

Student Success Committee Board of Trustees Massachusetts Bay Community College 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Wellesley Hills Alumni Room

Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Pam Lassiter, Chair; Sandra Lish, Tom Peisch, Mikael Pyrtel, Diane Schmalensee, and Liliana Silva

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Blumberg, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students; Courtney Jackson, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Initiatives; Lynne Davis, Dean of Health Sciences; Lynn Hunter, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Chitra Javdekar, Dean of STEM; Elizabeth Kinsman-El Khider, Executive Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & Provost and recording secretary; Nina Keery, Interim Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Susan Maggioni, Dean of Business and Professional Studies; David Podell, President; and Richard Williams, Associate Dean for Student Success

## CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

After establishing a quorum, Chair Lassiter called the meeting to order at 8:03 am. Trustee Lish's motion, seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the September 17, 2019, minutes was adopted.

## MEASURING STUDENT SUCCESS

Richard Williams, Associate Dean for Student Success, presented on Measuring Student Success. He began by discussing the definition of Student Success and how we ideally would measure it according to the student's goals. Richard also discussed the challenges we face with measuring student success and the flaws in many of the traditional metrics of college success, such as completion and retention rates. For example, students who transfer before earning an associate degree are often considered unsuccessful using the traditional measures, as are students who plan on only taking one or two classes for employment purposes.

Richard noted that new metrics, both short-term and long term, are now being utilized to evaluate community college success. These includes such measures as successful completion of college level English or math, and counting transfer to another institution as a successful outcome.

Richard then presented some MassBay institutional data on college level math and English completion, as well as fall-to-spring retention.

## **MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

The next meeting on February 13, 2019, will focus on Developmental Education and Affordability.

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lassiter, motioned, seconded by Trustee Pyrtel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.

Patricia Mlassitez

Phell

5/31/20\_\_\_\_

Date

\_8/5/2020\_\_\_\_

Pam Lassiter Chair MassBay Community College David Podell Date President MassBay Community College