DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
February 6, 2007
Planetarium Space Explorers Hall
100 Center Avenue
Bay City, MI 48708

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

Board Absent: K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie


Press Present: Patti Brandt, Bay City Times

Chairperson Earl Selby called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Chris Curtis, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, introduced faculty members present and introduced Elaine Karls, Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching Excellence. Ms. Karls described the development of endowed teaching chair opportunities for faculty at Delta, which has helped the College maintain its legacy of innovation.

Three endowed teaching chairs have been established at Delta. There is an endowed teaching chair in honor of President Emeritus Donald J. Carlyon and his wife Betty. Mr. Carlyon led Delta College from 1964 until his retirement in 1992. An endowed teaching chair has also been established in honor of retired Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, Robert DeVinney, who is remembered for his dedication to students and as an innovator both in and out of the classroom. He passed away in 2000. An endowed teaching chair has also been established by SunGard Higher Education, which provides information technology services to the college.

Bernadette Harkness, an adjunct faculty member in Chemistry, working with Donald Southwell, instructor in Computer Science and Information Technology, developed a project in “Getting the Most Out of Animation” through a 2006 Sungard endowed chair grant. She demonstrated some of the work and described its impact on student engagement.
David Redman and Phoebe Lutz of the Mathematics Division were 2005 winners of the DeVinney chair, working to develop free or low-cost ways for students to connect to classroom and supplementary materials on line, immediately after class and at times most effective for their learning. David unpacked his backpack one item at a time, demonstrating a number of different creative ways in which he and Phoebe were able to improve student access.

Following the FEC demonstrations, Sue Montesi premiered a Planetarium show celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Planetarium. She pointed out the contributions not only of Planetarium staff but also of Marshall Fulmer, Producer-Director in Broadcasting, to development of the show.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary