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Delta College  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Delta College Board Room (B-151)  
Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

**BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Rowley, M. Thomas, M. Wood

**BOARD ABSENT** S. Gannon, M. Nash

**OTHERS PRESENT** A. Barker, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, P. Clark, A. Cole, R. Curry, J. Foco, P. Fox, M. Garcia, J. Garn, A. Garza-Kukla, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, S. Gregory, D. Hopkins, H. Kittle, G. Luczak, C. McMorris, C. Miller-Bellor, J. Perry, S. Raube, P. Ross McClain, P. Sander, K. Schuler, O. Stone, E. Suniga, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, K. Wells

**PRESS PRESENT** None

**CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion.

A. Clark made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Student Success topic to item 3. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** J. Foco said that the Treasurers Report presented is year-to-date as of March 31, 2023 for all funds. He shared the following general fund highlights:

The College's three major sources of revenue are tuition and fees, state appropriations and property tax collections. Property tax revenue is projected to come in at projected value. Tuition and fees are anticipated to exceed budgeted projections due to the increase in our contact hours (175,762 excluding CJ courses) versus our budgeted 165,000 contact hours.

Our recorded investment income is higher than budgeted last June. The College originally anticipated rate cuts but, as of now, those did not happen.

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In other funds, the auxiliary budgets combined currently reflect a net position of \$42,000 versus a deficit of \$230,000 last year at this time. This is mainly due from not expensing the transfer to the Plant Fund. The College will evaluate this at the end of the year.

The annual plant fund budget most likely will be underspent at the end of the fiscal year. This is largely due to the delay of the K-wing renovation. The project was placed on hold until there is a determination whether our project will be considered for funding by the State.

In terms of a legislative update, as of now we have only heard the Governor’s proposal.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in:

- A. Acceptance of Minutes:
  - 1. Board Dinner Meeting, March 12, 2024
  - 2. Board Regular Meeting, March 12, 2024

**STUDENT SUCCESS:  
STUDENT AWARD  
AND SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS** The Board of Trustees heard an administrative report on student success featuring student award and scholarship recipients.

J. Garn, Associate Dean of Arts and Letters, announced:

**LAND Conference Student Film Competition**

Luke Gilpin, first place

**LAND Student Scholar**

Emily Florey – faculty sponsor, Crystal Starkey

Marc Francisco – faculty sponsor, Stuart Barbier

T’Emi Oshin – faculty sponsor, Mark Balawender

**Skip Renker Creative Writing Award**

Christiana Haight

Crystal McMorris, Associate Professor of English and Delta Collegiate student newspaper advisor, announced:

**Michigan Press Association 2023-24 Better Newspaper Contest**

**2023 College Newspaper of the Year**

Delta Collegiate, third place

**Onnie Stone**

Feature photo, second place, “A Chocolate Affair”

Feature photo, honorable mention, “Race to College”

**Noah Brasseur**

News, first place, “Six years on, coast-to-coast has been derailed”

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Editorial, second place, "It's time for a makeover in law enforcement training"

**Heather Kittle and Courtney Elisech**

Multimedia reporting, third place, "Rocky Horror shadow cast"

**Emily Doyle**

Column – News: second place, "Saginaw's Temple Theatre glows with Grammy-winner Jason Isbell"

**Misty Barron**

Column – News: third place, "An apology from Gen X on Racism"

Shelly Raube, Dean of Student Success, announced the **Collegiate DECA winners**. Alexa, Connor, Marlo and Gabriel will be competing at the national conference in Austin, TX, at the end of April.

**Ariana Byce**

Travel & Tourism - finalist

**Alexa Byce**

Retail Management – 2nd place

**Conner Lea & Marlo Tacey**

Business Research – 3rd place

**Gabriel Miller**

Sales Management & Leadership – finalist

Christina Miller-Bellor, Assistant Professor of Sociology, announced:

**2024 Student Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement**

Anthony Garza-Kukla

Kimberly Wells, Associate Professor of Electronic Media, announced:

**Michigan Association of Broadcasters**

**Heather Kittle**

Honorable mention in the Public Service Announcement category for her PSA titled, "Mental health is health".

**Heather Kittle, Julia Shemanski, Crystal Huggins, and Logan Fairchild**

First Place in the Talk show/Scripted Show category. Their show can be viewed at [deltabroadcasting.org](http://deltabroadcasting.org) under "Emerging Voices".

**Kathryn Nickell**

Awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the MAB Cher Allen Memorial Scholarship fund.

Pete Fox, Associate Dean of Health and Wellness, announced:

**APTA Michigan (PTA state association)**

**2023 Outstanding PTA Student**

Ashley Barker -- Also the only PTA student in the state of Michigan to be awarded the Team Rehabilitation scholarship in Fall 2023.

**Phi Tau Alpha (PTA) Honor Society Inductees** – National Honor Society for PTA students

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Kayla Mose

Dr. Paul Sander, Associate Professor of Economics, announced:

**Paul Moore Social Sciences Award**

Alyssa Cole

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE ESTIMATE OF  
PROPERTY TAXES  
AND STATE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2024-2025  
(BA5535)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees accept the estimate of property taxes of \$27,708,647, and state appropriation of \$19,058,357 necessary for the next fiscal year to comply with Section 141 of the Community College Act of 1966.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

D. Middleton commended the Administration for the background work and explanation provided on this matter.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
UPDATING AND  
STANDARDIZING  
CONTROL SYSTEM  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
FROM TRANE U.S.  
INC.  
(BA5536)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve a purchase order in the amount of \$1,551,000 to Trane U.S. Inc. to update and standardize the Control System Infrastructure on the main campus which includes P, N, M, L, J, H, F, and S Wings, the grounds maintenance building, and the Planetarium.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

Registration for spring semester is underway. As of today, 3,451 students are registered. We project 21,062 contact hours for the spring semester, and we are currently at 104% of projection.

**Personnel Report**

Dr. Gavin said he has approved the following faculty for promotion and/or tenure effective with the 2024-25 academic year beginning July 1, 2024:

**Promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor**

Business and Technology – Ethan Short

Health and Wellness – Ericha Diegel, Bryan Graybill, Jessica Herek, Danni Linton, Amy Wegener

Science and Mathematics – Casey Armour, Tim McGuire, Brad Pretzer

**Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and Tenure**

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Arts and Letters – Donny Winter

Business and Technology – AJ Neumann

Health and Wellness – Pam Livingston, LeAnn Reif

Social Sciences – Michael Evans, Angela Guy-Lee, Christina Miller-Bellor

### **Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor**

Arts and Letters – Mark Brown, Alex Goudas, Crystal McMorris, Trent Wade, Kimberly Wells

Business and Technology – Jason Lijewski

Health and Wellness – Wendy Szafranski

Science and Mathematics – Audra Swarouth

Social Sciences – Mark Mitchell

Congratulations to all!

### **Information Sharing**

Upcoming Events:

- President’s Speaker Series presents Monica Guzman to discuss “Bridging Divides with Curiosity and Conversation” Thursday, April 4, 7pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
- AACC Annual Convention -- April 5-9 -- Louisville, KY, Attending: Mike Gavin, Marcia Thomas, Stacey Gannon
- Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8, starts at 1:58pm with peak at 3:13pm
- Schuyler Bailar – award-winning NCAA D1 athlete and inspirational educator – Thursday, April 11  
Book Club Luncheon at 11:30am, N007. Keynote Address at 7pm, Lecture Theater (G160)
- Employee Awards Banquet – Wednesday, April 17, 1:30pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
- Meeting with Saginaw NAACP – Thursday, April 18 – 5:30pm – Downtown Saginaw Center
- Cesar Chavez Solidarity Walk -- Friday, April 19 -- Lineup starts at 4:15pm, Downtown Saginaw Center
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Site Visit -- Monday, April 22 & Tuesday, April 23
- Numerous Pinning Ceremonies -- Tuesday, April 23 – Friday, April 26
- Student Graduate Awards – Wednesday, April 24, 4pm, Lecture Theater (G160)
- Commencement Ceremony – Friday, April 26, 6pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
- 114<sup>th</sup> Police Training Academy Graduation – Friday, May 3, 2pm, Lecture Theater (G160)
- Happy birthday to Trustee Arshen Baldwin – Friday, May 5
- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 14 – Downtown Midland Center
- Legislative Luncheon -- Monday, May 20, 11:30am – 1pm, Board Room

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**TRUSTEE  
COMMENTS**

All the Trustees congratulated the students on their many accomplishments and applauded the faculty on their achievement of promotions and/or tenure. Several also noted that they enjoyed the opportunity to meet the faculty and employee group leaders at the dinner meeting. Others highlighted the upcoming Mónica Guzmán presentation and spring sports and look forward to all the upcoming events.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

M. Thomas congratulated all the students who received awards and the faculty who earned promotion and/or tenure.

She said she enjoyed the dinner meeting.

She also thanked the students for taking time to attend. She added that the Board is committed to attending as many special events and celebrations in April as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary