Chairperson Kim Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. She called on Trevor Kubatzke, who presented the second annual outstanding student recognition program.

The following four students qualified for the Delta Epsilon Chi International Career Development Conference in Louisville, KY. To qualify for this event, each student placed at the state competition in February. LaToya Babcock took second place in the Sales Representative event. Susannah Biskupski was a state finalist in the human resource management simulation. Jordan Conway and Kay Klein competed in Business-to-Business Marketing and took 1st place.

Two students were honored for outstanding performance in sports. Hugo Curmina was 2009 First Team All-Region, Honorable Mention All-American in Men’s Soccer, while maintaining a 3.267 gpa in Business Administration. Ashley Stelter was 2009/2010 First Team All-Region – Women’s Basketball, with a 3.255 gpa, studying Elementary Education.

Two Michigan Works! students were recognized. Messina Gorm was recognized as Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Alumnus of the year, who successfully completed the Chemical Process program, and is now employed with Dow Chemical as a Chemical Process Operator. Justo Gonzalez also completed the Chemical Process program and is now employed by Hemlock Semiconductor as a Reactor Care Operator. Justo is the student who introduced Vice President Joe Biden during the Vice President’s visit to Delta College.

Jennifer VandeZande is a student working at Q90.1 and has won Michigan Association of Broadcasting Awards two years in a row. Last year, she won in the Best Newscast category (a dual newscast with Howard Sharper). This year, she won Best (and second
place) in Feature use of Medium for her FM Forum with Ken Meisel and the Science of Love. And, she won a Best in Marketing and Promotions for her work on the My Source campaign (which often features Delta employees). All of these awards are significant for anyone in broadcasting, let alone a student.

Four students were recognized for art work submitted to the League for Innovation national art competition. Samuel Dantuma created an Asian-inspired tea pot with cup and saucer all in one enclosed form. He also created a photograph using india ink and salt, “Mineral Man.” Christiana Guerrero painted “Alpha and Omega” in acrylics on canvas, transforming graffiti with color in depth and breadth. Arik Gottleber painted “C’est la Genre”, exploring male and female roles and appearances. John Riordan created “The Anatomy of Typography – Palatino” exploring a 1940s typeface against a more modern, minimalist background.

Four chemical technology students were honored with an award from the American Chemical Society, the world’s largest scientific society. This award program was established in 2004 to highlight a wide range of accomplishments of students who demonstrate excellence in oral and written communication skills, integrity, and reliability in the laboratory and classroom. They are Todd Daeschlein, Svetlana Hauffe, Ben Kuehnemund, and Todd Schramke.

And, the college recognized Johnathon George, Jessica Legner, Cynthia Anguiano, Shaharyar Shahid, Richard Long, Stephanie Kline, Julius Buzzard and Shawna Fleming, who took an alternative spring break trip to Greene County, Pennsylvania to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Hailee Cotter received a service learning award for her project on domestic violence awareness and volunteer work at the Bay Area Women’s Center.

Trevor Kubatzke and David Urbaniak presented a refocused approach to Board of Trustees scholarships. Each in-district high school will receive one full-ride scholarship for tuition and fees up to 62 credits for the valedictorian or salutatorian of their graduating class, to be used during the first for two consecutive years after high school graduation. Recipients must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in order to be eligible for the scholarship in future semesters.

In addition to the Board of Trustees Scholarship, they introduced a second award to assist additional students in attaining their educational goals. Each in-district high school will receive between 2 and 4 one-time Delta Board of Trustees Scholar Awards in the amount of $1,000 for recipients in the top ten percent of their graduating class. The number of awards per high school is based on class size as of October 1st each year.

They showed comparisons of financial aid awarded in the 2008-9 academic year compared to 2009-10. Pell grants increased from 4783 to 6129 students and from $11,928,842 to $19,077,979; and Federal loans from 2556 to 3064 recipients and from $8,999,658 to $11,644,098. Scholarships including Board of Trustees, Adult Education, Foundation and individual private scholarships increased from 763 to 781 recipients and
went from $1,200,553 to $1,021,121 total dollars awarded. Detailed information on Academic Competitiveness Grants, SEOG, Tuition Incentive Program, and Michigan Competitive Scholarships, was provided, along with 2008-2009 data on the Michigan Promise, MEOG and Adult Part Time Grants, all three of which were discontinued by the State.

Trustees Earl Selby, Bob Emrich, Bob Stafford and Jack MacKenzie expressed concerns about the changes, and about costs. Trevor Kubatzke and David Urbaniak explained that other schools do not grant full ride scholarships and that the intent is to continue them at Delta but in a more focused manner. They identified the increase in Pell grants from $11.9 million in 2008-9 to $19 million in 2009-10, with a corresponding increase in students receiving full coverage of tuition, fees, books and other costs from 4783 to 6129, or approximately 60% of students.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary