Board Chair, R. Emrich called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. R. Emrich then turned the meeting over to Reva Curry who introduced the presenters. Ginny Przygocki, Dean of Career Education and Learning Partnerships and Donovan Traverse, Health and Wellness Division Chair presented on Sustaining the Talent Pipeline in Health Careers.

D. Traverse gave an overview of the division. The disciplines include: Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Lifelong Wellness (Group Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer, Health Fitness Specialist), Nursing (RN, PNE, CNA), Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Care, and Surgical Technology (Surgical First Assistant). He noted the uniqueness of the division as each program, in addition to the Higher Learning Commission, has their own program accreditation. This includes the writing of a self-study and on-site visits. G. Przygocki noted that on-site visitors are always impressed by the support that is given by the administration, the fantastic faculty as well as program and facilities.

D. Traverse shared some Health and Wellness Division facts. During the 2017/2018 academic year, 2,063 students declared as their first major a health occupational program. That equates to 1,522 course sections. The division has 39 full-time faculty and 88 adjunct faculty. There are also 5 full-time staff supporting student learning and faculty. G. Przygocki noted that the 2,063 students who declared a health related major account for 24% of all enrollments. During the 2016/2017 year there was an 18% graduation rate. Seven of the programs received a 100% pass rate on national/registry board exams, while five programs averaged an 86% pass rate. Delta is above the national average.

Each program has a specific number of clinical capacities. These are determined by the hospital and not by Delta College. Here are the current clinical capacities for each program: Surgical Technology – 15; Surgical Assisting – 18; Nursing RN – 320; PNE – 30; Respiratory Therapy – 34; Physical Therapist Assistant – 40; Diagnostic Medical Sonography – 28; Radiography – 36; and Group Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer, Health Fitness Specialist – 51. This list does not include the 20 seats reserved for the Dental Clinic which are internal.
G. Przygocki gave a brief history of the validation process. Numerous changes have been made over the years. There are numerous pre-requisites that are required before entering clinicals to make sure students are well prepared. Recently a scholarly admission process has been implemented. This allows for steps in creating evidence based criteria for accelerated admission. Programs that currently participate include Dental Hygiene (10%), RN full and part-time (50%), Physical Therapist Assistant (25%) and Sonography (50%). Surgical Technology and Respiratory Care are currently under development.

D. Traverse shared with the Board the ongoing learning opportunities. Delta College has a Simulation Educator, Lori Kloc and a Health Lab Attendant, Kara Reder. We are viewed as a leading institution for simulation. Thanks to the Board of Trustees, the lab has an Anatomage table which in essence is a cadaver lab. This piece of equipment has been a game changer for the anatomy and physiology courses. It is an $80,000 computer that offers over 20,000 cross sectional views of a cadaver.

At an Anatomage conference last year, both Lori Kloc and Rebecca Hall held a roundtable discussion. They quickly became the lead facilitators. The company was so impressed that they have requested Lori to be one of the lead instructors for a session at their conference. The company has also noted, “Delta College is the leading community college in the United States using this technology right now and are more advanced than many medical schools.”

The health lab also offers other services such as tutoring and two multi-discipline simulations per year. The simulation lab is also used five days a week by students and faculty from all disciplines. G. Przygocki shared with the Board a recent segment from TV-5 on the multi-discipline simulation that took place last week at Delta College. Currently they are testing a new pilot program with an outside medical agency to offer ongoing competency training for their employees.

D. Traverse shared with the Board the partnerships we have with the various clinical sites which include: Bay Regional Medical Center, Covenant Healthcare, Health Source, MidMichigan Medical Center, nursing homes, St. Mary’s of Michigan and various fitness facilities.

G. Przygocki shared some areas of possible expansion which include: Surgical First Assist, Physical Therapist Assistant/Personal Trainer dual degree, Sterile Processing, Anesthesia Tech, Perioperative Education and Sports Officiating/Coaching. Expanded scope of practices include Surgical First Assist, RN Nursing to a Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN), MSN to a Doctor of Nursing Practice, Physician Assistant and Master’s prepared dental hygienists.

G. Przygocki shared with the board the strategic planning for the future including the entry level occupations that are considering Bachelors of Science/Bachelors of Arts degrees including Nursing, Respiratory Therapy and Dental Hygiene. In regards to equipment and technology, they are looking at medical robotics and digital information. Any new programs would be created to fill future positions.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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