Chairperson K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. She introduced the topic of the meeting, a debriefing on the discussion at the special meeting with Dr. Bumphus. She asked Dr. Goodnow to provide feedback to the Board on her goals and her expectations of the Board.

Dr. Goodnow identified as her first goal for 2009-2010 an increase in dual enrollments of 15%, or from 322 to 370. She asked Board members to talk about the benefits of dual enrollment with community members and parents. There were questions and comments from Mr. Higgs, Mr. Selby, Mr. Stafford, Ms. Lutz and Ms. Houston-Philpot about costs, and about varying perceptions and levels of collaboration with the different districts.

Dr. Goodnow said her second goal is to increase resources by increasing donors by 5%, from 1072 to 1125. She asked for Board assistance in identifying potential donors, introductions to potential donors, and communication with potential donors about the college and its contributions to students and the community. There was discussion and comments by Mr. Higgs, Mr. Stafford and Ms. Houston-Philpot about the reasons why donors might be interested in contributing to the college. Dr. Goodnow stated that the goal of applying for at least two new grants had already been met.

The third goal identified by Dr. Goodnow was continuing to develop positive working relationships with legislators, including the annual legislative lunch and attendance at other local legislative lunches, regular communication with legislators concerning issues of importance to the College, and participation in the ACCT legislative summit. Ms. Houston-Philpot encouraged Board members to participate in these activities as well.

A fourth goal discussed by Dr. Goodnow was the identification and display of specific metrics related to student success. A dashboard has been under construction and will be further expanded during 2009-2010.

Dr. Goodnow also described her diversity goals, which include student enrollment, the work of the Peace Institute, the continuing development of the relationship with Tracom and Rift Valley Institute in Kenya, and continued emphasis on increasing the diversity of applicant pools in the continuing diversification of the workforce. She pointed out that Delta has been recognized as one of the top 50 community colleges in the graduation rate of Native
American students. There was discussion of ways to increase and measure respect and the valuing of differences by Ms. Houston-Philpot, and discussion of funding support with comments by Mr. Higgs, Dr. Goodnow and Ms. Lutz.

A sixth goal of Dr. Goodnow for 2009-2010 is to continue to strengthen ties to the leadership of the three counties, and Delta staff will continue to attend leadership training and Chambers of Commerce functions. Dr. Goodnow pointed out that Debra Lutz, Teresa Stitt and Barry Baker were currently serving as officers of the Bay, Saginaw and Midland Rotaries.

Dr. Goodnow requested assistance from Board members in clearly defining goals, immediately bringing any community concerns to her attention, providing feedback on goal attainment, and specific feedback in six months’ time, and responding timely to communications from her and from Andrea Ursuy.

Dr. Goodnow left the meeting at 6:50 in order to participate in an interview with TV Channel 5. Ms. Houston-Philpot said it is important to keep the momentum of the Board development session with Dr. Bumphus. Dr. Bumphus was impressed with the engagement of Board members and their focus on the best interests of the College. Ms. Houston-Philpot suggested that Board development activities such as this and last year’s session with Brad Banasik continue on a regular basis.

Ms. Houston-Philpot reminded Board members of Dr. Bumphus’ recommendation that the Board evaluate itself, and distributed several instruments for Board members’ consideration, asking for their feedback. Mr. Stafford commented that the key is to use a tool that truly lends itself to improvement.

Ms. Houston-Philpot also identified the importance of developing goals as a Board, aligned with the strategic goals of the College.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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