

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
BOARD ROOM
7:00 p.m.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman
- MEMBERS ABSENT** R. Emrich, T. Lane
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, M. Cooper, K. Wolf, P. Graves, T. Grunow, D. Halog, D. Lutz, P. Clark, J. Miller, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, C. Drouse, A. Ursuy, P. Seidel, J. Mahoney, B. Webb, K. Wilson, T. Caylor, C. Drake, J. Knochel, S. Goddard, T. Stitt
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Hall (WSGW)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair R. E. Selby called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair R. E. Selby called for any comments from the audience.
- K. Higgs stated that in the case of Higgs v. Delta College Board of Trustees, the Circuit Court has rejected the Board's arguments, the Appellate Court has rejected the Board's arguments, and this case is going to court. K. Higgs said that he would like the Board of Trustees to consider what proceeding with the Higgs v. Delta College Board of Trustees case is costing the College.
- K. Higgs said that his son attended Delta College and is now a certified police officer. He said that he is concerned that the College does not allow Delta College Public Safety Officers to carry weapons in the building. He added that this policy puts officers at great risk and provides them with no opportunity to respond to a crisis situation. K. Higgs requested a report on the actions the College is taking regarding crisis management/safety at a future Board of Trustees Dinner Meeting.
- R. E. Selby said that there is a crisis management plan in existence at the College. The College has had two mock crisis drills recently.

J. Goodnow said that the Crisis Management Team has been working to refine the plan over the last year. She added that the Team will share the plan with the Board at next month's Board Dinner Meeting.

M. Mosqueda said that there has never been an incident on Delta College's campus in which guns have had to be used.

K. Lawrence-Webster asked if Delta College allows concealed weapons on campus. K. Higgs responded that it is illegal to allow them on campus. K. Lawrence-Webster said that we need to consider the student's perspective when considering this policy.

R. E. Selby said that this is a complicated and difficult issue. He reminded the Board members that in recent campus shootings, the shooters were not shot by police.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Board Chair Selby called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and the Board Regular Meeting of February 12, 2008. K. Houston-Philpot made a motion to accept the minutes. K. Lawrence-Webster supported the motion. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of February the College remains in a healthy cash position. She added that she has reviewed the financial statements from the last month and everything is in order. Revenues will exceed budgeted estimates as a result of the increase in enrollment and tuition revenue. K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. R. Stafford seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

PERSONNEL BA4655

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the submitted list of non-tenure-track faculty for reappointment as one-year renewable faculty members for the 2008-2009 Academic year only. R. Stafford moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Lawrence-Webster. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL BA4656

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the submitted list of tenure-track faculty for reappointment for the 2008-2009 Academic year. K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL
BA4657**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Sharon Bernthal as English Instructor in the English Division for the 2008-2009 academic year. This is a tenure-track appointment (commencing July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009). K. Houston-Philpot moved for approval of the recommendation with support from E. Wacksman. Motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL
BA4658**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Kathleen King as English Instructor in the English Division for the 2008-2009 academic year. This is a tenure-track appointment (commencing July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009). K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL
BA4659**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Adna Gonzalez-Howell as Speech Instructor in the Humanities Division for the 2008-2009 academic year. This is a tenure-track appointment (commencing July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009). K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL
BA4660**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Heidi Schuitman as Speech Instructor in the Humanities Division for the 2008-2009 academic year. This is a tenure-track appointment (commencing July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009). K. Houston-Philpot moved for approval of the recommendation with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-
WHOLE
BA4661**

It is the recommendation of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee that the CPA firm of Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik, PLC be retained for purposes of performing the annual audit of the College's financial statements for three years ending June 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010 for the annual bid price of \$49,700, \$51,200, \$52,700 respectively plus annual out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$3,000. This recommendation is made after completing interviews with all four firms responding to the College's Request for Qualifications and Proposal. R. Stafford moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Lawrence-Webster. Motion passed with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4662**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve Delta College as the Tech Prep Fiscal and Coordinating agency for the Perkins IV legislation (2008-2013). K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4663**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve revisions to Senate Policy 8.045 Student Violation of College Rules and Regulations. K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from R. Stafford. K. Higgs asked if students are allowed representation during a hearing. At this time the policy does not address representation. R. E. Selby asked that this policy come back to the Board for review in May. At that time, the policy should address the issue of representation. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4664**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve revisions to Senate Policy 8.055 Student Rights of Association and Expression. K. Lawrence-Webster moved for approval of the recommendation with support from K. Houston-Philpot. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS --
PRESIDENT'S
REPORT – GIFTS TO
THE COLLEGE**

Dr. Goodnow reported the following contributions for February 2008: the Foundation received \$28,774; Delta Public Broadcasting received \$22,191; for a monthly combined total of \$50,965.

**PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Delta College Drama Department presents *Heidi*, a full length play by June Walker Rogers, based on the Johanna Spyri novel.

All seats are \$5.00 at the door or at the Delta Cashier's office.

Show dates/times are:

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 10 am

Thursday, April 3, 2008 10 am Friday, April 4, 2008 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 5, 2008 3:00 pm

The event will take place in the Delta College Lecture Theater G-160.

Delta College will be hosting its annual employment fair on Tuesday, March 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Gymnasium. The event is free to job seekers and open to current and former Delta students and the general public.

Participants are encouraged to dress professionally and bring several copies of their resume. A list of companies that will be represented at the fair is available on the Delta College Employment Services website at www.delta.edu/jobplace. Employers who wish to participate can register on-line at this same site or may call Chrissy Smith at (989) 686-9075.

Delta College hosted a workshop for new physics teachers for the first time on Thursday, March 6 through Saturday, March 8.

The New Faculty Training Conference for Two-Year College Physics Faculty (or NFTC) was the result of collaboration between Scott Schultz, Associate Professor of Physics, and physics colleagues across the country.

This event was sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation, along with the American Association of Physics Teachers and five colleges across the country - Delta; Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas; Seminole Community College in Sanford, Florida; Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, Arizona; and Lee College in Baytown, Texas.

Our Planetarium & Learning Center continues to connect to our communities. A few examples of some of their March special events are:

Saturday, March 1: they hosted over 275 students, teachers and parents for the State of Michigan District 5 (7 counties) "Michigan History Day" competition (grades 4-12). The theme for the event was "Conflict and Compromise".

This past Sunday afternoon (March 9) approximately 500-600 local residents attended the Bay City Schools Science Fair for grades 4-8. This year's theme was "Let's Nurture Nature". Forests/Changing Communities program.

Tonight (March 11) the Planetarium is hosting the St. Stanislaus Elementary School 2nd/3rd grade class taught by teacher Kristi Furtaw. As part of a social studies lesson on communities the children wrote and illustrated a book called *B is for Bay City*. In the book each letter of the alphabet stands for something found in and important to Bay City. Children brainstormed a listing for each letter of the alphabet and then chose their favorites. Included in the book are three references to Delta College:

D is for downtown Bay City (the planetarium is mentioned)
P is for the Planetarium
U is for University Center, the site of Delta College (also mentioned are our PBS station and our pool)

Our Planetarium staff is honoring the children, their parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters this evening. Our staff has digitized the book and will "show it on the dome" during tonight's event.

This coming Saturday evening (March 15) at 7:00 pm the Planetarium will have a special St. Patrick's Day program which will salute the country of Ireland, share with the audience some of its legends and folklore about St. Patrick, leprechauns, shamrocks, etc. ,explore Irish sky constellations and legends and visually introduce people to the wonders of Ireland.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved and supported to move into closed session for the purpose of consulting with counsel regarding litigation (Higgs v. Delta College Board of Trustees). The vote was 7-0 to go into closed session with a roll call vote as follows:

R. Emrich - Absent
K. Houston-Philpot – Yes
K. Higgs - Yes
T. Lane - Absent
K. Lawrence-Webster - Yes
J. MacKenzie – Yes
R. E. Selby - Yes
R. Stafford - Yes
E. Wacksman - Yes

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 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary