

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
May 13, 2008
Delta College Main Campus
Room N-7**

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

Board Absent: J. MacKenzie

Others Present: J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, B. Baker, L. Burmmell-Presley, L. Camel, P. Clark, N. Davis, S. Goddard, L. Govitz, P. Graves, A. Hill, F. Hoffman, T. Kubatzke, J. Mahoney, J. Miller, S. Montesi, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, A. O'Neil, L. Ramseyer, R. Reeves, S. Rosin, P. Seidel, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, J. Williams, K. Wilson, K. Wolf, A. Wolfe, M. Wood

Press Present: P. Brandt

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

Teresa Stitt, Associate Dean of Community Development, introduced the presentation of the Delta College Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Program, which has been partnering with the community since 1987, and introduced guests Newton Davis, a senior at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, Lynn Burmmell-Presley of the Saginaw Department of Public Health, the Reverend Larry Camel, organizer of the New Birth Parishioners on Patrol, and Saginaw City Councilman Amos O'Neil. Rosemary Reeves, Substance Abuse and Prevention Coordinator, described the program.

The purpose of the Family Youth Initiative (FYI) is to provide prevention and education activities and career and college preparation to middle and high school at-risk youth, and to work with local pastors, teachers, mentors, agency personnel and community members who interact with at-risk youth. There are 600-700 students being served. The program started with 20 mentors and three churches and the current goal is to train at least 80 mentors per year; over 600 mentors have been trained since 1998. The program assists the Saginaw Clergy Coalition in planning and conducting at least four community workshops per year; it provides after school church based academic skills programs in 13 churches, and schedules at least two ACT examination preparation workshops each year. It also provides Delta College math workshops and classes, and provides leadership training for ACT-SO, KUDOS, XINOS and other area youth groups.

Newton Davis described how the program helped him prepare for college; he will enter Williams College, a liberal arts college in Massachusetts, in the Fall. Lynn Burmmell-Presley thanked Delta for its support and said that the program works. Reverend Larry Camel said that since he started his ministry in 1996 John Pugh and Rosemary Reeves have always been there and have helped him both as pastor and mentor. Councilman Amos O'Neil said

he considers Delta an anchor and thanked Rosemary Reeves, Teresa Stitt and Ricker Center staff for their support to Parishioners on Patrol, the police, and the pastors.

Debra Lutz presented the recommendations of the Budget Cabinet for 2008-2009 tuition and fees and thanked Budget Cabinet members for their work. She pointed out that the 2.77% increase is within the goal to keep increases at or below inflation, which is 2.8% this year, so that students qualify for the Michigan tuition tax credit. Dr. Emrich clarified that the 2.77% increase includes both tuition and those fees which apply to all credits. Ms. Lutz said the College tries to charge as few fees as possible. She noted that in-district tuition is lower because taxpayers in the tri-county district are already paying property taxes to support the college; similarly, in-state tuition is lower than out of state tuition because Michigan residents pay Michigan income taxes.

Dr. Emrich asked about on-line course fees, and Ms. Lutz said that these courses are in demand and cost more because of smaller class sizes, but that students save time and the cost of gas to drive to campus. Dr. Goodnow pointed out that the fire science program is available online and that the goal is to add more majors that students can complete on line. Dr. Lane said that Delta's online costs are lower than those of competitors such as the University of Phoenix. Ms. Wacksman asked what percentage of students take classes only on line; Mr. Baker said he did not have that figure but that many students take a combination of on line and face to face classes, and more and more classes are blends.

Dr. Lane asked how Delta plans to coordinate with high schools to help meet the new high school graduation requirement that the student must have completed at least one on line course. Dr. Goodnow responded that she and Trevor Kubatzke, Don Halog, and Barry Baker are meeting with high school superintendants and will be prepared when that becomes a requirement. Mr. Kubatzke said Delta is also holding some spaces for high school dual enrollment students so that they will not be denied access to these high demand courses.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary