APPROVED MINUTES
DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT R. Emrich, K. Ellison, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford

MEMBERS ABSENT K. Higgs, E. Wacksman


PRESS PRESENT Brandon Howell (The Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair R. Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA R. Emrich asked if there was any objection to adding Barry Baker to the agenda to give an administrative report regarding Broadcasting. The amended agenda was approved without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Board Chair R. Emrich called for comments from the public.

TREASURER’S REPORT D. Lutz said that she has reviewed the financial statements ending January 31, 2011, and has no significant variances to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA Board Chair R. Emrich called for approval of the consent agenda.

R. E. Selby asked that the minutes of the January 11, Regular Board Meeting be removed from the consent agenda.

The Board voted unanimously in support of the amended consent agenda, approving the Minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting that was held on January 11.

CONSENT AGENDA R. E. Selby made a motion to amend the minutes from the January 11, 2011, Regular Board Meeting to reflect that it was Board Chair Emrich who adjourned the meeting. The motion passed without objection.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – L. Ramseyer gave a presentation that provided the history of master planning at Delta College. He highlighted the milestones in the development of the college over the years.

Delta College Courtyard Renovation Project (L. Ramseyer) L. Ramseyer also gave a presentation on the Courtyard Restoration Project. The project is being funded by private donations. The restoration is needed for several reasons. There are structural issues with the pond. The pond has some significant leaks and the pump system Approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 2011 Regular Meeting.

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needs to be replaced in order to improve the water quality. The trees have become overgrown and root systems are an issue. The tree canopy has, in some cases, created microclimates in areas of the courtyard inhibiting the growth of some the ground plants. Sidewalks are cracking and heaving and there is a need for improved lighting.

The intent of the project is to restore the original design of architect, Alden B. Dow.

Recommendations for contractors will be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval at the March 2011 meeting. Work on the courtyard is set to begin on May 1, 2011.

L. Petee and P. Clark gave an overview of Delta College’s proposed Energy and Sustainability Training Center.

Delta College, in its service to Michigan’s Great Lakes Bay Region, is committed to training workers at the highest levels and advancing the area as a national leader in alternative energy and sustainability education at the community college level. To accomplish these goals, Delta College hopes to expand training and support the major economic development occurring within the Great Lakes Bay Region.

This project would not be “new construction,” but rather the renovation of current facilities to bring them up to industry standards, and/or appropriately use current square footage in the most efficient manner.

The College has recognized a growing demand for alternative energy training and increased interest in sustainability education. As energy and sustainability have converged, connections have grown within current and successful training programs for students and residents.

With this in mind, Delta College has developed a vision to expand its training and facilities toward an “Energy & Sustainability Training Center” concept which will:

- Increase community awareness of the growing importance and need for sustainability practices.
- Serve as a resource for residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region seeking knowledge of alternative energy and sustainability.
- Serve as a teaching aid to K-12 students exploring careers in energy and the environment.
- Partner with business and industry to develop job training that responds to their growing needs.
- Offer training leading to employment in the “green jobs” sectors.
- Serve as a resource for economic development agencies pursuing alternative energy companies for relocation or expansion.

B. Baker said that there are bills in the House of Representatives that, if passed, would eliminate funding for Public Broadcasting. He asked the Trustees to write letters and make telephone calls to their congressmen explaining the importance of PBS and local television and radio programming to the community. K. Ellison requested talking points.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Gifts to the College for the Month of January 2011
Delta College Foundation – $56,125.00
Delta Public Broadcasting - $14,553.00
Monthly combined total – $70,678.00

Personnel Report
Dave Case has been hired as a Health Information Technology Instructor. He began teaching for us this winter. Dave’s appointment is grant funded.

More information on Dave as well as a complete report of hires and separations can be found in Board packets.

Enrollment Report
Winter semester classes began on January 8. As of today, 11,765 students are enrolled (4429 FT, 7336 PT). Registration for spring/summer semester begins on March 16.

Newsworthy
Congratulations to our Vice President of Student and Educational Services, Trevor Kubatzke! Dr. Kubatzke completed his Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in community college leadership from Walden University.

Delta College has placed first in its private fundraising efforts among Michigan community colleges participating in a national survey. The annual Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey is conducted by the Council for Aid to Education of New York City. Results indicated that charitable contributions to colleges and universities in the United States increased 0.5 percent in 2010, reaching a total of $28 billion. Adjusted for inflation, charitable giving declined overall nationwide by 0.6 percent.

Delta College raised $2.6 million from the private sector in 2010, compared to over $1.8 million in 2009. This increase of over 40 percent was impacted by a large contribution from the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation. But Delta’s Foundation revenues were up even without that generous gift. This is good news as we look forward to fundraising for our Allied Health Building in the months ahead.

Delta College Printing Services has earned the Chain-of-Custody (COC) Certification from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®), an international, non-profit organization devoted to responsible management of the world’s forests.

To date, Delta College is the only college in Michigan to attain the FSC® Chain-of-Custody certification. Nationally, there are eleven colleges and universities that have achieved this certification.

A strong commitment to the environment and sustainability inspired Printing Services to begin the certification process. With this certification, Printing Services can now include the FSC logo on its printed products, further spreading the message about Delta’s commitment to the environment and well-managed forests. Receiving this certification is one of several best practices that Delta College continues to implement to reduce its environmental impact.

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practices Printing Services follows to ensure that all of the materials printed for Printing Services’ customers are produced in a responsible way, with minimal impact to our environment.

In order to be FSC certified, paper must come from companies that ensure the product has gone through the Chain-of-Custody: from forest to manufacturer to merchant to printers, all of whom must have the FSC COC certification.

Announcements

At our last meeting, Trustee Higgs brought up a concern regarding the practice for awarding the Board of Trustees Scholarship and the procedures that are currently outlined in the Board Operating Parameters. A memo from Trevor Kubatzke explaining the changes and the rationale was distributed to Trustees.

R. Emrich said that T. Kubatzke should present proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee for consideration. R. Emrich referred the matter to the Bylaws Committee.

Trustees are invited to attend the Legislative Luncheon which will take place on February 25.

Chair

Board Chair Emrich appointed the following Trustees to committees for 2011:

- **Delta College Foundation Board**: Robert Emrich, Kimberly Houston-Philpot, and Robert Stafford
- **Sabbatical Leave Committee**: Kim Higgs, Dee Dee Wacksman
- **Audit Committee**: Robert Emrich, Jack MacKenzie, Robert Stafford
- **Budget Cabinet**: Kathy Ellison
- **Investment Advisory Committee**: Robert Emrich
- **Bylaws Committee**: Robert Emrich, Kim Higgs, Jack MacKenzie, and Robert Stafford
- **Compensation Committee**: Kimberly Houston-Philpot, Jack MacKenzie, and Robert Stafford

**Election of MCCA Directors (BA4865)**

R. Stafford made a motion to elect R. E. Selby as the MCCA Director for Delta College and to elect K. Houston-Philpot as the alternate. K. Ellison supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Trustee Comments**

D. Wacksman said that she had the opportunity to participate in the 50th anniversary kick-off parade and attend the President’s State of the College Address in January. She said that it was very well done and thanked all the faculty and staff who worked to coordinate the kick-off
K. Houston-Philpot said that she had heard that SVSU had issues with computer hackers. She asked for future discussion on our systems and to address how we are protecting the College from these types of attacks.

J. MacKenzie said that he was concerned about bringing a Ferris campus to Bay City. We already have a couple of colleges in the area. J. Goodnow noted that Delta has very good partnerships with Ferris. R. Emrich said that Ferris’ offerings tend to be very unique.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Emrich said that he had the opportunity to attend the League for Innovation CEO/Board Retreat in San Antonio with Dr. Goodnow. He said that a presenter from the Gates Foundation noted that access is no longer the only issue for our students. The important issue is that once a student gets to college, we help them to stay and successfully complete.

Board Chair Emrich also noted that during the meeting, there was a discussion of alternative sources for funding in community colleges. The League will be compiling the results of the discussion into a book. Board Chair Emrich said that our membership as a League Board College is invaluable. It’s not just what Delta College gets out of the League, it’s also what we can add to their work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair R. Emrich adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary