DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Board Room
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT
M. Benecke, A. Buckley, R. Emrich, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley, R. E. Selby

BOARD ABSENT
K. Lawrence-Webster

OTHERS PRESENT

PRESS PRESENT
J. Becker (Midland Daily News), J. Hall (WSGW)

CALL TO ORDER
Board Chair Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Board Chair Emrich asked for a motion to approve the agenda. M. Benecke made a motion to approve the agenda with support from M. Nash. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Board Chair Emrich called for public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT
D. Lutz said that the Board has received the College financial statements for the month ended June 30, 2017. The fiscal year has ended but the books are not final yet. The College is in a strong cash position. State funding is higher than expected due to the methodology that was used for personal property tax reimbursement to Colleges. In addition, the College had wage and benefit dollars that were budgeted, but not spent due to vacancies. In addition, the College came in under budget in its self-funded medical insurance expenses. The College ended the year “in the black” and in a favorable financial position. The final numbers will be presented in November.

CONSENT AGENDA
R. Emrich called for approval of the consent agenda. M. Rowley made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from D. Middleton. The motion passed unanimously resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
   1. Board Special Meeting, Evaluation and Compensation Committee, June 6, 2017
   2. Board Special Meeting, June 9, 2017
   3. Board Special Meeting, Evaluation and Compensation Committee, June 12, 2017
   4. Board Dinner Meeting, June 13, 2017
   5. Board Budget Hearing, June 13, 2017
   6. Board Regular Meeting, June 13, 2017
B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes
   1. June 9, 2017, Special Meeting

**SCIENCE LABORATORY FUME HOOD CONTROLS AND VENTILATION UPGRADES (BA5190)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the project budget of $1,545,000 and authorize the Facilities Department and administration to secure bids and award contracts to complete the Science Laboratory Fume Hood Controls and Ventilation Upgrade project.

R. E. Selby made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Benecke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ELIMINATION OF RETAIL MANAGEMENT ADVANCED CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN BUSINESS STUDIES (BA5191)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the elimination of the Retail Management Advanced Certificate and Associate Degree in Business Studies.

M. Nash made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

Margaret Mosqueda, Vice President of Student and Educational Services introduced this evening’s presenters: Michelle White; Destyn Grace, AmeriCORP Vista Worker; and Amanda Jordan, Student.

Michelle White presented a history and overview of the AmeriCORP Vista Worker program at Delta College. She introduced Destyn Grace, current AmeriCORP Vista Worker, and Amanda Jordan, Student, who talked about the benefits of both the AmeriCORP program, as well as the College’s Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). The VIP program aims to bridge the gap between Delta College students and the community. Amanda Jordan shared the positive effects that being involved in the VIP program have had on her experience as a Delta student.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

*Enrollment Report*

Registration for the Fall 2017 Semester began on Tuesday, April 11. To-date, 7,778 students have registered (4,878 part-time, 2,900 full-time).

Fall classes begin on August 26.

*Personnel Report*

The complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the months of June and July can be found in Board packets this evening.

*Information Sharing*

- Dr. Goodnow said that she was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. John Fuller, former Delta College Registrar and Chair of the College’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Fuller remained committed to Delta throughout most of his professional life, retiring in...
1988 after serving as Registrar since 1970. He served on the Delta College Board of Trustees from 1989 to 2000, filling the roles of Chair and Vice Chair during his tenure. He and his wife, Joanne, also established the Dr. John and Joanne Fuller Scholarship Endowment at Delta College. As Delta’s Registrar, he worked hard to modify, upgrade and improve the College’s registration and permanent record systems. He served as Senate President in 1973 and received the Don Laughner Award for Creative Change, which is awarded to an employee who makes “contributions that result in significant change in the institution,” in 1988.

- Dr. Goodnow shared that Dr. Reva Curry, our Vice President of Instruction and Learning Services, has been nominated and elected to the Michigan Ace Women’s Network Board of Directors for a three-year term for her leadership, talents, experience, and expertise.

- Dr. Crystal Starkey, English Associate Professor and PTK Advisor received the Paragon Award for New Advisors from Phi Theta Kappa. She was recognized for her efforts in increasing membership of our local chapter, mentoring individual members in their personal growth, and for her encouragement for the chapter to volunteer for events both on and off campus. Congratulations Dr. Starkey!

- Dr. Goodnow announced that Board Vice Chair, Diane Middleton, has been promoted to Vice President of Operations at the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce.

- The LPN Pinning Ceremony will take place on Monday, August 14, from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Pioneer Gym. The RN Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Pioneer Gym.

- At the MCCA Summer Conference, the following Trustees received recognition for their years of service and I have pins for each of them: Michael Rowley-5 years of service, Karen Lawrence-Webster-15 years of service, and Dr. Robert Emrich – 25 years of service. Dr. Goodnow thanked all three Trustees for their commitment and dedication to Delta College.

- The following information was included in Board folders:
  - The final copy of the 2017-18 Strategic Plan and Budget Book.
  - A copy of Dr. Goodnow’s proposed goals for the 2017-18 Academic Year. She asked that the Board review them and provide her with feedback at the September meeting.
  - An RSVP form for Fall Learning Days which will begin with the President’s Breakfast and State of the College Address on Tuesday, August 22, in the Pioneer Gymnasium. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the State of the College Address will follow at 9:00 a.m. New employees (hired since the last Learning Days) will be introduced as a part of this kick-off celebration. Also included is the schedule of events for the week. The annual AAUP and Trustee Luncheon is also on Tuesday, August 22.
- A copy of an article about the passing of Bill Collings. Bill’s grandfather was Dr. William Collings who was the chair of the committee of 300 for Delta’s founding and a charter member of the Board of Trustees.

- A copy of the ACCT Strategic Plan: 2020 Vision pamphlet

- A copy of the AACC/ACCT Joint statement of commitment to equity, diversity, and excellence in student success and leadership development

- A copy of a letter from Keith Markstrom, President of the Bay Veterans Foundation commending Dave Bledsoe, Retiree / Adjunct Instructor of Residential Construction and two of his students, Ian Podsiadlik and Logan Cook for their efforts in constructing the informational kiosk at Battery Park.

- A copy of the letter from Larry Ramseyer, Director of Facilities Management announcing his retirement effective December 31, 2017. Dr. Goodnow read Larry’s letter and the Board of Trustees thanked Larry for his valuable contributions to Delta College over the years.

- A flyer marketing some of the classes available at the Ricker Center. She said that last night we had a wonderful “Express Enrollment” event at the Ricker Center. Twenty-nine students enrolled at the Center as part of the event. Brad Merrill and John Neal from the Admissions Office were on-hand to assist students – along with Kristy Nelson, Dr. Reva Curry, Margaret Mosqueda, our Ricker Staff, and I.

- Information on Delta College’s involvement in the Saginaw African Cultural Festival which takes places this Friday, August 11th through Sunday, August 13th.

- An update on the Saginaw Center Project as well as a press release that will be distributed tomorrow regarding the project.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

M. Benecke said that she found the MCCA Summer Conference to be a very valuable experience. She noted that higher education is changing and, as a College, we have to be brave, keep offerings robust, and continue to grow and innovate.

M. Nash thanked L. Ramseyer for his service to Delta College. He also thanked Dr. Goodnow for the draft of her goals and said he is looking forward to discussing them in September.

R. E. Selby said that he was also in attendance at the MCCA Summer Conference. He said it was a great program with excellent speakers. He noted that we “do a pretty great job here. We need to keep doing what we are doing and maintain focus.”

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M. Rowley also thanked L. Ramseyer for his outstanding service over the years. He said that he wants to see the College be creative. We need to be when there is so much competition for our students.

A. Buckley thanked this evening’s presenters. He said that the information that is presented each month helps him to grow as a Trustee.

D. Middleton thanked the 3 Trustees (M. Rowley, R. Emrich, and K. Lawrence-Webster) who celebrated service milestones this year.

D. Middleton also discussed the MCCA Summer Conference. She said it was a wonderful conference. She mentioned the joint statement of AACC and ACCT on Equity and Diversity. She encourage the Trustees to read it and said that perhaps the Trustees could adopt something similar moving forward.

She said that Noah Brown, ACCT, was at the MCCA Summer Conference. He shared a long list of proposals by the Trump Administration that would mean cutbacks to education programs. D. Middleton said that it is important for all of us to stay informed and in touch with our legislators.

Finally, D. Middleton discussed the impactful presentation that was delivered by Wes Moore. She said the conference programming was impressive.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

R. Emrich talked about John Fuller and what a wonderful person he was. He said that he was an excellent Trustee, colleague and servant to his community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Emrich adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary