

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
January 9, 2007
Room N 007**

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

Board Absent: K. Houston-Philpot

Others Present: J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, B. Allen, B. Baker, T. Bennett, W. Carter, T. Caylor, C. Curtis, A. Daniels, P. Graves, T. Grunow, D. Halog, R. Lacina, D. Lutz, K. MacArthur, J. Miller, S. Montesi, M. Mosqueda, F. Peters, R. Pfeiffer, L. Priebe, B. Rickey, P. Seidel, J. Stahl, L. VandenBosch, B. Webb, K. Wilson, M. Wood, K. Wyatt

Press Present: Patti Brandt, Bay City Times

Chairperson Tom Lane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Barry Baker introduced the topic of eLearning at Delta College, which is a cooperative college wide effort involving Communication Technology and Public Broadcasting, faculty across Academic divisions, and Information Technology. He introduced Tom Bennett, eLearning Manager, who provided an overview of eLearning and how it has grown and been integrated in courses across the College. Some courses are offered entirely on-line, some are blended between on-line and face to face sessions, and almost all face to face classes are supported and supplemented by online resources.

Combined blended, tele-web and internet course enrollments have risen from approximately 1,000 credits in 1996 to 6,000 in 2006, with 140 course sections offered in Winter 2007. Success rates are highest in blended courses, and highest in Spring-Summer, ranging overall from 70 to 75 per cent. Delta has adopted the UCompass Educator Course Management System which provides support for all courses including standard face to face courses, blended courses, and online courses, making information and interaction possible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Tom demonstrated new tools which enable faculty to record video course introductions and explained that there is an e-Learning committee which includes representatives from the academic divisions, student services, the LLIC and the e-Learning office, chaired by Ray Lacina of the English Division, which is developing a strategic plan for the future of eLearning at Delta. Ray Lacina described the plan and plan process.

Board members inquired about community involvement and about criticism sometimes heard from employers that the new generation is lacking in interpersonal relations and

what were formerly called “soft” but are now called “essential” interpersonal skills in the work place. Tom and Ray responded that there is active involvement of community and employer representatives on Delta advisory boards, and said that the new technology is actually fostering more active involvement by those students who often sit in the back row in the standard classroom.

Chairperson Lane then called on Deb Lutz to explain the proposed new Tobacco Free Campus policy which was developed by herself, Sue Montesi and Tamie Grunow. The proposed policy has been presented to groups across campus. It provides a phased approach in which if adopted the policy would be announced, followed by educational sessions across campus during Winter and Spring Summer semesters, with implementation to begin in Fall 2007. Assistance in smoking cessation is available free to employees and information will also be provided to students. New signs would also be installed prior to the beginning of Fall semester. Board members expressed support for the policy but were also concerned about its enforceability.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary