GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 20, 2020 8:00 a.m.
ZOOM

Present: Chair Robert Cohn, Cady Coleman, Chris Donelan, Claire Higgins, Joanne Marqusee, Robyn Provost and Hector Toledo
Absent: Isaac Mass
Others Present: President Yves Salomon-Fernandez, Marie Breheny, Mary Ellen Fydenkevez, Karen Phillips, Jim Connelly

Call to Order
Chair Cohn called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

Minutes
On a motion by Trustee Donelan and seconded by Trustee Marqusee, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the June, 2020 meeting.

President’s Report - Impact of COVID
President Salomon-Fernandez reported the staff, faculty, and leadership team have done a tremendous amount of work over the summer to begin the Fall semester on the right path. Several technology updates and investments have been made to support and strengthen the delivery of remote instruction. She reminded Trustees that while the financial outlook still remains very unclear, the administration has worked diligently to prepare for multiple outcomes. Statewide, revenues remain down and Massachusetts leads the country’s unemployment rate, as a public institution this has many implications for us.

President Salomon-Fernandez introduced Karen Phillips, Chief Financial Officer to review FY21 Budget and the impact of COVID. She also reviewed mitigating strategies to close any anticipated budget shortfalls along with opportunities being explored to increase revenues and reduce expenses. Karen also presented the ten year cash flow report and results of the State’s EY Parthenon study to the Trustees.

President Salomon-Fernandez introduced Mary Ellen Fydenkevez, Chief Academic Officer, to the Trustees. Mary Ellen shared with Trustees, Alyssa Arnell, history faculty, organized a Virtual Valley webinar on virtual instruction for educators in the area. She shared this as one of the many examples not only the college, but community, have pulled together in collaboration during this difficult times. Mary Ellen commended the work of the faculty and staff through this transition. Many challenges have been faced, and faculty and staff have remained persistent and collaborative in problem solving. Health Care programs have been particularly challenging not only locally but statewide. The transition to remote learning has been difficult for many students, staff and faculty are using multiple modalities to communicate and support them. Mary Ellen reported students will only be on campus for hands on experiences, all other instruction will be remote. Faculty have worked hard over the summer to be able to provide instructive and informative experiences remotely.
President Salomon-Fernandez introduced Marie Breheny to give an update on the College’s strategic planning. Marie gave a brief overview of the work that has been completed thus far and the work that is currently being done. Marie shared the major areas for the strategic planning framework include: Equity, Financial Resiliency and Sustainability, Student Success, Program Innovation, Future of Work, and Community Leadership and Connection. She concluded by reviewing the upcoming tasks and work to be completed.

*Adjournment*
Chair Cohn adjourned the meeting at 9:29 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Shannon Larange