

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Ellison, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford
- MEMBERS ABSENT** K. Lawrence-Webster, E. Wacksman
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, L. Assoofi, A. Avina, R. Barassi, K. Caoumhendry, P. Clark, H. Curmina, L. Govitz, P. Graves, L. Griffin, G. Hoffman, L. Ivory, T. Khalil, J. Knochel, T. Knochel, J. Kovach, J. Kovach, S. Kovach, C. Lord, M. Landis, S. Landis, T. Landis, T. Lane, C. Lemiesz, C. Lemiesz, K. Lemiesz, T. Light, S. Lopez, C. Lusk, D. Lutz, G. Mallek, J. McIntosh, S. Montesi, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, H. Olgine, G. Przygocki, D. Rivet, A. Sarkar, A. Sarkar, M. Severance, N. Severance, T. Stitt, F. Suarez, A. Ursuy, S. Vanderlaan, B. Webb, M. Wiltse, K. Wright
- PRESS PRESENT** B. Howell (The Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair R. Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** R. Emrich said that the final comments for Dr. Goodnow’s evaluation have been completed. He said that Dr. Goodnow has requested a closed session to discuss her evaluation results. R. Emrich asked if there was any objection to adding the closed session to the end of this evening’s agenda.
- K. Higgs said that he would like to make a motion asking the Board to restore soccer and women’s volleyball; add men’s baseball and women’s soccer; and drop golf. R. Emrich said that this item would be added to the agenda as a Board Action under “5a.”
- The amended agenda was approved without objection.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair R. Emrich called for comments from the public.
- The following members of the public made comments supporting the continuation of men’s soccer at Delta College:
- Sergio Lopez
 - Fernando Suarez
 - Theresa Landis
 - Mark Severance
 - Hugo Curmina

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- Kimberly Wright
- Cindy Lemiesz
- Janet Kovach
- Rodrigo Barassi
- Nick Severance

Dan Rivet spoke in support of the men's baseball program.

TRUSTEE RESPONSE

K. Higgs said that he attended the team meeting in which the men's soccer players were informed that soccer was being discontinued. He said that soccer offers so much for Delta. He added that this diverse team is the best example of what Delta College should be.

K. Houston-Philpot thanked the public for coming to the meeting and said that she is personally dismayed over the situation.

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

J. Goodnow thanked the members of the public for coming forward. She expressed her support for athletics and apologized to the players for any disrespect they might have been subjected to. J. Goodnow said that as of tonight, the College is going to reinstate men's soccer for a period of 1 year as a transition.

K. Higgs said that he does not feel that the administration has the legal authority to make this decision. L. Myles-Sanders disagreed. She stated that there is a provision in the Community College Act that specifically enables Trustees to delegate authority to the president of the college. The Delta College Board of Trustees have done so and this authority is reflected in the bylaws which state that the president has the authority to improve processes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

D. Lutz said that she has reviewed the financial statements ending February 28, 2011, and has no significant variances to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

K. Higgs made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from R. Stafford. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, approving the Minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and Regular Meetings that were held on February 8, 2011. The architectural firm for the allied health renovation (BA4866), central courtyard renovation construction contract (BA4867), audit firm (BA4868), and the revisions to the Board of Trustees Scholarships Policy (BA4869) were also approved as part of the consent agenda.

BOARD ACTION

K. Higgs made a motion that the Board of Trustees reinstate men's soccer and women's volleyball; add men's baseball and women's soccer and drop golf. J. MacKenzie seconded the motion.

There was discussion of the implications that this motion could bring to the College both financially and in regard to Title IX. R. E. Selby made a motion to refer K. Higgs' motion to the administration for analysis and report at the April 19, Board of Trustees Meeting. The motion

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was seconded by R. Stafford. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 2 against. J. MacKenzie and K. Higgs voted against the motion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS –**

Gifts to the College for the Month of February 2011

Delta College Foundation – \$93,072.00
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$45,450.00
Monthly combined total – \$138,522.00

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Personnel Report

Packets this evening include information regarding one-year renewable and non-tenured, tenure-track faculty **reappointments** for the 2011-2012 academic year, as well as a complete listing of hires and separations for the month of February.

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

In 2009, Delta College addressed a stormwater management issue using sustainability principles, then sought to make it a learning opportunity. With a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation, the College will install interpretive signage to provide an educational component to the stormwater management system which can be accessed by the campus community, area students, and the community at large.

The signage will explain land stewardship functions including responsible storm runoff, recycled/reusable materials, and the connection and effect of our individual actions to that of the environment. The project is being led by our Sustainability Coordinator, Linda Petee.

Last week the Delta College Marketing Department received notice of national and local acclaim for recent work done for the College. A Silver Award was received for the Success Themed admissions/recruitment materials **in the 26th Annual National Educational Advertising Awards**. And the department also received a Silver ADDY Award in the regional competition for the Planetarium website re-design. Congratulations to all who worked on these projects.

Delta College has received the Government Finance Officer Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our budget. The award represents a significant achievement. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Delta College had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide

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- A communications device

Congratulations to Deb Lutz and the Finance Office Staff for a job well done!

Congratulations also go to Coach Kelly Miller and our Women's Basketball Team. After beating Schoolcraft College in the District Finals on Saturday, the Lady Pioneers will head to the national tournament, March 15-19, in East Peoria, Illinois. This is the first time in our College's history that our Women's Basketball Team has made it to the national tournament!

Good news! Stephanie Lobsinger, student employee with Facilities / Sustainability, has been awarded a fellowship grant by the National Wildlife Federation. Stephanie will be working on a pre-consumer food waste project. The project will encourage the reduction and diversion of landfill materials by composting pre-consumer food waste from Delta's Food Service operations. She will represent Delta at the National Wildlife Federation Young Leader's Assembly in D.C. this spring. Stephanie and Samantha Langston, also a student employee with the Sustainability Office, will work together on this project with campus Food Services.

Announcements

Our annual Kenya Calendar is now available. All proceeds and donations will benefit Delta College students traveling to Kenya for Service Learning Internships. The calendar features information on our partnership agreement with Rift Valley and Tracom College as well as photos taken by Delta College faculty, staff, and students. The cost of the calendar is \$15.

As part of the President's Speaker Series, Robert Kenner, the award-winning director of the Oscar-nominated documentary FOOD, Inc. will speak on Thursday, March 17, at 4 pm in the Delta College Lecture Theater (G160).

Mr. Kenner will describe his team's research into "the corporate takeover of our food supply" and share excerpts from the documentary, which includes interviews with top food and ethics writers on this issue, including Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Dilemma) and Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation). You will think about this documentary film every time you are in a grocery store or visit a farm market, or make a decision to grow your own food.

Delta College was mentioned several times in the March edition of the *Great Lakes Bay Regional Lifestyle Magazine*.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

K. Higgs said that he is so upset with the soccer incident that he is filing a formal complaint with the NJCAA. The complaint will focus on the conduct of the College Athletic Director. R. Emrich asked K. Higgs to allow the administration to address the issue before filing the complaint. He encouraged K. Higgs to speak with President Goodnow regarding his concerns. J. Goodnow said that we have to allow for due process and a thorough investigation.

R. Stafford said that he had the opportunity to attend the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington DC with R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, and J. Goodnow. He said that it was a great learning experience. K. Houston-Philpot echoed Trustee Stafford's comments and said that having the chance to speak with the legislators really makes the difference. R. Emrich said it was a fascinating experience. He added that the group was able to talk with legislators about Pell Grants and how important the Pell Grant Program is to our students.

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K. Higgs said that he suggests that the Board settle the Ader case.

K. Houston-Philpot said (in regard to the situation with athletics) that she had a conversation with President Goodnow regarding the decisions. K. Houston-Philpot said that she would like the administration to examine the process that was used to arrive at this decision and assess what was learned and what can be improved upon in the future.

K. Houston-Philpot asked the administration to follow up with Dr. Carlton Jenkins, Saginaw Schools Superintendent, to continue developing partnership opportunities.

K. Houston-Philpot stated that she finds it appalling that the Board continues to have to spend time, money, and resources fighting frivolous cases. She said that she wants to know how much has been spent – including time and effort of staff.

CLOSED SESSION

R. Stafford made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing President Goodnow's evaluation with support from K. Ellison.

The results of the vote to go into closed session were 7 in favor:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board came out of closed session. There being no further business, Board Chair R. Emrich adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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