

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE PLANETARIUM AND LEARNING CENTER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT T. Lane

OTHERS PRESENT J. Goodnow, T. Brown, P. Clark, L. Govitz, A. Hill, P. Graves, T. Grunow, D. Halog, G. Hoffman-Johnson, M. Ibanez, T. Kubatzke, D. Lutz, J. Miller, S. Montesi, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, V. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Randolph, D. Redman, S. Romer, D. Salinas, P. Seidel, J. Stahl, A. Ursuy, B. Webb

PRESS PRESENT J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for comments from the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and Regular Meeting of August 11, 2009. R. Emrich made a motion to accept the minutes. K. Higgs seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of August, the College remains in a solid cash financial position. Enrollment and tuition and fees are slightly above budget. At this time there are no significant variances to report.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4792** R. Stafford, Chair of the Board Bylaws Committee, gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Delta College Board of Trustees Bylaws. Proposed changes include: use of a consent agenda, the addition of a conflict of interest statement, a provision to review the bylaws annually if necessary, employing of College employees to be approved by the President with notification to the Board, and changing the purchasing threshold requiring Trustee approval from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

R. Stafford recommended that the Board receive the first reading of the draft of the Delta College Board of Trustees Bylaws, as revised by the Delta College Board Bylaws Committee. K. Higgs made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from E. Wacksman.

E. Wacksman asked about the indemnification clause and why it did not state that members "shall" be indemnified instead of "may." E. Selby said that he is opposed to the President having the authority to hire and fire all personnel, in particular, faculty members. K. Lawrence-Webster said that she would be comfortable approving a staff complement or having the Board maintain approval of personnel. R. Emrich said that the purpose of this first reading was not to question the content, but to present the revisions. Trustees will have the opportunity to ask

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questions and amend the proposed bylaws at the next meeting.

Motion carried with a vote of 7 in favor. E. Selby voted against the motion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS --PRESIDENT'S
REPORT – GIFTS TO THE
COLLEGE**

Dr. Goodnow reported the following contributions for August 2009: the Foundation received \$81,720.00; Delta Public Broadcasting received \$20,847.00; for a monthly combined total of \$102,567.00.

**PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fall classes began on Saturday, August 30. As of September 8, 2009, 11,318 students are enrolled for fall semester.
- Trevor Kubatzke, Vice President of Student and Educational Services, has been appointed by his peers to the Datatel Users Group Governing Board of Directors. Trevor will serve on the Board for a term of two and a half years. Congratulations, Trevor!
- On Wednesday, September 2, Dr. Goodnow was invited to participate in a Clean Energy Economy Forum with Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle.
- The National Wildlife Federation is sponsoring Dr. Goodnow's participation in an education and training fly-in in Washington DC on September 15th and 16th. During this time, Dr. Goodnow will meet with Senator Levin and Senator Stabenow's offices to speak with them on the need to act on clean energy and climate legislation and to ensure that the important role of education and training is recognized.
- The College is continuing to work on various grant opportunities across the campus. Tom Caylor, Director of Communication and Corporate & Foundation Relations, and Gail Hoffman-Johnson, Chair of the Business and Information Technology Division, will be assisting Pat Graves with development of grant applications.
- Delta College is taking precautions in response to the current threat of the H1N1 flu virus. Individual bottles of hand sanitizer will be available to our students (free of charge) in key offices and at off-campus centers within the week. In addition, the College is finalizing an information sheet on H1N1 that will be emailed to students at the end of this week.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

K. Higgs asked what the College does to recognize our faculty and staff who go above and beyond to serve our community. Dr. Goodnow said that there are several awards that are given to our faculty and staff each year. K. Higgs said that the faculty and staff deserve a high level of recognition for their unique contributions to our community.

K. Lawrence-Webster requested that the Board have a comprehensive discussion on shared governance and policy governance and the difference between the two.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Houston-Philpot thanked the Senate Ad Hoc Committee who is working on revisions to Senate Policy 3.021.

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K. Houston-Philpot said that Dr. Goodnow's goals are finalized for the 09-10 year and thanked Trustees who provided requested feedback to Dr. Goodnow on her goals.

K. Houston-Philpot asked that the Board revisit the Board self-evaluation tools that were distributed at the dinner meeting a couple of months ago. She added that she would like to have a discussion on where to go next in terms of Board development.

K. Houston-Philpot said that she had the opportunity to present at the Student Leadership Academy at Higgins Lake. She said that it was a great event and thanked Teresa Stitt and Linda Holoman for inviting her to be a part of it.

Finally, Board Chair Houston-Philpot congratulated Dr. Goodnow for being recognized as part of the growing number of women leading colleges on the blog newsonwomen.com.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Houston-Philpot adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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