DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT
M. Benecke, A. Buckley, R. Emrich, S. Gannon, K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT

PRESS PRESENT
J. Hall (WSGW), J. Paxson (WSGW), M. Piwowarski (Delta Collegiate)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Board Chair, D. Middleton, called for approval of the agenda.

M. Benecke made a motion to approve the agenda. S. Gannon seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Board Chair, D. Middleton, called for public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT
S. DuFresne said the Board has received the financials for the month ended June 30, 2019. She said that not all adjustments have been made but preliminaries are underway for closing the books for the 2018-2019 academic year.

S. DuFresne reported that the College was able to cover the expenses for the Voluntary Employee Severance Plan with dollars from the general fund (instead of utilizing reserves) and said she is confident that the ending fund balance will be at a minimum of 10%.

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

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
   1. Board Special Meeting, June 4, 2019
   2. Board Special Meeting, Evaluation and Compensation Committee, June 11, 2019
   3. Board Dinner Meeting, June 11, 2019
   4. Board Budget Hearing, June 11, 2019
   5. Board Regular Meeting, June 11, 2019

B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes
1. June 4, 2019, Special Meeting

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

Margaret Mosqueda, Vice President of Student and Educational Services, introduced Jonathan Miller, Dean of Students.

Jonathan talked about Welcome Days which will take place for new students on August 15, 17, and 19.

Welcome Days will offer new student opportunities for engagement and information on their programs. He presented an outline of each day. The program will include a faculty panel, a Title IX presentation, breakout sessions, and introductions of Student and Civic Engagement Staff.

In addition, Jonathan presented Welcome Week student engagement events that will be held at main campus and the Downtown Saginaw Center.

He said the Student Engagement Office will be working to expand the events to other centers in upcoming years.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Registration is underway for the Fall 2019 Semester. To-date, 7,362 students have registered.

We projected 79,368 contact hours for the fall semester and are currently at 99.22% (78,748 contact hours) of projection.

Fall classes begin on August 24.

**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 asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the memo that was included in packets on the West Campus Project which includes the Delta College Observatory.

  D. Middleton stated that the overall budget for the West Campus Project remains the same but the items that will most directly benefit students have been prioritized.

  R. Emrich said that he is glad the President and the Administration changed their mind to support students.

  M. Rowley said he appreciates the re-prioritization of the projects but he does not agree with the methodology and thinks that the project and budget should be modified by Board Action.
R. Emrich made a motion to support the changes to the West Campus Project as presented by President Goodnow. M. Nash seconded the motion.

M. Nash said he agreed with M. Rowley’s thoughts on policy and process.

S. Gannon said that she very enthusiastically supports this project but also agrees that the Board should take action on such matters.

M. Benecke said that she would like the record to show that the President discussed this matter with the Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Past Chair. Support was provided to bring forward using this methodology of an informational memo to inform the Board of the reprioritization of the budget dollars to the full Board by that group. The President did not make this decision without their guidance.

The motion to support the changes to the West Campus Project passed unanimously.

- The College has two NEW 3+1 Articulation Agreements for Delta’s Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The agreements are with Central Michigan University, Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Medicine and Oakland University, School of Nursing.

  The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is designed to provide a natural transition from the Associate’s degree to the Baccalaureate level completion program. Students must have an Associate’s degree in Nursing to be admitted into either program.

Both BSN programs are delivered completely online and accept 100/200 level courses as a transfer equivalent.

**Benefits of the CMU program:**
- Up to 90 Delta credits will transfer and apply.
- Only 30 credits needed to complete the BSN.
- Students can start the BSN program and take up to 12 credits while preparing for the NCLEX-RN exam.

**Benefits of the Oakland program:**
- Up to 93 credits will transfer and apply.
- Only 32 credits remaining for completion.
- Special price of $9,995 to complete the 32 BSN credits.
- No fees.

New Articulation Agreements will have an annual administrative review and renew in five years.

- Delta College has been selected to join the first cohort of colleges participating in this year’s Caring Campus which is an initiative of the Institute for Evidence-Based Change, with support from Ascendium Education Philanthropies. Coaches instruct professional staff on the fundamentals of what can be done to increase student connectedness to the college. This initiative will be integrated as part of the Delta
College Strategic Plan as it relates to activities that positively impact retention of enrolled students.

- The Downtown Saginaw Center Open House and Dedication was a huge success. Dr. Goodnow thanked all the Trustees that were in attendance for this historical event. Dr. Goodnow also acknowledged all of the individuals at the College that played a role in planning and implementing this incredible event.
- In a Board update, Dr. Goodnow included a letter from Dr. Water G. Bumphus, President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges congratulating Delta College on the publication of *Journeys*, under Pam Clark’s leadership. Dr. Goodnow thanked all of the individuals in our Marketing and Public Relations Department for their excellent work in researching, writing, and publishing *Journeys*. She also thanked those in Institutional Advancement and our Foundation Office who work tirelessly to plan fundraising events and keep meticulous records for all donations.
- 129 people enjoyed viewing Bay City’s largest fireworks display from the planetariums’ rooftop observation deck on July 6. As part of this fundraising event, participants also get to use our parking lot, and watched “First on the Moon,” celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Planetarium Manager Mike Murray does an excellent job of promoting and planning this event.
- Lynn Hoerauf, our new Possible Dream Program Director, held several camps the past two months for our Possible Dreams students that focused on science, food, 3-dimensional art, and astronomy. A total of 58 students from Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties ranging from grades five through eight have been inducted into the Possible Dream Program.
- Janis Kendziorski, Associate Professor in Accounting and four Delta students attended the Citizens’ Climate Lobby Conference in Washington, D.C. held in the early part of June.
- There have been numerous events over the summer that faculty and staff have attended to promote the College:
  - D.E.A.R. at the Zoo on June 19 – This event celebrates a day of literacy. D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo was sponsored by the READ Association of Saginaw County. It is a great program to keep literacy skills active and ready for the next school year.
  - Great Lakes Bay Pride Event on June 29 – Approximately 150 people visited Delta’s table.
  - Friday Night Live in Saginaw on July 26 – Monica Hernandez-Alaniz, Associate Counselor, and Cynthia Reyes, Admissions Representative, had the opportunity to be on stage several times that evening to promote Delta and our programs. Prospective students scheduled appointments to visit the new Downtown Saginaw Center.
  - 1st Annual Block Party Community in Saginaw on July 27 – Admissions staff members attended and spoke with individuals interested in taking classes at the Downtown Saginaw Center.
- Yesterday afternoon the RN and the LPN Pinning Ceremonies took place in the Lecture Theater.
- Dr. Goodnow said she is interested in hearing Board feedback regarding the Board communication updates she is sending.
- Dr. Goodnow shared the following information with the Board in their folders:
  - The final copy of the 2019-2020 Strategic Plan and Budget Book.
• A copy of an article, “Delta Professor Delves into Filmmaking” that was published in the June 22-23, 2019 edition of the *Midland Daily News*. It is about the latest short film Jeff VandeZande, English Professor, is working on called “Breaking the News.”

• A copy of an article, “Delta College Associate Professor Wins Emmy” that was published in the June 24, 2019 edition of the *Midland Daily News*. Kimberly Wells, Associate Professor in Electronic Media won an Emmy Award for her film called “My Two Brothers – From Disability to Despair.” Bob Przybylski, Broadcasting Producer and Director also won an Emmy Award for the documentary “Vietnam Voices.”

• A copy of a letter from a student, Christina Scott, complimenting staff in Student Services and the Financial Office on the wonderful service she received while on campus recently.

• A copy of an e-mail message from Jim Cross acknowledging the wonderful service his friend received in Student Services.

• A copy of a note from Dr. Stephen Bigelow, Superintendent of Bay City Public Schools thanking us for the use of our Board Room for their retreat and complimenting Pam Clark, Dr. Martha Crawmer, and Patrick Tobin.

• A copy of an article, “Carlyon Appointed to “Full” Presidency” that was published on October 11, 1967 in the *Bay City Times*. In the same edition, another article was published entitled, “Huron Studies Plan to Join Delta District.” This newspaper was found inside a chest of drawers that was purchased at an auction recently by Stacey Shinkel, Administrative Office Professional in the Academic Services.

• A schedule of events for Fall Learning Days which include the President’s Breakfast and State of the College Address on Tuesday, August 20. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Commons with the State of the College Address following at 8:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Gymnasium. New employees (hired since the last Learning Days) will be introduced as a part of this kick-off celebration. Please let Kay know as soon as possible if you will be attending.

• Board of Trustees Planning Calendar.
  ▪ As a reminder, the September Board Meeting will be held at the Downtown Saginaw Center on Tuesday, September 10.

• Dr. Goodnow also shared the Gnosis – Delta College’s student annual yearbook from 1969 with Trustees.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

S. Gannon said good news on the financials for the year. She congratulated Talisa Brown on her recent promotion.

S. Gannon commented that the 3+1 agreements with Oakland and CMU are wonderful. She added that she appreciated the communication updates the President has been providing.

M. Thomas thanked K. Dehne and A. Balan for their dinner presentation and passion. She said she enjoyed the presentation on Welcome Week as well. She asked if the College will be putting up Bookstore kiosks at the Downtown Saginaw Center.

J. Foco said that the Administration is looking at the possibility of pop-up Bookstores.
M. Nash thanked M. Benecke for clarifying the process used for bringing forward the changes to the West Campus Project.

R. Emrich said he would like a presentation on the results of the Voluntary Severance Plan and how the staffing process is progressing.

A. Buckley said he had a phenomenal experience at the MCCA Meeting in Traverse City. He said that he is pleased at the overall re-evaluation of the priorities for the West Campus Project.

M. Rowley said he is excited about the new nursing articulations. He also talked about the possibility of the Foundation finding some supporters for the Observatory. In addition, he talked about barriers that result from lack of dollars for bus transportation for visits to the College like the Planetarium. He also suggested getting students in our CRM system early.

M. Benecke said she was looking forward to attending Learning Days. She said that when the Board meets at the Saginaw Center in September she would like to have the opportunity to experience the active learning room.

She congratulated the astronomy faculty on their presentation and the observatory.

**CHAIRS COMMENTS**

Chair Middleton said that the MCCA Workshop was great and she will have a report shortly.

She congratulated Ron Sharp who won an MCCA award for being an outstanding educator. She also congratulated Nick Bovid and Sarah DuFresne as graduates for the 2018-19 MCCA Leadership Academy.

Chair Middleton said she read a recent article regarding Open Education Resources in the MCCA newsletter. Statewide savings to community college students this summer was $1.2 million.

She noted the extensive list of retirements in this month’s personnel report noting the years of service that employees dedicated to the College.

Chair Middleton congratulated Talisa Brown on her recent promotion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Middleton adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary