

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Lecture Theater (G-160)**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, R. Emrich, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Thomas, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** M. Benecke, S. Gannon, M. Rowley
- OTHERS PRESENT** B. Adams, R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, T. Brown, J. Carroll, R. Curry, C. Curtis, S. DuFresne, L. Dull, P. Fox, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, E. Lazzari, M. Pratt, S. Raube, K. Schuler, E. Suniga, A. Ursuy, A. Williams, E. Yaworski, J. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Nash asked for a motion to the agenda.  
M. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Emrich seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** M. Nash called for public comment.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** S. DuFresne presented the Treasurer’s Report for year-to-date as of April 30, 2022 for all funds. She said that she has no major variances to report at this time. She said that the College is preparing the budget for 2022-23 and that she will present it to the Board in June. S. DuFresne said that the College continues to wait on final property tax numbers as well as information on State Aid. At this time, proposals are out but consensus has not been reached.
- CONSENT AGENDA** M. Nash called for approval of the consent agenda.  
R. Emrich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. D. Middleton seconded the motion.  
The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:  
A. Acceptance of Minutes:  
1. Board Regular Meeting, April 12, 2022  
B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes  
1. April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting - pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act  
2. April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting - pursuant to section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act
- APPROVAL OF NEW CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a new Certificate of Achievement in Fire Science Technology - Basic Fire Academy effective Fall semester 2022. This is proposed by the Business and Technology Division.

**FIRE SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY - BASIC  
FIRE ACADEMY  
(BA5442)**

D. Middleton made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Thomas seconded the motion.

Ed Suniga said that the goal of all of tonight's changes to the Fire Science curriculum was to make the pathway clearer for students.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NEW  
CERTIFICATE OF  
ACHIEVEMENT IN  
FIRE SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY -  
EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN  
(BA5443)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a new Certificate of Achievement in Fire Science Technology - Emergency Medical Technician effective Fall semester 2022. This is proposed by the Business and Technology Division.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Thomas seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
PROGRAM  
ELIMINATION - FIRE  
SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY - FIRE  
INVESTIGATION -  
PREVENTION AND  
FIRE SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY -  
INDUSTRIAL -  
COMMERCIAL  
SECURITY AND  
SAFETY  
(BA5444)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the elimination of the following programs: Fire Science Technology - Fire Investigation - Prevention, Associates in Applied Science; and Fire Science Technology - Industrial - Commercial Security and Safety, Associates in Applied Science.

R. Emrich made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

D. Middleton asked what would happen to students enrolled in these two programs. E. Suniga said that there were only two students and they were seamlessly moved into other tracks of the Fire Science curriculum.

R. Emrich asked what the harm would be in leaving these programs in place. E. Suniga said that the biggest goal in these changes was to reduce confusion for students. Reducing the pathways will create clarity.

M. Wood said that the HLC likes to see evidence that the College is eliminating programs that are no longer needed. Programs that are on the books with little or no enrollment carry some administrative cost for the institution as well.

Motion passed unanimously.

**FOR ACCESS; FOR  
EQUITY: THE OER  
INITIATIVE FOR  
STUDENT SUCCESS AT  
DELTA (LAURA DULL  
AND MICHELE PRATT)**

Dr. Reva Curry introduced Dr. Laura Dull, professor of history, and Michele Pratt, library manager. L. Dull and M. Platt delivered a presentation titled: For Access; For Equity: The OER Initiative for Student Success at Delta.

Since 2016 when the first class used OER, students have saved an estimated \$1,098,600 through its use. Some of the advantages of OER are that the instructor can customize the content and students have access to the course materials from the first day of class. Future goals include: increasing the number of course sections using OER, adding an OER designation on the course schedule and exploring the possibility of a "z degree" – a zero textbook cost degree.

There was some discussion regarding the impact of OER and other textbook alternatives on the Bookstore operations.

M. Thomas said that the availability of OER should be shared with incoming students as a marketing tool.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT Enrollment Report**

The Spring/Summer 2022 semester started yesterday. As of today, 3,253 students are enrolled. We projected 20,017 contact hours for the spring semester and we are at 97.7% of budgeted projection. Currently, about 2,500 students are registered for the Fall 2022 semester.

### **Information Sharing**

- Congratulations to the recipients of the Endowed Teaching Chair Awards:
  - David Baker, Professor, Chemistry and Melissa Haswell, Associate Dean, Science and Mathematics
    - Project Title: Integrating Authentic Research Experience into Organic Chemistry Laboratory Courses
    - Recipient of Donald and Betty Carlyon Award
  - Jim Ham, Professor, Mathematics
    - Project Title: Course development for the new 7 course Data Science Certificate for Math and Science
    - Recipient of Robert DeVinney Award
  - Bernadette Harkness, Associate Professor, Chemistry; Andrea Bair, Associate Professor, Geology; Joshua George, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice; and Nicole Rausch, Instructional Designer, eLearning
    - Project Title: Using Learning Outcomes Tools to Critically Examine Course Design and Student Success
    - Recipient of Ellucian/Sungard Award
  - Jill Harrison, Professor, Child Development
    - Project Title: Creating a Child Development CDA Pathway
    - Recipient of: Donald and Betty Carlyon Award
  - Lauren Smith, Associate Professor, English and Ameer Schmidt, Adjunct Instructor, English
    - Project Title: Star Writers, Star Students: Experiential Learning for Greater Success
    - Recipient of: Karen MacArthur Award
  - Ralph Worthing, David Baskind, Chris Curtis, Jeff Dykhuizen, Nancy Hartshorne, Susan Harvey, Professors, Psychology; Maureen Donegan, Associate Professor, Psychology; and Spring Schafer, Adjunct Instructor, Psychology
    - Project Title: Reinventing Introduction to Psychology from a Diversity, Equity, Belongingness, and Inclusion Perspective
    - Recipient of: Robert R. "Dr. Bob" Zimmerman Faculty Professional Development Award

- Rhonda Coats, Delta's new Achieving the Dream coach, was on campus yesterday and today. She's working with us on the student journey outside the classroom from application to graduation.
- Dr. Gavin said he included a memo requesting his evaluation be conducted in a closed session in Trustee folders this evening.
- Dr. Gavin encouraged Trustees to take a look at this month's Fantastic Faculty which has been uploaded to BoardBook.
- Dr. Gavin thanked all who made this year's commencement (held April 29) a special event for our students, their families and our faculty and staff. He thanked the Trustees for attending and gave special recognition to Anna Williams who did an excellent job in coordinating the two ceremonies.
- The 110<sup>th</sup> Police Training Academy Graduation Ceremony was held Friday, May 6. Thanks to Board Chair Nash and Trustee Gannon for attending.
- Reminder of upcoming events:
  - **Employee Awards Banquet** – Friday, May 13, 1-4pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
  - **Annual Pioneers Athletic Banquet** – Monday, May 16, 5pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
  - **MCCA Summer Conference** – July 27-29, Grand Traverse Resort – Traverse City
- Happy belated birthday to Trustee Arshen Baldwin – May 5.
- "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery," opens this week. This is our first in-person show since 2019. The cast are excited to be back on stage and would love to see you at a show this Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

#### TRUSTEE COMMENTS

D. Middleton said she was delighted with the OER report. She said she really enjoyed commencement and watching the excited friends and families. Finally, D. Middleton congratulated Peter Carlson, Linda Plackowski and Daniel Schuchardt on their retirements. They have a combined 92 years of service to Delta College.

M. Wood said he really enjoyed the OER presentation and hearing about the savings for students.

R. Emrich said he was happy to hear that Delta is delivering on student success with OER. He said he attended his 30<sup>th</sup> and last graduation - it was a moving experience.

A. Baldwin said she was pleased to attend her first in-person commencement. She said she is glad to see the College expanding access for students through OER.

M. Thomas commented that OER is a great tool. She said commencement was wonderful – the faculty are like proud parents and it is rewarding to participate.

M. Thomas said she is looking forward to listening to the interview recordings of the candidates for the Chief Officer for Culture, Belonging and Community Building position.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair Nash said he recalls the first OER presentation to the Board and said it is great to see the growth of OER at Delta College. M. Nash said he is looking forward to OER being flagged on the schedule for students to see a lowered cost of college. Chair Nash commented that he enjoyed his first Police Academy Graduation and is looking forward to Employee Awards later this week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Nash adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary