

**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes of April 27, 2021

The 396th meeting of the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, remotely with Chair Robert W. Gilbert, Jr. presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Robert W. Gilbert, Jr., Chair Charles Epstein Trustee Gi Ted Hebert Yolanda Johnson Suzanne Parker Ivonne Vidal Eleanor Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT	Lucy Perez Evan Plotkin
ALSO PRESENT	Pesha Black, Beth Breton, Michele Cabral, Kris Ricker Choleva, Julissa Colon, Karen Desjeans, Mary Dixey, Amy Dopp, Clara Elliott, Derek Estrella, Rosemary Fiedler, Curt Foster, Raul Gutiérrez, Jeffrey Hayden, Anne Herron, Kim Hicks, Walter Kerce, Olivia Kynard, Lauren LeClair, Jane Lerner, Arvard Lingham, Lea Occhialini, Michelle Robak, JoAnne Rome, Christina Royal, Narayan Sampath, Shannon Sarkisian, Amanda Sbriscia, Laurel Schlegel, Adrienne Smith, Idelia Smith, Linda Szalankiewicz, Renee Tastad, Trudy Tynan, Lori Wayson, and Chris Yurko
CALL TO ORDER	At 8:02 am, the meeting was officially called to order by Chair Gilbert. Roll Call Attendance: Charles Epstein Yes Trustee Gi Yes Ted Hebert Yes Suzanne Parker Yes Ivonne Vidal Yes Eleanor Williams Yes Chair Gilbert Yes
CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	Chair Gilbert asked if any consent agenda items needed to be moved to the regular agenda. Chair Gilbert called for a vote of the Consent Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of Minutes for Board of Trustee Meeting of March 23, 2021 • Report of Personnel Actions dated April 27, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the personnel actions listed the Non-Unit Professional and Faculty. • To approve the recommendations for tenure as presented. • To empower the President of the College to approve all

	<p>personnel actions prior to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide annual authorization to Narayan Sampath, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Curt Foster, Comptroller, to sign legal documents on behalf of the College. • Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Audit and Finance • By-Laws and Governance • Equity • Nominating • Presidential Evaluation • Strategic Planning <p>A motion was made by Trustee Parker and seconded by Trustee Vidal to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Charles Epstein</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Trustee Gi</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ted Hebert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Suzanne Parker</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ivonne Vidal</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Eleanor Williams</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Chair Gilbert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table>	Charles Epstein	Yes	Trustee Gi	Yes	Ted Hebert	Yes	Suzanne Parker	Yes	Ivonne Vidal	Yes	Eleanor Williams	Yes	Chair Gilbert	Yes		
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<p>AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>Vice President Sampath provided an overview of the Second Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenses.</p> <p>A motion was made by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Parker to approve the Second Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenses</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Charles Epstein</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Trustee Gi</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ted Hebert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Yolanda Johnson</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Suzanne Parker</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ivonne Vidal</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Eleanor Williams</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Chair Gilbert</td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table> <p>Vice President Sampath reported that after consulting a number of stakeholders across campus, including the Student Senate and the Budget Advisory Committee, the College requests a motion to keep tuition and fees, as is, and not increase them for the next academic year, starting July 1, 2021.</p> <p>A motion was made by Trustee Vidal and seconded by Trustee Epstein to approve the revisions to the Student Fee Schedule for FY 2022 as presented.</p>	Charles Epstein	Yes	Trustee Gi	Yes	Ted Hebert	Yes	Yolanda Johnson	Yes	Suzanne Parker	Yes	Ivonne Vidal	Yes	Eleanor Williams	Yes	Chair Gilbert	Yes
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<p>CHAIR'S REMARKS</p>	<p>Chair Gilbert shared highlights since the last Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along with Dr. Christina Royal, interviewed a potential new trustee on April 1st. The Board has an opening due to Trustee Delgado leaving the Board at the end of February. • Attended a joint meeting of the BOT Equity Committee and Student Senate Equity Committee on April 22nd. Trustee Gi will be provide an update shortly. • Reminded trustees if interested in the positions of Secretary or Vice Chair to contact the Nominating Committee. Elections will happen at the Annual Meeting in June. • Regarding the Demand for Change letter received from the MCCC Union President, Laura Schlegel, Chair Gilbert sent a response and is now awaiting a response. • Meeting monthly with Board Chairs of the 15 Community Colleges to provide input to the Board of Higher Education. <p>Trustee Gi shared an update on the progress of the student government over this semester. The Student Senate was honored to have the Board's Equity Committee attend to hear ideas and to use the opportunity to share the student vision of equity and provide a summary of the projects.</p>
<p>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>Vice President Anne Herron introduced a new employee, Jane Lerner, who is our Title III Activity Director, and will oversee this five-year multifaceted grant</p> <p>President Royal announced that an offer has been extended to Dr. Sharale Mathis for the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and she has accepted. She will begin on July 1, 2021.</p> <p>Vice President Amanda Sbriscia provided an update on the one-day Challenge Day of Giving. We are raising funds for scholarships for the Presidents Student Emergency Fund, and for our Thrive Center and Food Pantry. The goal is focused on the number of donors and we are hoping for 150 donors. Chair Gilbert and as launched a challenge to match every trustee gift dollar for dollar up to \$25,000.</p> <p>President Royal discussed the Massachusetts Community College President's statement regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and encouraging everyone to receive the vaccine. The Presidents' will continue to monitor the landscape.</p>

Celebrating Academic Achievements – presented by Dr. Kim Hicks, Dean of Arts and Humanities

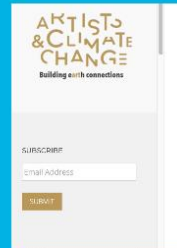
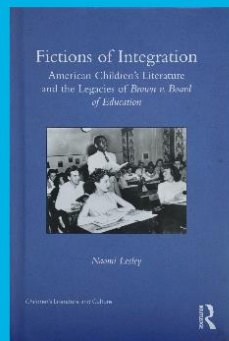
Arts and Humanities

- Visual Art
- Communication, Media, and Theater Arts
- Deaf Studies
- English
- Academic English as a Second Language
- Language and Latinx Studies
- Music

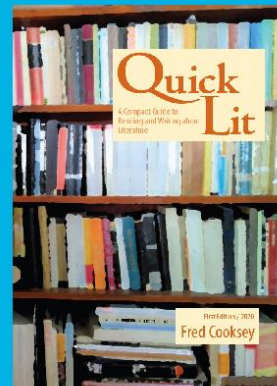
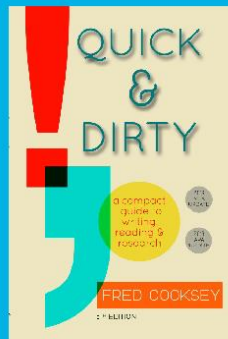
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DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty Creativity: Naomi Lesley, Elizabeth Trobaugh



Faculty Creativity: Fred Cooksey



Faculty Creativity: Visual Art



Faculty Innovation: Funding and Articulations

- WSU articulations: Latinx Studies, Creative Writing
- GTC/TCC articulations
- DESE Acceleration to College grant: \$35,000, to fund summer work in ENG, MTH, and college-readiness
- NEA Big Read
- CARES Act funding

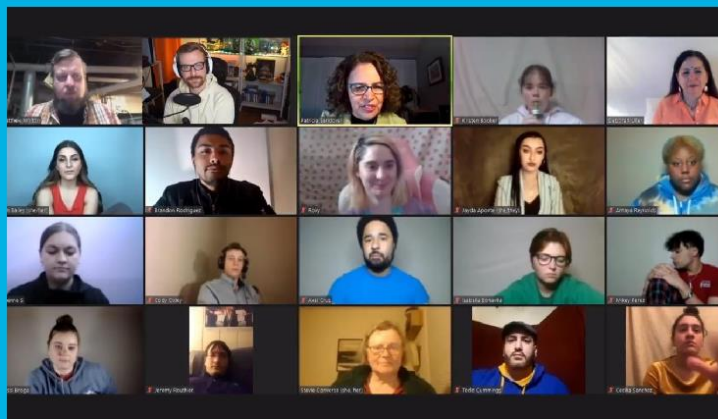
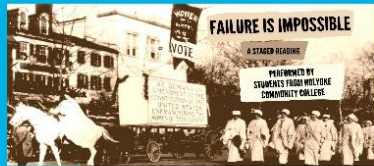


Fine and Performing Arts: *Fatal Fisticuffs*, Fall 2020 Professors Tim Cochran, Matt Whiton; Technical Theater Director Steve Bailey; Cory Missildine





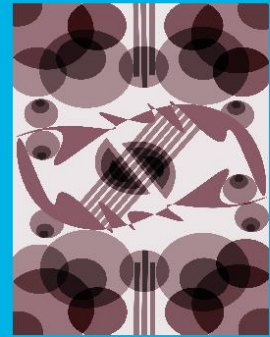
Fine and Performing Arts: Learning Community, "She Persisted" Professors Diane Beers and Patricia Sandoval



Artists: Carlton Solenski, Lauren Vanessa Ogeundo



Artists: Cassie and Roxy Gonzalez, Azar Neamah



Student Achievements: The LEA Club Little Library



Holyoke A City That Reads
OneHolyoke.org

Student Achievements: Jamie Capps, Visual Art, High Honors, 2019

- “I have been accepted into the MFA program at the University of Iowa, Center for the Book! Super excited and to top I was awarded a yearly tuition stipend as well as a Fellowship for the first year with full tuition covered and a monthly stipend of \$2,000!!! It's crazy where life can take you...Attending HCC truly changed my life for the better and I am forever grateful.”



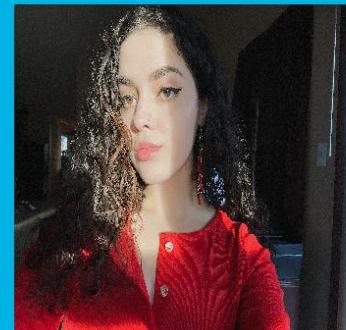
Student Achievements: Alexandra Santiago, our first Latinx Studies graduate, one of the “29 Who Shine”

- Alexandra will be transferring to Westfield State University. She was nominated to the 29 Who Shine 2020. In May 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education launched “29 Who Shine,” a commencement season awards program to recognize 29 outstanding student graduates from the Commonwealth’s public higher education system. Each honoree from a community college, state university or University of Massachusetts campus is nominated by a faculty or staff member, or by a university awards committee.



Student Achievements: Miren Neyra Alcántara

- Miren Neyra Alcántara of Holyoke is the recipient of a Newman Civic Fellowship, which recognizes college leaders who demonstrate a commitment to finding solutions to challenges facing communities locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Alcántara, who lives in Holyoke, will join 212 college students from 39 states, Washington, D.C., and Mexico to form the 2021 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows, a program administered by Campus Compact, a Boston-based nonprofit working to advance the public purposes of higher education.

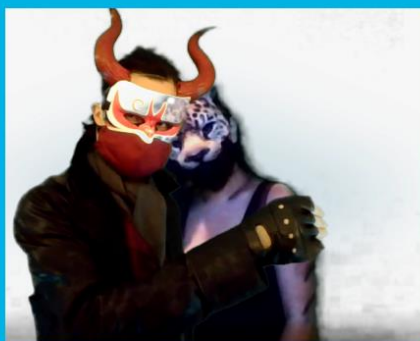


Student Achievements: Meghan Maury

- “I’m being interviewed today by the alumni office for a 75th anniversary profile. After law school, I went on to serve as the policy director for a national LGBTQ organization, and in January I was appointed by the Biden Administration to serve as a Senior Advisor to the Director of the US Census Bureau.”
- Undergraduate Research Conference paper: “Radical Action: A Necessary Reaction



Toro and Fatale: A Virtual Hug



“Light of a Clear Blue Morning”: HCC College Chorale, Directed by Professor Ellen Cogen; video by John Mason



Celebrating Academic Achievements – presented by Dr. Adrienne Smith, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

STEM Highlights

Board of Trustees Presentation
April 27, 2021
Dr. Adrienne Y. Smith, Dean

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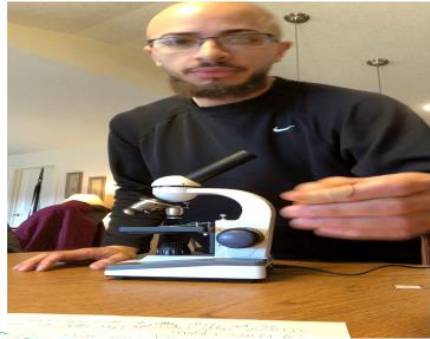




HCC Greenhouse

- "There's a lot to do in here," Maltz said one April day. "Without the pruning and weeding and the pest control, it would just get really overgrown, and at the same time, a lot of it would be dead, and there would be lots of bugs everywhere slowly killing the plants that were still alive. It would be a very, very sad place. I think about it a lot. It's a big worry of mine."

Microscope Demonstration



Guide to Scientific Notation

Astronomers (and scientists in general) often work with numbers that are very large and small. For example, the speed of light is 300,000,000 meters per second (m/s). Often writing numbers with many zeros is tedious and can lead to mistakes. Instead, it's often easier to work with numbers written in scientific notation. First we need to know the powers of 10.

Number	Name	Power of Ten	Scientific notation	Greek Prefix
1	One		10^0	
10	Ten	10	10^1	Deka
100	Hundred	10×10	10^2	Hecto
1,000	Thousand	$10 \times 10 \times 10$	10^3	Kilo
10,000	Ten Thousand	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	10^4	
100,000	Hundred Thousand	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	10^5	
1,000,000	Million	$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$	10^6	Mega
1,000,000,000	Billion	10 multiplied 9 times	10^9	Giga
1,000,000,000,000	Trillion	10 multiplied 12 times	10^{12}	Tera

A handy thing to notice is that the number of zeros in the number is also the power of ten. For example, one million has six zeros, so is written 10^6 . If we were talking about a unit of measurement, like a meter, we could also use the Greek Prefix as an alternative. A common example is we often say 1 kilometer (km) instead of 1,000 meters or 10^3m .

So if we wanted to write 6,342,000 in scientific notation, we first need to figure out the power of 10 that the highest digit is, which is the millions unit. Then we can just write:

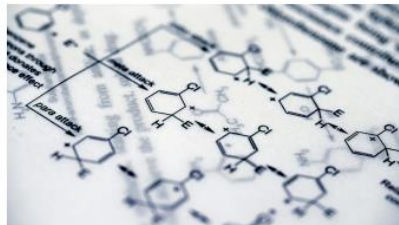
$$6,342,000 = 6.342 \times 10^6.$$

This might not seem very neat and tidy but consider the mass of the Earth, which is 5.97219×10^{24} kilograms! That would take a long time to write out!

What about very small numbers? Scientists use these often as well and they can be written using powers of 10, but these are *negative* powers. When you raise a number to a *negative power*, it is the same as 1 divided by 10 to that power, for example:

Let's make a chart of the negative powers of ten, so we can see how to write small numbers.

Chemistry



STEM WEEK 2020

STEM STARTER ACADEMY @ HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DAY	ACTIVITY	RSVP/LINK
10/19	Explore STEM at HCC 12:30	Melissa Paciulli mpaciulli@hcc.edu
10/20	Meet the HCC NSF STEM Scholars and get a scholarship!! 11:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://hcc.edu.zoom.us/j/98185479998?pwd=UklnMjRlR0wvaWZkdjZkdUJmZGJmMzZkdz09 Meeting ID: 981 8547 9998 Passcode: 805273
10/21	Meet Raytheon Technologies Corp. Learn about their tech positions meet with hiring manager and recruiters 1:30pm	https://zoom.us/j/zoom/register/1JAgur-sqwr7tM9ZwZvYU8apvIbF1WwR8
10/22	Meet the HCC NSF STEM Scholars and get a scholarship!! 1:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://hcc.edu.zoom.us/j/98185479998?pwd=UklnMjRlR0wvaWZkdjZkdUJmZGJmMzZkdz09 Meeting ID: 981 8547 9998 Passcode: 805273
10/22	MassTeach: Learn how to become a MassTeach Scholar and get a scholarship to teach STEM 10:30	Join Zoom Meeting https://hcc.edu.zoom.us/j/98185479998?pwd=NjY0ZDh0eUxvVTRhbnRmRTEyUjY0UjZ09 Meeting ID: 981 8547 9998 Passcode: 805273
10/22	All about 3D printing! Charles Bonar and Teddy McCormick 12:30-1:30	Teddy McCormick tmcormick@hcc.edu
10/23	Pioneer Valley Women in STEM Science Book Club for Women	http://bit.ly/WomenInSTEMBookClub

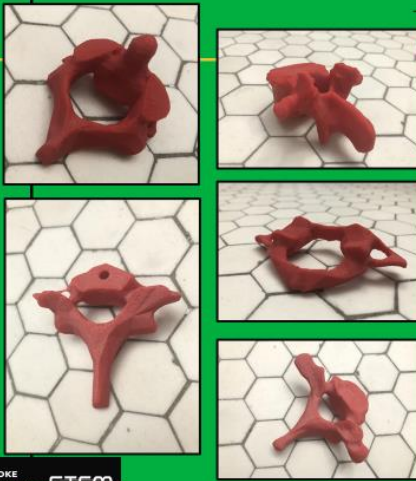
MELISSA PACIULLI - DIRECTOR OF SSA - MPACIULLI@HCC.EDU



Boost for our Engineering students



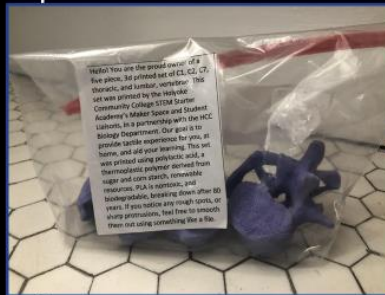
The Vertebrae Models



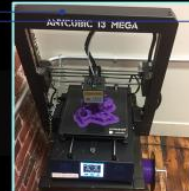
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Production & Final Product



Hi! You are the proud owner of a five piece, 3d printed set of C4, C5, C7, thoracic, and lumbar vertebrae. This set was printed by the Holyoke Community College STEM Center. Holyoke Community College STEM Center Academy is a partnership with the HCC Biology Department. Our goal is to provide hands on experience for you, at home, and aid your learning. This set was printed using polylactic acid, a biodegradable polymer derived from corn and other plants, renewable sugar and corn starch, non-toxic, and recyclable. PLA is non-toxic, and biodegradable, breaking down after 60 years. If you notice any rough spots, or sharp protrusions, feel free to smooth them out using something like a file.



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385 Bags of Bones

Printed

5 Vertebrae + 7 Bones

12 bones / package

4,620 3D Models

Engineering Students helping Science Students



Success Stories!

Noah: Gateway to College program, STEM Starter Academy class, STEM Scholar, Brookhaven National Laboratories, and REU, Engineering at UMass



Kaishla: Holyoke High School, STEM Scholar, Green Key and Phi Theta Kappa honors societies, Chemistry at Elms College, FT job in Chemistry

Sam: 54 in the Transition to College and Careers Program, STEM Starter Academy class, STEM scholar, planning to double major in Chemistry and Environmental Science UMass

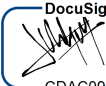


Diane: Moved from Utah, STEM Scholar, graduated from HCC as valedictorian, math at UMass and tutor for the STEM Starter Academy at HCC, Financial company

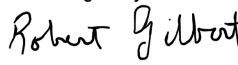
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	<p><u>Hy-Flex Demonstration (live)</u> – Presented by the Information Technology Department</p> <p>President Royal thanked the speakers today for these substantial updates.</p>																
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>On a motion by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Williams it was VOTED to adjourn today’s meeting.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table data-bbox="527 462 868 787"><tr><td>Charles Epstein</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Trustee Gi</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Ted Hebert</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Yolanda Johnson</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Suzanne Parker</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Ivonne Vidal</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Eleanor Williams</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Chair Gilbert</td><td>Yes</td></tr></table> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.</p>	Charles Epstein	Yes	Trustee Gi	Yes	Ted Hebert	Yes	Yolanda Johnson	Yes	Suzanne Parker	Yes	Ivonne Vidal	Yes	Eleanor Williams	Yes	Chair Gilbert	Yes
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Ivonne Vidal, Secretary 7/8/2021
Board of Trustees

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Approved: Robert W. Gilbert, Jr., Chair 7/8/2021