DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT
M. Benecke, A. Buckley, K. Lawrence-Webster, M. Nash, M. Thomas

BOARD ABSENT
R. Emrich, S. Gannon, D. Middleton, M. Rowley

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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

Board Vice Chair, M. Benecke, noted that the Board did not have a quorum present so the agenda would not be approved. She said that the Board would hear presentations that did not require action of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Board Vice Chair, M. Benecke, called for public comment.

Lula Woodard, adjunct faculty member from the Arts and Letters Division, thanked the Board for listening to the adjuncts and for taking action on the wage increase last month. She said she was concerned when the diversity and inclusion policy got postponed last month. She encouraged the Board to continue to “Think Big” and expand our diversity and inclusion efforts.

J. Goodnow responded that she has appointed a Director of Diversity and Inclusion and he is working on a number of goals. She also said that diversity and inclusion is part of the College’s strategic plan.

M. Nash said that the reason that the policy was postponed last month was not because the Board does not support diversity and inclusion. It was because of the current situation with faculty union negotiations.

TREASURER’S REPORT
S. DuFresne said the Board has received the financials for the month ended November 30, 2019. At this time the College is operating in accordance with budget. She said she has no new variances to report.

STUDENT SUCCESS PRESENTATION
Dean of Students, Jonathan Miller, introduced Dionne McCollum, the College’s Director of Athletics and Student Athlete Development. D. McCollum gave an overview of the athletic program at Delta College. She said that Delta College is committed to a holistic program for its student athletes. In addition to academics and athletics, Delta athletes engage in leadership and life development experiences.
D. McCollum introduced Jackson Lund, a member of the Delta College Baseball team, and Elizabeth Green, a member of the Delta College Soccer team.

J. Lund said that being a part of the Delta College baseball team taught him life skills. He talked about the wonderful support system that his coaches and instructors provided for him.

E. Green said that coming to Delta College to play soccer was the best choice she has made. She talked about how welcome Delta College made her feel. She said that she has worked very hard in her classes and has earned a 4.0 GPA.

J. Goodnow said that she is proud of the athletic program and our athletes. She said that the high retention rate of our athletes is a tribute to the hard work of the athletes and the faculty, coaches, and athletic director.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment Report
The Fall Semester ends on December 15, 2019.

Winter 2020 registration is underway. As of today, 6,641 students are registered.

The College projected 72,625 contact hours for the winter semester and is currently at 97.42% (70,752 contact hours) of projection. Winter semester begins on January 8, 2020.

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

Information Sharing
• On Saturday, November 30, Mike Mendoza received the Adelante Culture Award for his contributions to the Hispanic community in Saginaw. Mike hosts a Delta College Public Radio program called “La Caliente”, and has done so for the past 25 years! It airs every Saturday afternoon at 1:00 and features a mix of Tejano and Latin music. He is employed by the Bay City School system, but does his live radio show as well. Mike has represented Delta College at Saginaw’s Cinco de Mayo parade and for PRIDE’s Friday Night Live Latin night. The Adelante Awards are presented by La Union Cívica Mexicana in Saginaw.
• On Friday, December 6, Delta College co-sponsored an event called “Elect Her,” which was to encourage young women to consider running for public office. Held at SVSU, there were over 50 participants, who heard from panelists of elected women, along with keynote speaker Representative Vanessa Guerra. There was a great deal of positive response from an event that was sponsored by Consumers Energy.
• Dr. Goodnow said she had the wonderful opportunity to attend the RN Graduate Pinning Ceremony which took place late yesterday afternoon. There were 42 graduates who participated in the ceremony.
• The 105th Delta College Basic Police Training Academy graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lecture Theater.
This is a great event to celebrate our newest cadets.

- Friday, December 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room, State Representative Rodney Wakeman will be on campus to recognize the Women’s Soccer Team for their phenomenal performance. Other legislators have also been invited to attend this ceremony. The Lady Pioneers who ended their 18-1 season, were named the 2019 National Runners Up.
- Join Delta College’s choirs on Saturday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. for a Winter Holiday Concert. The event will be held in the Lecture Theater (G160 on the main campus). Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. The chorale, jazz singers, and chamber choir will be performing.
- Dr. Goodnow distributed the following information to the Board:
  - A copy of a letter from Linda Petee, Sustainability and Risk Management Coordinator who will be retiring at the end of this year.
  - The latest editions of the Delta Collegiate.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Vice Chair Benecke noted that a quorum of the Board was present (K. Lawrence-Webster arrived at 7:18 p.m.).

Board Vice Chair Benecke called for approval of the agenda. M. Nash made motion to approve the agenda with support from M. Thomas. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

M. Benecke called for approval of the consent agenda. M. Nash made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from M. Thomas. The motion passed unanimously resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
   1. Board Dinner Meeting, November 12, 2019
   2. Board Regular Meeting, November 12, 2019

B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes:
   1. Board Regular Meeting, November 12, 2019

**BOARD ACTION**

Preliminary Approval of the Board of Trustees 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule (BA5307)

M. Nash made a motion to approve the preliminary Board of Trustees 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule. A. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Purchase for Commercial Refrigeration Training Equipment (BA5308)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of commercial refrigeration training equipment for our Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) program from Hampden Engineering in the amount of $195,000.

M. Nash made a motion to approve the recommendation. K. Lawrence-Webster seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Approval of President’s Goals (BA5309)

A. Buckley made a motion to approve the President’s Goals as presented. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

J. Goodnow said that since she presented her draft last month, she had received feedback from three of the Trustees. She said that she had integrated the feedback and included a memo of answers to the questions she received with the draft of the goals this evening.

K. Lawrence-Webster asked about the funding of the diversity office and the diversity initiatives.

J. Goodnow explained the current funding structure for the diversity office noting that the Director of Diversity and Inclusion is a half time position. Carlos McMath, who serves as the Director also works in the Student Engagement Office.

J. Goodnow reviewed several of the diversity initiatives that the College has engaged in over the years including the “Men of Delta” program and efforts through the Human Resources Office to increase the diversity in the College’s applicant pools.

M. Benecke pointed out that the Board is approving the goals and not what has been done. She asked that the discussion focus around the content of the goals.

K. Lawrence-Webster said that diversity is not a goal if the funding isn’t there to support it. She asked about efforts to recruit minority faculty and staff at HBCUs. K. Lawrence-Webster said that for others diversity is about many things. She said that for her, diversity is about African American people.

M. Nash said that he would like to see more specificity regarding the diversity goals. He asked for specifics regarding employees and graduates. He also asked for a numeric target for the graduates.

M. Benecke asked C. McMath what his goals are and why they aren’t in this document (the draft President’s Goals).

C. McMath said he is working with the President to solidify his goals which will focus on communication of diversity and inclusion efforts, diversity and inclusion policies and procedures, recruiting students, and education through seminars and events.

Regarding the goals for strengthening the relationship and improving transfer agreements with SVSU, M. Thomas said she would like more specific measures outlined.

M. Nash said he feels that the goal for the Midland Center should be moved from tactical to strategic.

Following the discussion, Vice Chair Benecke called for a vote.

The motion to approve the goals as presented failed with a vote of 1 in favor, 4 opposed. A. Buckley voted in favor.
TRUSTEE COMMENTS

M. Thomas thanked D. McCollum for tonight’s presentation.

M. Nash thanked D. McCollum for the excellent presentation on athletics.

CHAIRS COMMENTS

Vice Chair Benecke said that she appreciated the dinner with members of the SSEC, ECAPs, and FEC groups.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Vice Chair Benecke adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary