

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009
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, P. Clark, A. Cramer, C. Drouse, L. Govitz, T. Grunow, S. Hartshorn, T. Kienbaum, W. Kraynak, D. Lutz, M. Mosqueda, J. Miller, L. Myles-Sanders, L. Ramseyer, K. Randolph, D. Redman, S. Romer, D. Salinas, P. Seidel, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, K. Wilson
- PRESS PRESENT** A. Dodson (Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for approval of the agenda. K. Higgs made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Stafford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for comments from the public.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of October, the College remains in a solid cash financial position. Enrollment is up resulting in a positive variance of 5,700 credit hours over projection. The College has received its first installment of State aid (in the amount of \$1.5 million). At this time there are no additional variances to report.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for approval of the consent agenda. K. Higgs made a motion to approve the consent agenda. R. Stafford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- FINANCE
BA4797** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Delta College Five-Year Capital Outlay Master Plan for the State’s 2011 fiscal year as requested by the State Budget Office. K. Higgs moved for approval of the recommendation with support from E. Wacksman. Motion passed unanimously.
- COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4798** It is the recommendation of the Delta College Board of Trustees Bylaws Committee that the Board of Trustees adopt the Board of Trustees Operating Parameters as proposed at the October 20, 2009, regular meeting of the Board.
- K. Higgs made a motion to amend page 18, section VIII (Guidelines for Board Committees) in order for the language to match that of the Bylaws that were approved in October. R. Stafford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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K. Higgs made a motion to amend page 16, section V (Delta College Board of Trustees Procedures for Grievance Appeals to the Board of Trustees) to reflect that only the person grieving may ask for a closed session. R. E. Selby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Higgs made a motion to strike “nor do they criticize or work against board decisions,” on page 4 of the proposed Operating Parameters. R. E. Selby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The amended Operating Parameters were adopted by the Board of Trustees with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4799**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the consolidation of the existing Sections 6.00 and 7.00 of the Senate Handbook into Section 7.00 which will read: “7.00 COLLEGE SERVICES-ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY.” R. Stafford made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from R. E. Selby. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
BA4800**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a new SECTION 6.000 SUPPORT STAFF – PERSONNEL INFORMATION in the Senate Handbook. R. Stafford made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from R. E. Selby. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Gifts to the College for the month of October 2009

Delta College Foundation – \$53,995.00
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$52,224.00
Monthly combined total – \$106,219.00

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS --
PRESIDENT’S REPORT –
PERSONNEL**

Roz Weedman has been reappointed as Chair of the English Division for a three-year term. Roz will begin her second term as Division Chair on May 1, 2010. Her term will end on April 30, 2013. More information about Roz as well as a full report of hires and separations is included in Board Packets.

**PRESIDENT’S
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Registration for the winter semester began on Monday, October 26. As of today, 10,256 students have registered.
- Dr. Goodnow received a letter from the State Department of Treasury congratulating Delta College on its success in assisting student loan borrowers in avoiding student loan default. The letter notes that Delta College’s cohort default rate has been below ten percent for the three most recent cohort years as published by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Delta College received some great coverage in the recent Great Lakes Bay Region publication. This regional publication is made possible through a cooperative effort of the Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Chambers.
- Dr. Goodnow provided the Board with an update on State and Federal Legislation.

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Federal Legislation

While the big news in Washington continues to be health care, MCCA is closely watching what the Senate will do with the American Graduation Initiative. MCCA's top three concerns have been and continue to be:

- 1) That institutions, not just States, be allowed to apply for the second round of funding. Also, remove the requirement that the second round of money be used for "system" reform.
- 2) Reduce the match from 1:1 to something less. AACC is advocating something more like a 50% match. Even though the match can be "in kind," 100% match may be tough for many institutions.
- 3) Allow the capital construction funds to be used for direct funding, rather than just as match toward capital campaigns.

State Legislation

On November 5, 2009, the House Education Committee reported HB 4837 and HB 5533 – legislation that would authorize community colleges to confer certain baccalaureate degrees.

The bill now heads for consideration by the full House of Representatives. Introduced by Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) and Rep. Joel Sheltroun (D-West Branch), this bipartisan proposal focuses on four programs of study – nursing, culinary arts, concrete technology and maritime technology. Each one of these areas is proposed in response to specific industry demand not currently being met adequately by the State's higher education system.

Another bill that Michigan Community Colleges are paying close attention to is the firearms legislation. The first bill that was proposed prevented colleges and universities from regulating firearms on campus in a more restrictive manner than state law. A substitute bill has now been introduced.

The substitute bill prohibits an institution of higher education from enacting a policy that bans those licensed under the Concealed Pistol Licensing Act from possessing their licensed firearm in "any open area...that is available for use by the public, including, but not limited to, a sidewalk, parking lot, road or common area." Possession includes vehicle storage. The proposed section goes on to allow colleges to prohibit non-licensed individuals and employees (regardless of license), as well as allowing complete bans of firearms (regardless of license) in any campus building, structure, or area not available for public use.

On Thursday, Michigan Community Colleges will be participating in a conference call with Governor Granholm to discuss the Michigan Promise Grant Program. Trevor Kubatzke, Vice President of Student and Educational Services, will be representing Delta College.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

K. Higgs requested that at the next meeting a tuition freeze for the 2010-11 school year be placed on the agenda.

R. E. Selby said that the Budget Cabinet should be allowed to complete their work. The realities that we are living in will provide them with direction for completing their work. R. E. Selby said

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that Mr. Higgs' recommendation is premature. The College has no idea about what is going to happen in the State of Michigan. In addition, property tax revenue is declining.

K. Lawrence-Webster said that Board of Trustees Dinner Meetings need to be more focused. The discussions that take place at Dinner Meetings should more intentional and policy-focused.

K. Lawrence-Webster noted that she would like the Board to review its policies as they relate to Finance. Specifically, she talked about policies regarding the general fund balance as well as transfers from the general fund to the plant fund.

R. Stafford said that the Chocolate Affair was a wonderful event. He complimented Pam Clark and the Institutional Advancement Staff for a job well done.

CHAIR COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Houston-Philpot adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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