

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE
Wye Mills, MD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Chesapeake College Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dorchester Administration Building Board Room in Wye Mills, Maryland and via Zoom video conference. Chair Mr. Bob Grace called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Blenda Armistead, Ms. Mary Dennard-Turner, Mr. Bob Grace, Ms. Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mr. Reza Jafari, Mr. Nash McMahan, Mr. Milton Nagel, Mr. Chris Garvey, and Ms. Brenda Shorter. Absent was Mr. Mike Mulligan. Dr. Clifford Coppersmith and Ms. Latellya Stewart were also present.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Chris Garvey, seconded by Mr. Reza Jafari and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following consent agenda items:

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cliff Coppersmith reported Chesapeake is one of five campuses reporting an increase in both headcount and FTE. We are up in headcount by over 5.5%. Our strongest enrollment increase was in dual enrollment with 519 students, which represents over 30% of the students enrolled at the college for the spring semester. This does not represent the impact of the Blueprint Legislative. This will bring additional increase in our dual enrollment students.

From the 2023 Legislative Session:

- 1) Funding for Community College system maintain the full CADE funding at 29%.
- 2) Decentralization of the Promise Scholarship program. Currently have 35-40 student receiving Promise funding. If the bill passes, we could see an increase in the number or students receiving this funding. This could fund part-time students taking at least 6 credit hours a semester.
- 3) Funding of tuition waivers. MACC is seeking \$10M in funding to establish the standard that all future waivers are supported with attached funding from the legislature.

Dr. Coppersmith and Ms. Karen Smith have begun attending the five county budget hearings, starting with Caroline County. The College is asking for a 4% increase for FY2024. We anticipate an across the board 3% increase in compensation for full-time and permanent part-time employees. The budget also

includes several new positions in grant direction and writing, a new welding faculty position, and a public safety assistant director. The all County budget meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6:00 PM in the board room on the Wye Mills Campus.

We recently hosted the visit of two legislatures – Sen. Ben Carden and Sen. Chris Van Hollen. They officially announced the award of \$1.2M to support our Welding and Metal Fabrication program and our new Advanced Manufacturing Program. Local officials attended along with Trustee Leadership to include Mr. Bob Grace and Mr. Reza Jafari, and Foundation Leadership to include Mr. Robby Sheehan and Ms. Linda Friday. The senators and their staff toured the Queen Anne’s Tech and the MTC buildings. Dr. Coppersmith thanked the efforts of Ms. Michelle Hall, Mr. Jason Mullen and Mr. Chris Benefiel for their part to support this huge contribution to the College’s Skilled Trades programs.

At the President’s Group meeting with MACC Dr. Laura Ulrich, an analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, VA, spoke on the completion of a pilot project. They had developed a survey for community colleges, and Chesapeake was pilot participant from Maryland. The project is working with five Mid-Atlantic States. Dr. Ulrich pointed out that the contribution made by our own Mr. Chris Hall, which he provided data, was the best out of any institution in the five state region that were involved in the pilot program.

In athletics, our men’s basketball team continue to play in the consolation round of the National NJCAA Championships in Danville, Illinois. They will play against Florida Gateway Community College. The final game of the consolation round will designate the 7th place National Champion Men’s NJACC Basketball team and will be played on Saturday. We have livestreamed the games in the TPAC all week. The Skipjacks were the 9th seed going into the tournament and rated #12 nationally when we entered the national completion in Illinois. Dr. Coppersmith noted that this is a remarkable achievement. The Women’s Softball and Men’s Baseball teams have begun their seasons with a number of games in the past week. Dr. Coppersmith wished them the best for the Spring 2023 season. The Student Government Association has been extremely productive under the leadership of Ms. Mikaela Seltzer. They have planned a number of activities for the rest of the Spring Semester.

There are lots of events happening on and off campus. Dr. Coppersmith is very grateful for the dedication and engagement of our student, faculty and staff.

On April 19th we will host the all counties meeting. The Trustees are all welcome to attend.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

Ms. Ann Seymour, Vice President of SGA, reported that they are preparing for spring semester. On March 29th SGA will hold another town hall. One of the topic up for discussion is the regional transportation which would provide rides between the Wye Mills Campus and the Cambridge Center during common hours. Ms. Mikaela Seltzer, President of SGA, attended the visit of Sen. Cardin and Sen. Van Hollen. SGA will continuing to sponsor events such as the Union Fest. Ms. Seymour thanked everyone for their continued support the Student Government Association.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

Action Item

Award of Contract - Auxiliary Contract Updates – Sodexo Food Service

The College has been with Sodexo for thirty years and their contract is due to expire in June. No commission due to the college which has been the case for the last two or three years. In answer to a question regarding offering evening services. Ms. Karen Smith stated those evening hours were not profitable to Sodexo, but if things change we could make that change. Also in answer to the question as to if there was a survey done regarding the quality of the food served. Ms. Smith stated no survey has been done but we can try sending out a survey to see what students and staff want.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Blenda Armistead, seconded by Ms. Victoria Jackson-Stanley and carried unanimously, the Board approve the Sodexo contract changes listed above for the FY2024 Food Service operations.

Award of Contract – College Sweep Saving Account Modification (Item will be put on hold)

Budget

The current year's budget is now balanced.

GOVERNANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES

The Governance and Human Resourced committee met and the items discussed at the meeting will be discussed in the closed session.

PROGRAMS, PLANNING AND OUTREACH

No items to report.

COLLEGE REPORTS

Faculty Assembly

Mr. David Timms, Faculty Assembly Chair, reported faculty assembly met recently and they are working on an alternative FEP promotional pathway. The next meeting will be Academic Council, which will be meeting soon.

Staff Assembly (StARs)

Ms. Karen Luceti, the Staff Assembly representative, reported there are openings on StARs for new representatives. Nomination forms will be sent out the beginning of April.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Mr. Bob Grace mentioned the IT training for KnowBe4, trustees are encouraged to take the training. Faculty and staff and taking the training, and it would great for the trustees also.

Mr. Reza Jafari, Mr. Bob Grace and Dr. Cliff Coppersmith met with the ACCT facilitator, Mr. Bradley Ebersol, whom will be facilitating the June board retreat. We'll make plans for him to attend the April

board meeting. A survey will be sent out and he may reach out to each board member for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Milton Nagel, seconded by Mr. Chris Garvey and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

[Redacted Signature]
Latellya Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED: [Redacted Signature] _____ DATE: 4/27/23
Bob Grace, Chair