

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford
- MEMBERS ABSENT** E. Wacksman
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, B. Baker, T. Kubatzke, D. Lutz, P. Clark, L. Myles-Sanders, P. Seidel, T. Keinbaum, A. Hill, L. Govitz, P. Graves, T. Grunow, M. Wood, S. Hartshorn, J. Miller, L. Ramseyer, S. Romer, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, S. Whitney, K. Wilson, K. Randolph, J. Knochel, G. McGowan, F. Pantoja
- PRESS PRESENT** M. Barth (Delta College Collegiate), A. Dodson (Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** K. Houston-Philpot asked to add two items to the agenda. The first was to discuss Trustee attendance at the ACCT Leadership Governance Institute. The second was to vote on a change to the date of the March Board Meeting from March 9 to March 16, 2010.
- K. Higgs made a motion to add the proposed items to the agenda with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for comments from the public.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of January, the College remains in a solid cash financial position. Enrollments are exceeding budget. As a result, tuition and fees are exceeding budget as well. Investment income is expected to be lower than budget due to the low interest rates. There are no other significant variances to report at this time.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for approval of the consent agenda. T. Lane made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously, approving the Minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting January 19, 2010, the Board Regular Meeting January 19, 2010, and the Special Board Meeting February 2, 2010, as well as the Sungard Collegis Contract Extension.
- COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
FERPA DISCUSSION** K. Higgs made a motion that the Administration be directed to add specific items to the directory information as a part of FERPA. T. Lane suggested that the Administration be allowed to take K. Higgs' suggestion and do their work to correct the issues. K. Higgs withdrew his motion.
- COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
BA4810** R. Emrich made a motion to approve K. Higgs' attendance at this year's ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (March 4-6, 2010). R. Stafford seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 2 opposed (R. E. Selby and K. Houston-Philpot).

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**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
BA4811**

K. Higgs made a motion to change the date of the Board of Trustees Regular March Meeting to March 16, 2010 with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS –**

**Gifts to the College for the month of January 2010**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –  
GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE**

Delta College Foundation – \$36,816.00  
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$72,001.00  
Monthly combined total – \$108,817.00

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –  
PERSONNEL REPORT**

Donald B. Halog, Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services, has announced his retirement (effective May 1, 2010).

Don has worked at Delta College since 1970. He began as an instructor of English and was promoted through the ranks to a tenured professor. He served as Chair of the English Division for 18 years. After completing his tenure as a division chair he returned to the classroom before becoming Dean of Teaching and Learning in 2000.

In November of 2003, Don was appointed Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services. During his tenure as an Academic Administrator, Don chaired the Faculty Load Equity Committee (to make pay equal for all instructors), chaired the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Accreditation Steering Committee, created the Center for Organizational Success, revitalized our Learning Days program, and charged committees with examining important curriculum issues such as assessment, graduation requirements, and general education.

Don is an admired leader on our campus, known as a champion for the development of all employees, and will be missed. We wish him well in his retirement.

**PRESIDENT’S  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Winter semester courses began on Saturday, January 9. As of February 15, 11,766 students are enrolled (4,744 are full-time, 7,022 are part-time).

Dr. Goodnow gave an update on the community focus groups that are currently taking place. The first focus group took place on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Delta Ricker Center. Approximately 35 individuals participated, including students. The second focus group took place on campus on February 8. Participants were from the Mid-Michigan Hispanic Business Association, the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership group, and the G.I. Forum. Approximately 45 individuals were in attendance. The facilitators of the Community Focus Groups are currently working with Jimmy Greene for focus group input from the two leadership groups that he facilitates. A fourth focus group will be scheduled on campus, with participants to be invited through the alumni listserv, an announcement on the College’s website (home page), and a press release to the local media.

K. Lawrence-Webster asked that the record reflect that the invitations to the first focus group (at Ricker) were sent to the NAACP and local churches.

Delta College has received an \$8,000 Planning Grant from the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). Delta will partner with both the Saginaw and Midland area community foundations

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over the next 6 to 8 months to design a plan to deliver college access services such as mentoring, career exploration, tutoring, college placement test preparation, college admission advising, and FAFSA completion assistance. Our efforts will coordinate programs, services, and resources that lower the barriers preventing students, particularly low-income and first-generation students, from pursuing postsecondary educational opportunities. Bay County has already launched a similar initiative with their “Bay Commitment” program. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced \$12.9 million in technology-related grants that promise to fundamentally change how community college students are educated and, ultimately, improve their graduation rates.

Delta College will be part of the Global Skills for College Completion (GSCC) project which was given \$3.6 million to innovate math and writing basic skills teaching via Web 2.0 and social media that consistently results in increased student pass rates. The project is to be driven by an online community of 26 outstanding basic skills faculty in 16 states on 13 campuses. GSCC is a collaboration between the League for Innovation in the Community College (of which Delta College is a founding member), LaGuardia Community College, Knowledge in the Public Interest, and the Community College Research Center at Columbia University.

Congratulations to Katrina Nichols, Professor of Math and Computer Science, and Trisha O’Connor, Assistant Professor of English, who will be participating in the project. They are two of the 26 outstanding faculty who have been selected as grant recipients. Recently the College sponsored the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium. In addition, two of our students served as panelists at the event. AACC sent an email today, urging support of the American Graduation Initiative in the Senate. Dr. Goodnow asked Trustees to review the article and write to their Senators in support of this important initiative.

Delta College was honored to have the Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, on our campus today. Vice President Biden was on campus to discuss how Recovery Act investments are improving communities and creating jobs in Saginaw, the Great Lakes Bay Region and across the state of Michigan. Dr. Goodnow thanked Trustee Houston-Philpot, Trustee Emrich, Trustee Higgs, Trustee Lane, Trustee MacKenzie, Trustee Selby, Trustee Stafford, and Trustee Wacksman for attending.

Dr. Goodnow also thanked staff for going over and above in preparing for the visit. A special thanks to Pat Graves who put in many hours to make the event a success.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

K. Lawrence-Webster read the following statement:

“At the end of our last regular board meeting, I was made aware of the offensive cartoon drawing that was published in the Delta Collegiate. I would be remiss if I didn’t ask that my concerns and offense be documented for the permanent minutes of Delta College. I trust that the Delta Community, if they didn’t previously understand our

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funding source (tuition/fees, state revenue, and property taxes) that they now know that Freedom of Speech is costly. Our goal as a tri-county organization should be to build bridges and not offend a segment of our Delta community that has so graciously subsidized tuition, faculty and staff wages and benefits, infrastructure, and college programs. I am looking forward to the Board having a policy discussion on using public funds while counting the cost of freedom of speech.”

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Houston-Philpot referred to the events of the month noting that 30 days ago, the focus was on the cartoon that appeared in the Collegiate. That cartoon led to a town hall discussion on the violence in Saginaw. Today, the Vice President of the United States visited Delta College.

As Board Chair Houston-Philpot noted, a lot can happen in a month. It is important, however, to look back at the events of the last month and ask ourselves:

So....did we learn anything?

- Are there different approaches or discussions that could have produced a clearer message and more effective result?
- How will this experience shape us? change our behavior? make our work better?
- What will happen next time to effect an impact which aligns with our noblest intentions?

Board Chair Houston-Philpot thanked the faculty, staff, and Trustees for their hard work in moving the College forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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