

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DINNER MEETING  
December 11, 2007  
Delta College Main Campus  
Room N-7**

**Board Present:** R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, E. Selby, B. Stafford, D. Wacksman

**Board Absent:** K. Higgs

**Others Present:** J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, C. Atwood, B. Baker, P. Clark, M. Cooper, R. Crawford, T. Cross, C. Curtis, T. Caylor, G. Dominique, S. Dzurka, L. Govitz, P. Graves, C. Greve, T. Grunow, D. Halog, d. knox, K. Langenburg, A. Martin, W. Owings, L. Petee, F. Peters, R. Pfeiffer, E. Radomski, L. Ramseyer, P. Seidel, J. Stewart, T. Stitt, N. Stockmeyer, G. Stryker, K. Treadway, A. Ursuy, L. VandenBosch, E. Waxman, B. Webb, S. Whitney, K. Wilson,

**Press Present:** N. Smith, Midland Daily News; P. Brandt, Bay City Times;

Chairperson Earl Selby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Goodnow introduced the topic of sustainability with a definition: "Sustainable communities meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs," from the United Nations Brundtland Report in 1987. On September 10, 2007 Delta College signed the President's Climate Commitment, pledging to reduce and ultimately neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on our campus, and to educate the next generation of leaders about the competitive benefits of sustainability. Delta is one of only eight of Michigan's colleges and universities to make this commitment.

The president has appointed a sustainability task force co-chaired by Linda Petee of Facilities Management and Mike Finelli, assistant professor, architectural construction. Members are faculty members Jay VanHouten, Jack Crowell, Donna Giuliani and Janis Kendziorski, student Adam Martin, librarian Jennean Kabat, Dan Segura of student services and Judy Miller, Dean of learning support services. Their charge is advising the President on matters pertaining to the environment and sustainability as it directly relates to Delta College, specifically to engage the College in an ongoing dialogue about reaching environmental sustainability, to integrate sustainability with campus programs in education, operations, and community service, and to instill a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design.

Linda Petee described the continuous improvement sustainability model: Develop, Promote, Evaluate, Maintain (and Raise the Bar). The College has a considerable history of sustainability efforts including white roofs, argon windows, lighting upgrades, retroplate flooring, online office products selection, eco ink and paper selection, best practices paper recycling, energy management, construction reclamation, consolidated runner service, food redistribution, and Fair Trade organic coffee service. It has developed a philosophy that

incorporates triple bottom line decision making (financial, environmental, social) and focus areas that include all areas of facilities management and business services.

Academic disciplines and students college-wide are involved, including classroom delivery practices such as wireless classrooms, digital files, on-line assessment, double sided printing and class-to-class handout sharing. In the Technology division Architectural Technology promotes low-impact development, HVAC teaches refrigerant recovery and recycling, Auto Service is involved in a collaborative hybrid technology project with NSF funding, is investigating biodiesel applications, and recycles tires and oil, and Welding recycles metals. The Science division is active with ice-age water geology and groundwater technology studies, installation of a solar array to demonstrate solar electricity, small-scale chemistry labs that reduce materials use, mentoring the student Environmental Club, encouraging Earth Day volunteering for class credit, and research on biofuels and used cooking oil. The English and Humanities divisions are involved in eco-vocabulary, eco poetry, composition, readings and research, teach ethics of environment, participate in community green art exhibits, and participate in a Hidden Harvest project. Delta student Adam Martin also spoke about his commitment to sustainability.

Sustainability projects are broadly promoted through the college's website, broadcasting, student bulletins, campus newspaper, internal announcements, displays and posters, and encouragement of individual action. The triple bottom line of financial, environmental and social measures are used to measure progress, and the goal is to continue to raise the bar.

Pam Clark and Tom Caylor introduced members of the Alumni Leadership Board who were present: Tim Cross, Scott Dzurka, Christine Greve, Kathy Langenburg, Wanda Owings, and Gordon Stryker. Also on the Board are Michele Allen, Eric Jylha, Susan Nowicki, Heidi Schuitman, Magen Trask, Michael Wiltse and Sabrina Ann Zielinski. The Board reports directly to the Foundation Board. In 2005 the Foundation established the activation of an alumni program as one of its top three goals. Forty-five thousand two hundred graduates with updated addresses for 37,042 have been identified, of whom 86% live in Michigan and 61% live in the tri-county area. An online survey helped describe their characteristics and wishes for a Delta alumni program, and as a result a newsletter, along with new events and programs are being developed. The program's operating guidelines, the first newsletter and a short list of alumni comments from the survey were distributed to Board members.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary