



**Mason County Promise Zone Appeals Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 6, 11:00 AM
Online per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-129 via Zoom**

Present: Fabian Knizacky, Andrea Large, Roger Nash, Amy Pepper, Annette Quillan; Absent: None
Staff Present: Jody Maloney

1. Call to order by Large at 11:02 AM

2. Limited Public Comment: None

3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Nash to approve the agenda, supported by Pepper; Motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 2020: Motion by Quillan to approve the June 2020 minutes, supported by Knizacky; Motion passed 5-0-0.

5. Committee Business

a. Correspondence: None

b. Consideration of Student Appeals

- i. Appeal #12 (REF #2): Quillan stated that the appeal was vague and additional documentation, such as medical information, would be helpful. Large inquired whether or not documentation is required by WSCC and requested whether Pepper had any insights. Pepper stated that she does not work in the Financial Aid department, but that she could look into it. Maloney added that in general, the Financial Aid appeals process does request supporting documentation, but documentation is requested and whether it is required is typically decided on a case-by-case basis. Knizacky noted that the student who submitted appeal #12 did not meet the GPA requirement for their first semester. Maloney shared that typically, the SAP process requires, although it can vary, that students get evaluated for SAP (GPA & 67% completion rate) after the winter semester of their first year, and that the Promise currently doesn't have a process to obtain student's fall GPAs or transcripts until after students renew, which takes place after winter grades in any given year. Another question was asked if the Promise gets a copy of the student's SAP appeal, and Maloney indicated that WSCC's Financial Aid Director, Schaub, provides information on Promise Scholars who have approved SAP appeals and that WSCC approves appeals for an entire year, adding further that Schaub indicated that this student had their SAP appeal approved.



Large made a motion to recommend Appeal #12 for approval to the full board based on the fact that WSCC approved the student's SAP appeal, with support from Nash; No additional discussion; Motion passed by roll call: 4-1-0, with Knizacky, Large, Nash and Pepper in support, and Quillan opposed.

c. WSCC SAP appeal & Promise appeal clarification of process:

i. Knizacky made a motion to recommend that the Promise Board approve the following language related to WSCC's and the Promise's agreed upon process for Promise Scholar appeals, which WSCC intends to include in their policy & procedure manual: "MCP students must be in good standing with a 2.0 GPA or higher, and must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid purposes to be eligible for the Promise Scholarship. If a student is placed on financial aid suspension because of not meeting SAP, they will not be eligible to use the MCP Scholarship. If the student is granted an appeal for SAP at WSCC, they can then appeal to the MCP board to request that their Promise Scholarship be reinstated for that semester. Students can submit an appeal at masoncountypromise.org;" with support by Large; Motion passed 5-0-0

6. Any Other Business: None

7. Limited Public Comment: None

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Nash at 11:26 PM