthew O'Connor, Assistant Dean of STEM; David Podell, President; Richard Williams, Associate Dean for Student Success; and Meredith Watts, Associate Professor of Math.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

After establishing a quorum, Chair Lassiter called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. Trustee Pyrtel's motion, seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the November 19, 2019, minutes was adopted.

DEVELOPMENTAL MATH

Lynn Hunter, Susan Hamilton, Chitra Javdekar, Matthew O'Connor, and Meredith discussed developmental math and what MassBay is offering to help students to get ready for college-level math. Before starting the presentation, President Podell gave an overview of some of the programs being offered, such as the STEM Starter Academy, the AIM program, and our co-requisite model. The co-requisite model allows students to take a developmental math class while taking the college-level math.

Lynn Hunter presented data on the number of students who place into developmental math and complete college-level math within two years. MassBay developed the AIM program to help non-STEM students test into higher levels than they previously placed.

Chitra Javdekar reviewed innovations to help students complete college-level math sooner such as the high school 2.7 GPA waiver, math course pathways based on academic programs, and co-requisite college-level/developmental math classes.

Meredith Watts discussed how MassBay shortened the path to college-level math by lowering the pre-requisite to Introduction to Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning, as students do not need to prepare for calculus. She further discussed how the departments worked on streamlining a math pathway for each major.

Matthew O'Connor reviewed data that shows students are increasingly registering for the co-requisite math courses. He further discussed the completion rate of those students who did register for the co-requisite model courses.

Sue Hamilton discussed how she designed her co-requisite class by considering what skills are needed. Her course is built around project-based learning. One example she discussed was a project she assigned to her class involving examining credit card interest rates.

AFFORDABILITY

Neil Buckley, Curtis Cormier, Michael Discolo, and Lisa Slavin discussed affordability of education at MassBay. Lisa Slavin discussed recent news headlines regarding the cost of attending college and the student debt crisis, noting that the cost to attend has doubled in the last 30 years. She also reviewed the cost to attend MassBay in comparison to the surrounding colleges.

Neil Buckley reviewed the cost to attend MassBay compared to our sister community colleges. He noted that MassBay has been sensitive to increasing fees as the mission of the College is access and affordability.

Mike Discolo discussed how MassBay students are paying to attend. He noted that about 50% of MassBay students receive a form of financial aid. For the 2018-2019 academic year we had 2771 students complete a payment plan with the average amount of the payment plan being \$1500 a semester.

Curtis Cormier reviewed what financial aid options are available to our students. These financial aid options include federal, state, and institutional grants, scholarships, student loans, federal loans, parent loans, unsubsidized loans, and work-study. He discussed the number of students who received each of these options in the 2018-2019 academic year.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- The next meeting on April 14, 2020, will focus on the building update.

ADJOURNMENT

- Trustee Lassiter, motioned, seconded by Trustee Pyrtel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.



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Pam Lassiter
Chair
MassBay Community College



8/5/2020

David Podell
President
MassBay Community College