

Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Quincy College Board of Governors was held on **Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** in the 7th Floor Conference Center at Quincy College, and by Zoom as allowed by the State of MA Emergency Open Meeting law due to the COVID 19 crisis. The member roll was called. The following members of the Board were present at the call of the member roll: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Chairman of the Board; Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton; Mr. Christopher Carroll; Ms. Dolly Di Pesa; Mr. Gregory Hanley; Mr. Robert Harnais; Mr. Frank Santoro and Mr. Joseph Shea. With eight members being present, there was a quorum.

Also present: President Richard DeCristofaro
Chief of Staff Jessica Cherry
VP Martin Ahern
VP Kate Lopci
AVP Meghan Cassidy
Clerk of the Board of Governors Meaghan Sheehan.

The pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for one's own intentions were completed at the direction of Chairman Barbadoro.

Chairman Barbadoro asked if anyone had requested, or if anyone in attendance would like to speak to the board as part of the open forum agenda item. There were no requests.

Chairman Barbadoro asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 7, 2022. Mr. Shea made a motion to accept, and Mr. Harnais seconded the motion. The following members of the Board of Governors voted in the affirmative: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Dolly Di Pesa, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro and Mr. Joseph Shea. Eight members voting in the affirmative and the motion was adopted.

Chairman Barbadoro gave his report.

- Chairman Barbadoro thanked everyone for working so hard on the budget process and union negotiations (committee updates follow).
- The final meeting of fiscal year will August 4, 2022. The first meeting of the new year will be in September. Governor Shea will work to replace members whose term is ending in August.

President DeCristofaro gave his report.

- Quincy College staff has been prioritizing internal and external College communication and have made great progress. Packet includes recent copy of newsletter and supplement, "Academic Edge", which highlight academic updates on regular basis.
- State Street Foundation will increase award to 528k for year two (press release included in packet). Many thanks to Meghan Cassidy for her role in making this happen and for her work with our partner, Quincy Public School. The early decision gives QC the full summer to recruit students.
- QC is excited about strong partnership with Eastern Nazarene College (ENC), who is providing dormitory use for QC nursing students. This will be an added incentive for potential students.

- Over 100 faculty and staff participated in a training on diversity and inclusion through VISIONS. Next step will be to conduct a survey and decide whether to bring the group back in the fall. Many thanks to Jessica for helping to organize the training.
- Governor Hanley gave report from Finance and Facilities Committee.
- Many thanks to Martin Ahern and Jessica Cherry for their work.
- QC has set a proactive agenda to account for declining enrollment and all departments of the college are engaged. The Team has developed strategic community partnerships, especially through Workforce Development (WFD) initiatives. The new partnership with Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) in particular, is expected to create new pool of students.
- The President and Leadership Team continue to prioritize revenue generation. QC leaders used the one-time, Covid relief funds judiciously and this has helped alleviate financial burden and keep doors open for students. This year, QC will rely less on Covid monies.
- The philosophy around increasing Full Time Enrollment continues to be centered around the student and all aspects of his/her situation, and then a financial decision is made. In particular, the new Baccalaureate will further increase enrollment numbers.
- While QC experienced a shortfall this year, the gap could have been much worse. The Administration developed new ways to prioritize enrollment and the worst of times are in the past.
- Several Board members praised and thanked the President and his administration for a job well done. Chairman Barbadoro thanked Governor Hanley for chairing the Committee.

Governor Hanley moved to approve the Budget FY 2023, and to approve the Union Contract, and Mr. Harnais seconded the motion. The following members of the Board of Governors voted in the affirmative: Mr. Paul Barbadoro, Ms. Eileen Bevivino-Lawton, Mr. Christopher Carroll, Ms. Katherine Craven, Ms. Dolly Di Pesa, Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mr. Gregory Hanley, Mr. Robert Harnais, Mr. Frank Santoro and Mr. Joseph Shea. Ten members voting in the affirmative and the motion was adopted.

Old Business:

Appointing Council

- Governor Shea's final involvement on the Quincy College Board will be to serve on 2022 Appointing Council. Chairman Barbadoro noted that there is a mandatory meeting in September asked Governor Shea to advise the Board if a special meeting needs to be scheduled.
- Chairman Barbadoro sent out letters to appointing authority. There is incredible leadership from the Quincy School Committee and the City Council has said they would appoint two members. The remaining group is re-appointed.
- Judge Harnais has reviewed the legislation. Changes take a long time to make official, and a system was put into place due to Covid that works. Recommendation to make any changes next year. One specific change might be to add mandatory meeting requirement as other community colleges implement. Chairman Barbadoro will continue to touch base with Judge Harnais regarding rules.
- Thanks to Meaghan, QC Appointing Council is extremely organized this year. Everyone is doing their part and there is no expected delay due to Covid as was the case last year. Information has gone into the newspapers and there are eight interested applicants, and they will be encouraged to apply right away. There are at least three vacancies. Plymouth County and alumni members are covered and there are two previous Board members who will be invited to re-apply. Everyone will be contacted over the summer. The goal is to have the Council fully appointed by September. This is a tight timeframe, but Board is confident the goal will be met. QC President's office commits to bringing names before Board in the month of August.

New Business

- None

Mr. Hanley motioned to adjourn meeting; Governor Shea seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.