DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
November 13, 2007
Delta College Main Campus
Room N-7

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

Board Absent: **D. Wacksman**

Others Present: **J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, R. Andrews, C. Atwood, B. Baker, P. Clark, A. Cramer, M. Cooper, C. Curtis, C. Fong, C. Fritzler, K. Geyer, S. Goddard, L. Govitz, P. Graves, T. Grunow, A. Jones, d. knox, D. Kozma, T. Kubatzke, L. Madden, A. Maguire-Cruz, G. Mallek, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, R. Pfeiffer, E. Radomski, L. Ramseyer, B. Rickey, P. Seidel, M. Spitz, J. Stewart, T. Stitt, N. Stockmeyer, K. Treadway, A. Ursuy, L. VandenBosch, B. Webb, S. Whitney, K. Wilson, A. Yuill**

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

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

Trevor Kubatzke recalled for the Board the recommendation earlier this year that the college hire an Athletic Director, and introduced Greg Mallek. Greg spoke about the importance of involving students fully in the life of the College, as athletes and as students. He introduced the new women’s volleyball coach, Carmen Fong, who in turn introduced the student volleyball team members: Katy Geyer, Carrie Fritzler, Amanda Jones, Nicole Stockmeyer, and Amy Yuill.

Katy Geyer, one of the second year students on the team, spoke of the leadership, appreciation for diversity, and encouragement of different learning styles she felt she and her team mates had learned. Amanda Jones said that as a freshman she came in not knowing exactly what was expected but felt it was a great season with some talented teammates with a lot of experience in every position, in which she learned dedication and teamwork. She felt that the team handled negative issues well and learned from them. She complimented the team captains for their leadership, the great coaching staff, and the sophomores for helping the freshmen, saying it was fun.

Carrie Fritzler said one thing the team did not do very well this year was winning, but the team had fun and made positive use of the negatives. She felt that everyone learned a lot about balancing school and sports and that this would help in the future. Mr. MacKenzie asked whether the students were recruited and the students responded, adding the towns and high schools they came from.

Deb Lutz introduced Randy Morse from Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik, who reviewed the audit his firm conducted for the year ended June 30, 2007 and presented the year end financial statements. He stated that it was a clean audit, with no surprises, and complimented Deb Lutz, Shelly Whitney, Angela Cramer and the staff on their work, thanking them for their assistance in providing the information required for the audit.

He pointed out that the fourth quarter State payment was not reflected as a receivable in fiscal 2006-7. He also alerted the Board that the new audit standards that will apply for the 2007-8 fiscal year reflect the biggest changes in 25 years and will likely result in more time being needed to conduct next year's audit.

Dr. Emrich inquired whether there were any questions from prior years needing to be addressed this year, and the response was no. Ms. Lawrence-Webster had several questions concerning the transition from GASB 34 to 45. Mr. MacKenzie asked about the allowance for bad debt, and the response was that these are primarily in regard to student loans.

Mr. Morse noted that the College does a good job controlling expenditures, which are consistent over time. Mr. Selby asked about the net figures in scholarships and in auxiliaries; there are approximately $5.3 million in scholarships distributed, and the Book Store returns $250,000 to the general fund annually.

Mr. Morse pointed out that the purpose of the Foundation is to distribute rather than to retain funds, and that there were no major campaigns this year. Dr. Emrich inquired about the gain in assets; this was primarily in the endowment fund. Dr. Emrich inquired about the expenses and why there was an increase and then a decrease; these were due primarily to staffing changes.

The Broadcasting audit shows a net deficit of income over expenses, but Mr. Morse pointed out that without taking into account a depreciation of approximately $335,000 the account would be essentially break even. Dr. Emrich said he thought the college does not fund depreciation, and Ms. Lutz said that this occurs only with respect to year end transfers to the plant fund. Dr. Emrich said that in the event a transmitter were needed, a fund raiser would be required. Barry Baker pointed out that the transmitter is warranted for another 25 years and the tower for longer than that, but that money is being set aside for a new master control system.

Dr. Emrich inquired about anticipated increases in expenses, and Barry Baker replied that this would be for programming. Dr. Emrich inquired about Corporate Services as compared to last year, and Ms. Lutz indicated this year was better than last, referring members to page 39 of the audit. Shelly Whitney pointed out that costs and expenditures for the off campus centers would be consolidated in one location in next year's audit. Ms. Lawrence-Webster inquired about policies of the college in regard to the financial institutions it deals with, and Mr. Morse responded that it does and referred to the financial statement footnote on the subject.

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