BOARD PRESENT  M. Benecke, A Buckley, R. Emrich, K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Rowley

BOARD ABSENT  M. Nash, R. E. Selby


PRESS PRESENT  K. Lazzarro (Delta Collegiate), J. Sierocki (Delta Collegiate)

CALL TO ORDER  Board Chair Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the agenda. M. Rowley made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Benecke seconded the motion. 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 December 31, 2017. D. Lutz said that she has reviewed the statements and, the expenditures are in line with the budget. The College is in a good cash position and is operating in accordance with the budget plan. At this time, she has no variances to report.

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 Dinner Meeting, December 12, 2017
   2. Board Regular Meeting, December 12, 2017

BOARD ACTION

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (BA5210)  It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2018 regular Board of Trustees Meeting schedule.

M. Benecke made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.
STUDENT SUCCESS – BEYOND THE SHOW: THE ROLE AND VALUE OF THE PLANETARIUM

Margaret Mosqueda, Vice President of Student and Educational Services, introduced Mike Murray, Astronomer and Planetarium and Learning Center Manager.

Mike provided an overview of the Planetarium and Learning Center, highlighting the ways in which the Planetarium connects to learning opportunities. He said that the Planetarium staff works to plan shows and events that connect our students, K-12 students, and the community to STEM learning opportunities.

Mike said that the Delta College Planetarium and Learning Center has a nationally known reputation. He said that the technology the College has invested in allows the opportunity to provide excellent cinematic experiences for Planetarium visitors as well as customized educational content.

Mike noted that attendance at Planetarium shows is up 35% since 2014. He also gave examples of community outreach events that the staff at the Planetarium are involved in.

Trustee Rowley suggested that the CRM be used with those who participate in Planetarium events so that they could be contacted about the College at a later date.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrollment Report

The Winter Semester began on January 6. As of today, 8,312 students are registered (2783FT, 5529PT).

We projected 73,132 credit hours for the winter semester and are currently at 100.45% (73,462 credits hours) of projection.

And of particular note, we are proud that, as of January 8, we have admitted 52.1% more new students than last winter and have registered 53.4% more new students than last winter.

- New Delta, Transfer, Guest, and International:
  - Winter 2018 new student admits are 1,682. Winter 2017 new student admits were 1,106. This is 52.1% UP.
  - Winter 2018 new students registered are 540. Winter 2017 new students registered were 352. This is 53.4% UP.

Personnel Report

Congratulations to Sarah DuFresne on being named Vice President of Business and Finance. Sarah will be succeeding Deb Lutz who is retiring at the end of February. Sarah was hired last summer as our Controller.

Pat Tobin will begin February 12, as our Director of Dual Enrollment. He worked for Bay City Public Schools for nearly 14 years, most recently as their Director of Student Services and Facilities.

A complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of December can be found in Board packets this evening.

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**Information Sharing**

- Congratulations to Head Coach Dan Smith who was recognized as the ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) NJCAA Division 3 2017 Regional Coach of the Year. He accepted the award this past weekend in Indianapolis.

- The Men’s Basketball Team is off to their best start in Delta College history, 10-0; they will be playing against Henry Ford tomorrow. Our program is the only undefeated team in the MCCAA and one of two teams in all of Region 12 who remain undefeated. We are currently ranked 11th in the country. Kudos to Head Coach, Carlos McMath, Associate Head Coach Marshall Gray, and Assistant Coaches Chuck Lord and Greg McMath, for mentoring these young men both on and off the court.

- Congratulations to Peggy Barber, Professor of Lifelong Wellness, who won gold at the World Master International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Las Vegas in August.

- Also in December, Renee Hoppe, Associate Professor of Lifelong Wellness, made the Ringette Team USA and went to the World Championship in Canada. Ringette is considered the fastest game on ice and is very similar to hockey. Canada won the championship but congratulations to Renee for representing the United States.

- Congratulations to Veronica Bond, Business Services Specialist. Veronica has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the College’s Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. Sponsored by Delta's Black Faculty and Staff Association, the award will be presented at the 22nd annual Unity Luncheon on Monday, January 15, at The Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

- The Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration takes place at Saginaw Valley State University on Wednesday, January 24. Karen S. Carter, Chief Inclusion Officer for the Dow Chemical Company, is the keynote speaker. If you would like to attend either of these celebrations, please contact Kay Schuler.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

M. Benecke said that she was excited to see Mike Murray on the agenda this evening. She said she enjoyed the presentation.

M. Rowley said that he is glad to hear that we are at 100% of projections. He thanked all the staff who worked to achieve that goal. In addition, he said that tonight’s presentations were excellent.

D. Middleton said she enjoyed the dinner presentation on Second Chance Pell. There is a huge potential for ROI. She said that she looks forward to sharing the success of this program with legislators in Washington DC as part of the ACCT Legislative Summit.
A. Buckley said that he appreciated the presentation on the Planetarium and thanked Mike for his enthusiasm.

M. Morrissey thanked Mike Murray for his presentation on the Planetarium and said that the dinner presentation on the Second Chance Pell Program was enlightening.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair Emrich said that he looks forward to seeing the Trustees at the Special Board Meeting on February 1, 2018. He told K. Lawrence-Webster that he hopes she will reconsider and attend the meeting. He said that he values her input and wishes she would be there.

R. Emrich asked that all Trustees please call and speak to Talisa when you cannot make the meeting. He said that it is important to show the Board and the Board staff courtesy.

Finally, Board Chair Emrich asked that everyone keep Trustee Selby in their prayers as he is experiencing some health issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Emrich adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary