

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
April 9, 2013
Delta College Main Campus Room N 7**

Board Present: K. Ellison, J. MacKenzie, M. Rowley, E. Selby, B. Stafford, D. Wacksman

Board Absent: R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence Webster

Others Present: J. Goodnow, B. Baker, E. Crane, R. Crawford, C. Curtis, G. Dominique, L. Dull, J. Dykhuizen, L. Gasta, A. Givens, M. Gmeiner, L. Govitz, P. Graves, J. Gravlin, D. Lutz, D. McCann, J. Miller, M. Moore, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, V. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Rees, A. Rieder, M. Romero, D. Salinas, A. Sinclair, T. Stitt, D. Urbaniak, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Whitney, K. Wilson, M. Wiltse

Press Present: Josh Roesner (Saginaw News)

Board Chair R. Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Margaret Mosqueda, Vice President of Student and Educational Services; David Urbaniak, Director of Financial Aid; Shelly Whitney, Controller; and Mario Romero, Delta College Student; gave a presentation titled, "Delta Students-Demographics, Financial Aid/Student Finance."

Margaret began the presentation with an overview of student demographics for the winter 2013 semester. Margaret noted that the College had a six year decline in enrollment, from 1995-2001. The decline was then followed by increases from 2002 through 2011 when the College experienced record enrollment numbers.

In 2011 the College began to see declining enrollment. Margaret said that enrollment trends are cyclical. There are several reasons for the decline including smaller high school graduating classes, an improved economic climate- less unemployment, changes to financial aid (no summer aid, must be a High School graduate or GED holder, the end of No Worker Left Behind & the Michigan Promise Scholarship) and more competition locally.

Margaret also reviewed the demographical information for winter 2013 Delta College students. Information presented included age, gender, ethnicity, class designation (freshman or sophomore), geographic distribution, headcount by time, and current declared program.

David Urbaniak provided an overview of financial aid at Delta College. David noted that federal awards have increased substantially while state awards have decreased substantially. In 2005-06, the College packaged \$11,919,170 in federal aid to that was awarded to our students. In

2011-12, the College packaged \$36,352,401.00 in federal aid. In contrast, in 2005-06, the College packaged \$3,318,009 in state aid and in 2011-12 that amount decreased to \$1,286,249.

David discussed the ever-changing financial aid regulations that the College must abide by. He noted that the Financial Aid Staff work very hard to stay abreast of the changes and to find effective ways to share those changes with students, faculty, and staff.

Shelly Whitney spoke about Pell Grants and Pell reversals. Some students do not complete attendance requirements and as a result their Pell grants are reversed. Shelly said that the majority of our students do complete the requirements and for the fall 2011, winter 2012, and spring 2012 semesters, only 5.4% of the students who were awarded Pell Grants didn't earn their aid. When a reversal occurs, the student has to pay back the grant dollars. At this time 22% of the 5.4% of students who had their grants reversed have repaid the College. Shelly said that in order to recover the funds, the College holds transcripts and other resources until a payment plan has been established.

David reviewed the interventions that are in place to help students avoid defaulting on their financial aid.

Mario Romero, a Delta College student, talked about his successful return to Delta College. Mario went through a Financial Aid Appeal, participated in a program called "Passport to Success" and is now a successful student.

Jean Goodnow thanked the Financial Office for the great job they are doing – not only in packaging financial aid – but in outreach to our students.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary