GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 8, 2018 8:30 a.m.
President’s Conference Room – C201

Present: Chair Robert Cohn (via conference phone), Cady Coleman, Chris Donelan, Carrie Hale, Clare Higgins, Isaac Mass, Linda Melconian (via conference phone), Amy Moscaritolo, and Liz Sillin

Absent: Martha Barrett

Others Present: President Robert Pura, Shannon Larange, Karen Phillips, and Peter Sennett

Call to Order: The meeting was convened by Chair Cohn at 8:39 a.m.

President’s Report: President Pura and Karen Phillips presented to the Board two capital project requests for the GCC campus to be submitted for consideration to DCAM. They reported DCAM will be awarding $140 million for major capital projects that align with the Commonwealth’s four priorities as part of the bond bill budget. Those priorities being:

- Invest in repairing, renovating, demolishing or replacing current facilities
- Expand and deepen programmatic collaborations
- Align with state and regional labor market information
- Develop flexible program delivery models and use of space

To that extent, DCAM has requested that all 29 higher education institutions submit proposals for funding major capital projects on their campuses. They anticipate these projects will range anywhere from $5M - $20M each. Draft campus proposals will be presented and reviewed by a Peer review committee and final proposals will be reviewed and awarded by DCAM.

The College is putting forth two priority projects in response to this request for major funding:

1. The College is requesting $3.6M to fund a solar canopy walkway project. The project would reconfigure the existing parking areas to provide more efficient and assessable lots. The project requires a substantial investment in infrastructure repairs to the existing pavement, drainage and sidewalks in order to provide an appropriate base to support the solar installation. It would also allow the college to address accessibility standards in areas where they do not meet code. The College is requesting funding for the parking lots and walkways as well as the solar canopy cover but is willing to entertain a power purchasing agreement if DCAM did not fully fund the solar project. The project will also provide an ongoing learning landscape for students enrolled in Renewable Energy/Energy certificate and degree programs.
2. The College is resubmitting its request for $10.6M (includes a 1.4% escalation contingency) to fund a Child Care Center for the GCC campus that would allow the college to partner with a local child care service agency to provide child care services for students, faculty and staff. The facility would also serve as an academic laboratory for students enrolled in the College’s Education Department who are preparing for a career as teachers in Early and K-12 Education.

At this time the College is requesting approval from the GCC Board of Trustees to support these two priorities and to put them forth to DCAM as the College’s response for major project funding proposals.

Motion: On a motion by Trustee Donelan and seconded by Trustee Sillin, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the proposals for capital project funding presented by President Pura and Karen Phillips and to be submitted to DCAM for consideration. Motion carried

Presidential Search: The Board reviewed and discussed the draft version of the GCC Presidential Position Profile. All trustees indicated they were very pleased overall with the profile and only suggested the following minor edits to the following sections:

COLLEGE OVERVIEW
- Paragraph 2 – mention service area – extending north into Southern Vermont and south into Hamden County
- Paragraph 2 – move the last sentence near the beginning of the paragraph so it stands out
- Paragraph 2 – Change sentence regarding transfer to (or something similar): “Students successfully transfer to prestigious institutions throughout New England and beyond, and the College is proud to continue to transfer more women to Smith College than any other community college in the nation.”

THE REGION
- Mention the CT River Valley
- Put Green River Festival First
- Add “produce” to list of Franklin County Fair features

KEY INDICATORS
- Add Veterans to Student Diversity Statistics: 2%

STUDENT SUPPORT
- Break up Student Support section into multiple paragraphs

Adjournment
On a motion by Trustee Donelan and seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Submitted by, Shannon Larange

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