Present: Bob Pura, Anna Berry, Marie Breheny, Regina Curtis, Mary Ellen Fydenkevez, Leo Hwang, Elaine Lapomardo, Shannon Larange, Karen Phillips, Catherine Seaver, Peter Sennett, and Alyce Stiles

Absent: Tim Braim and Brian Kapitulik

1. Minutes
   The minutes of the March 6, 2018 President’s Staff meeting were approved.

2. Announcements
   Elaine shared next year’s ADN program is fully enrolled (42 accepted students) and an additional 24 students have been wait listed.

   Mary Ellen informed President’s Staff that the STEM Starter Evaluation Team will be visiting campus on March 28th. She also reminded everyone about the STEM Lecture Series taking place this semester, the next lecture is scheduled for March 28th.

   Karen announced the CIO search is in process and finalist interviews will take place around the 2nd or 3rd week of April.

3. Grants
   Regina presented three grants to President’s Staff.

   1. USDA WAMS, (Women and Minorities in STEM fields program) in which GCC is a partner for another lead agency, for a total of $6,000 over 36 months. The purpose of this grant is to support research, education/teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities form rural areas in STEM.

   2. Ready STEM Go, a GCC lead $1,000,000 over 60 months grant from the National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) to support full-time low-income Pell-eligible students who are enrolled in programs and are taking coursework that will lead to an Associate degree and transfer to a Baccalaureate program in one of the following STEM disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Sustainability Science, Food Science, Plant and Soil Science, Science-Math Education, Geology, Mathematics, and Physics.

   3. Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant, GCC lead, for $495,353 to provide upgrades to the Manufacturing and Engineering Science and Engineering Technology credit and non-credit programs and increase instructional capacity, by purchasing new VR
training modules for Welding, Advanced Manufacturing Computer Lab upgrades, electrical controls, materials testing, CNC simulation and 3D printing equipment, interactive progressive programmable robotics, and computer hardware for server and operating systems to train students and adult learners for careers in advanced manufacturing, and renewable energy instrumentation controls.

President’s Staff approved all grant proposals.

4. Other
President’s Staff discussed various student incentive programs designed to support timely degree completion for students, including 5th course free and tuition plateau models. All agreed assessment into anticipated impact needs to be completed, as well as clearly defined goals that include identifying targeted audience and intended outcomes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Shannon Larange