DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008
DELTA COLLEGE RICKER CENTER
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT  R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

MEMBERS ABSENT  K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie


PRESS PRESENT  P. Brandt (Bay City Times) and J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER  Board Chair R. E. Selby called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS  Board Chair R. E. Selby called for any comments from the audience.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES  Board Chair R. E. Selby called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and the Board Regular Meeting of January 15, 2008. He noted that when the Board voted on BA 4649 at the January meeting there was no motion on the floor. He asked for a motion to approve BA 4649. K. Higgs moved for approval with support from R. Stafford. The motion was approved unanimously. Board Chair Selby called for additional corrections to the minutes. T. Lane made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. R. Stafford supported the motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT  D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of January the College is in a healthy cash position. She added that she has reviewed the financial statements from the last month and everything is in order. Revenues are a bit higher than projected due to a strong increase in enrollment and tuition revenue. R. Stafford made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. K. Higgs seconded the motion. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as submitted.

FINANCE  It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board

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of Trustees approve the purchase of media buying services at a budget not to exceed $575,000 to Barnes Chase Davis through June 30, 2010. T. Lane moved for approval of the recommendation with support from E. Wacksman. Motion passed unanimously.

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Liberal Arts Certificate, effective winter semester 2008. R. Emrich moved for approval of the motion with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Incentive for Early Announcement of Tenure Track Faculty Resignation. T. Lane moved for approval of the motion with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2010 and 2011 calendars as submitted. K. Higgs moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Houston-Philpot. R. Emrich moved to call the calendar the “Academic Calendar” with support from R. Stafford. Motion to approve the 2010 and 2011 calendars passed unanimously. Motion to title the calendar “Academic Calendar” passed unanimously.

Dr. Goodnow reported the following contributions for January 2008: the Foundation received $56,529; Delta Public Broadcasting received $38,209; for a monthly combined total of $94,738.

Mike Faleski, Delta College Assistant Professor of Physics, has been named Physics Bowl Academic Coordinator.

The Physics Bowl is a national examination, given under the direction of the American Association of Physics Teachers, to promote excellence in physics. Each year, approximately 10,000 students take a 40-question, 45-minute timed, multiple-choice test under their school's supervision. The 2008 exam will be given between Wednesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 16. Exam questions are based on topics and concepts covered in a typical high school physics course. The students will compete for more than $10,000 in prizes.

As coordinator, Faleski and a team of physicists from across the country will create this year's national examination. He has served as a team member prior to being named
Delta College's program in personal training has met criteria recommended by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) for acceptance in its Education Recognition Program (ERP).

NSCA, located in Colorado Springs, CO, is an international nonprofit educational association founded in 1979. It serves nearly 30,000 members in 52 countries, and develops and presents the most advanced information regarding strength training and conditioning practices, injury prevention and research findings. ERP consists of three separate recognition programs – the Personal Training Program, the Strength and Conditioning Program and the Graduate Studies Program. An academic institution's acceptance into ERP signifies the institution has met the NSCA's educational guidelines.

To qualify, colleges and universities must offer a degree related to strength training and conditioning or personal training. ERP has recognized 58 schools in the United States.

Attending an NSCA ERP school is tremendously beneficial for anyone pursuing an occupation or additional knowledge in the exercise science field.

The recognition is good for three years and will expire January 1, 2011.

Winter classes began on Saturday, January 5. January 15 was the official count day. As of January 15, enrollments are at 106.33% (92,944 credit hours) of projections (87,413 credit hours). This is an increase of 5,671 credit hours from winter 2007. This represents an increase of 448 students from winter 2007 to winter 2008.
Delta College hosted “College Goal Sunday” on February 10 and assisted 144 students with questions and completion of their FAFSA forms. Advisors from Mid-Michigan Community College and 4 universities were on campus to assist (SVSU, Northwood, Davenport, Michigan State) in the effort.

J. Goodnow said that she will attend the 2008 World Congress and International Association of Colleges Conference (February 18 – 20, 2008) with Connie Watson, Assistant Professor of Psychology. The conference is titled “Developing Global Partnerships.” It is anticipated that over 36 different countries will be represented.

J. Goodnow thanked Leanne Govitz, Director of Marketing and Public Information, and her staff for their exceptional work on the Delta College Report to the Community.

**Federal** - The U.S. House passed the Higher Education Act reauthorization legislation. The legislation extends the authority for all the major federal student financial aid programs and many other key grant programs.

President Bush FY 09 budget proposes to eliminate several important postsecondary education programs. This year he proposed no funds for the Perkins Career and Technical Education programs suggesting that the money be redirected to the No Child Left Behind Improvement Efforts.

The Pell Grant Program fares the best in the 2009 budget providing an increase of $69 in the max Pell Grant to $4,800.

**State** - The Governor has recommended a 3% increase in community college appropriations for next fiscal year. The new money is distributed through the performance indicator task force model which yields a range from 2.4% to 3.9%.

There is no new money for nursing in the Community College budget. There is $10.0 million for the Nursing Corps initiative which is the Governor’s program to provide scholarships to nursing students who want to get a master’s degree in an attempt to produce more nursing faculty.

Finally, the Governor appropriates $40.0 million in the General Fund for No Worker Left Behind (the legislature did not recommend any GF funding for NWLB this year). The money is realized through the refinancing of several of the State’s General Obligation bonds, taking advantage of lower interest rates, which yields debt service savings.

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Senate Subcommittee hearings start on February 18, and will conclude by the end of March.

J. Goodnow attended the MCCA Board of Directors meeting with Board Chair Selby February 1-2, 2008. J. Goodnow shared several pieces of information that were obtained during the meeting including information on:

- Financing Workforce Training – The New Jobs Training Program Proposal
- Michigan Community College Caucus – Creating a Network of Advocates
- Capital Outlay – Match Rate Reform
- Community College Baccalaureate Degrees

The first day of the MCCA meeting was a workshop on security and emergency management. Speakers addressed the following topics: key findings from the Virginia Tech Review, The Cleary Act, FERPA – Safety, Security, and Privacy Issues, Campus Violence and Interacting with the Media and Emergency Response and Preparedness, Critical Incident Management, and The Roles of Presidents and Boards during a Crisis.

On the second day, Dr. Rose Bellanca, President of St. Clair Community College, presented a program on opportunities for Global Connections. She, along with Mike Hansen, took a trip to China to explore community college connections. Dr. Bellanca stated that a delegation from China will be visiting Michigan in April and may be interested in visiting several colleges. Since we have a wonderful China exhibit at the Center for the Arts, we will be extending an invitation to the delegation to visit Delta College.

Board Chair Selby shared his thoughts regarding the MCCA Board of Directors Meeting. Specifically, he spoke about the session on security and emergency crisis management. He noted that communication is the key when dealing with situations like the tragedy that occurred at Virginia Tech.

Board Chair Selby also noted that MCCA is a focused and efficient organization that helps community colleges stay connected with the legislature.

It was moved and supported to move into closed session for the purpose of consulting with counsel regarding litigation. The vote was 6-1-2 to go into closed session with a roll call vote as follows:

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The Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Selby adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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