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

BOARD ABSENT  R. Emrich


PRESS PRESENT  K. Carlson (Midland Daily News), M. Piwowarski (Delta Collegiate)

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

Prior to approval of the agenda, Board Vice Chair Middleton asked for a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  Board Vice Chair Middleton called for approval of the agenda. M. Nash made the motion. M. Benecke seconded the motion. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT  Board Vice Chair Middleton called for public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT  S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the College’s financial statements for the month ended August 31, 2018. She said it is early in the academic year and at this time she has no significant variances to report. S. DuFresne said that the College did not make the enrollment projects for the Summer or Fall 2018 semesters. At this time tuition revenue is approximately $450,000 less than budget.

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

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
   1. Board Dinner Meeting, August 14, 2018
   2. Board Regular Meeting, August 14, 2018

BOARD ACTION  It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the selection of Tower-Pinkster to provide architectural and engineering services for the Delta College Midland Center project.
M. Benecke made a motion to approve the recommendation. K. Peatross seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD ACTION
Campus Entrance Digital Signage (BA5253)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve to award a contract for the campus entrance digital signage project to Sign Image Visual Communications Group of Saginaw, Michigan for $141,505.92 and that the total project budget of $254,000 be approved authorizing the Facilities Department and administration to award contracts to complete the project.

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

Motion passed with 7 in favor. M. Nash voted in opposition.

BOARD ACTION
Delta College - Strategic Value (BA5254)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Delta College Board of Trustees certify to the State Budget Director that Delta College has met ALL 5 of the best practices listed in each of the categories required through Public Act Number 265 of 2018, Section 230 (3), thus exceeding the legislative requirements.

M. Benecke made a motion to approve the recommendation. K. Peatross seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD ACTION
Approval of President’s Goals (BA5255)

D. Middleton said that Dr. Goodnow submitted a draft of her goals to the Board in August and asked for the Board to provide feedback. She asked if the Board was ready to approve the goals.

M. Nash made a motion to approve the President’s Goals for 18-19 as written. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUCCESS

R. Curry introduced Kevin Dehne, Associate Professor of Physics, and Aurelian Balan, Associate Professor of Physics to present on the Astronomy Club.

K. Dehne and A. Balan introduced students Allie Corradi and Savannah Gilmore who are both members of the Astronomy Club.

The presentation focused on the experiences that the students have when they participate in the “Fish Lake Star Party” field trip with other colleges and universities.

Not only do the students get experience using several sizes of telescopes and viewing in a dark sky area, they develop relationships and learn from others as a part of this excellent experience.
Enrollment Report

Classes for the Fall 2018 Semester began on August 25. As of today, 8,100 students are enrolled (5,226 part-time, 2,874 full-time).

The College projected 75,495 credit hours for the fall semester and is currently at 96.88% (73,140.5 credit hours) of projection.

Personnel Report

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

Information Sharing

- The College had our Fall Learning Days Kick-off on Tuesday, August 21. Dr. Goodnow hosted the annual President’s Breakfast and delivered my State of the College Address. Dr. Goodnow thanked Trustee Middleton and Trustee Peatross for attending. Please let Kay know if you would like a copy of the DVD of my State of the College Address.

- On Sunday, September 23, the NAACP Saginaw Branch will host its 2018 Freedom Fund Gala at the Horizons Conference Center beginning at 4:30 PM. The keynote speaker is the Retired Honorable Judge Marilyn E. Atkins.

- As part of this year’s Mind Trekkers Festival, Trustees are invited to the VIP Luncheon that will take place at Delta College on Friday, October 12, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

- Dr. Goodnow encouraged Trustees to take a look at this month’s Fantastic Faculty which has been uploaded to BoardBook.

- As a note, Board folders have been updated to reflect our Fall 2018 numbers.

- The following information was included in Board folders:
  - Information on TowerPinkster – the architectural firm recommended for the Midland Center.
  - A copy of the Local Strategic Value Report.
  - A copy of the President’s 2018-2019 goals.
  - A 2018 PBS booklet. As the cover indicates, PBS has been deemed one of America’s most trusted institutions, for the 15th straight year. If you take a look at the charts on pages 2 and 3, you can see how highly PBS ranks in recent surveys. And, on pages 10 and 11, there’s great statistics on our Children’s programming. There’s a lot of great information in this publication, so I hope you’ll take the chance to read through it at home.

In terms of funding, the Senate passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 combined Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services and
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Education (Labor-HHS-Education) appropriations bill by a vote of 85-7 in late August. The bill provides level funding for public broadcasting. That would impact the $737,023 in funding Delta College’s WDCQ-TV would receive from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

There were no amendments made to the bill targeting public media funding for cuts, which is good news. Congress has continued to show strong bipartisan support for local stations and our services. The bill still needs to pass in the House and then be dealt with in Conference prior to the end of the fiscal year on September 30th.

- A copy of an article featuring Dr. Lisa Lawrason, Professor of Political Science, announcing her as the 2018 Daniel M. Asquino Civic Leadership Award Winner from the Democracy Commitment.

- Board of Trustees Planning Calendar.

- A copy of the Standards of Good Practice from the Association of Community College Trustees.

- The latest issues of the Delta Collegiate.

As you know, the College is working on the go-forward operating model for organizational sustainability.

Following the Administration’s presentation in June, the Board requested that the Administration provide a monthly update on the work we are doing.

Dr. Goodnow asked Sarah DuFresne and Scott Lewless to provide a brief update on benefits as part of the updates this evening.

Sarah DuFresne and Scott Lewless provided a benefits update to the Board. The presentation included:

- An overview of the Benefits Committee including the representation of the committee.
- A summary of the 2017 Health Benefits costs to the institution.
- An overview of plan design changes that will be implemented, effective January 1, 2019 – as well as estimated budgetary savings.
- An overview of plan design changes that will be implemented in 2020 and 2021.

There was discussion regarding the benefits including questions about who would provide the HSA (Arcadia Benefits) and the way the changes would be communicated.

Sarah said that there will be several communications including open forums that will be focused on explaining the changes.
TRUSTEE COMMENTS
M. Rowley said that he appreciated the email that Dr. Goodnow shared regarding the positive experience that the Bullock Creek Counselor had when she came to campus with her daughter.

He thanked all of the staff who make Delta College great.

K. Lawrence-Webster asked why Joe Lewis resigned. Dr. Curry responded that Joe had a wonderful opportunity to pursue a fellowship for his doctorate degree.

CHAIR COMMENTS
D. Middleton said that she appreciates her fellow Trustees and the thoughtful questions they ask as the Board moves through each presentation.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION
M. Rowley made a motion that the Board vote to go into closed session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, specifically on the statutory basis of 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts from public disclosure "information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege."

M. Nash seconded the motion.

The results of the roll call vote to go into closed session are as follows:

M. Benecke – Yes
A. Buckley – Yes
K. Lawrence-Webster – Yes
D. Middleton – Yes
M. Morrissey – Yes
M. Nash – Yes
K. Peatross – Yes
M. Rowley – Yes

The Board went into closed session at 8:55 p.m. with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned to open session at 10:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Middleton adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary