BOARD PRESENT: A. Baldwin, M. Benecke, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Wood

BOARD ABSENT: R. Emrich, S. Gannon, M. Thomas


PRESS PRESENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Board Chair Nash asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: M. Nash called for public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT: S. DuFresne said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of October 31, 2022. At this time, the only variance to report is that the endowment income is reporting in the negative. The numbers reflect the market conditions at the end of the quarter (9/30).

CONSENT AGENDA: M. Nash called for approval of the consent agenda.

M. Rowley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Benecke seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
   1. Board Special Meeting, Audit Committee, October 5, 2022
   2. Board Dinner Meeting, October 11, 2022
   3. Board Regular Meeting, October 11, 2022

B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes
   1. October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND: M. Wood recommended that the Board of Trustee accept the annual financial statements and audit FY 2021-2022 as presented by Andrews Hooper & Pavlik P.L.C.
AUDIT FOR FY 2021-2022 (BA5466)

A. Baldwin seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUCCESS: THE DOWNTOWN SAGINAW CENTER

The Student Success Report entitled “You Belong Here – the Downtown Saginaw Center” was given by Kristy Nelson, director of downtown centers, and Monica Hernandez-Alaniz, assistant director.

They discussed efforts to engage with students and the local community. They also highlighted the one-spot services they offer. Students Connie Rivera, Sade’ Jackson and Eboni Williams talked about what they love about the center and how the staff is helping them in their higher education journeys.

The center has 528 students enrolled for fall semester, 10 percent are dual enrolled students. Program offerings include: associate of arts, Michigan transfer agreement, fire science, certified medical assistant and phlebotomy.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Gavin summarized many of the improvements that have happened at the Saginaw Center in the past year, including more staff for security, a full-time advisor, the Saginaw Academy of Excellence, and a bus route to main campus.

Enrollment Report
Winter 2023 registration is underway. As of today, 4,972 students are registered. The College projected 67,211 contact hours for the winter semester and is currently at 70 percent of projection. Winter semester begins on January 7, 2023.

Information Sharing
• Thank you to the Trustees who were able to attend the Mission, Vision and Values Summit on October 14. The work continues as the Writing Team takes the input and drafts updated versions of these guiding principles. The College Community will have an opportunity to comment on the draft and the Board will be asked to approve.

• Dr. Gavin said he attended the ACCT Leadership Congress in New York City on October 26-29, along with Trustees Nash and Thomas. He attended sessions on mental health, childcare and others about putting a social support net around students through community partnerships. This is active work Delta is engaged in now. The non-profits in our communities are very interested in partnering in this endeavor. A group from Delta will be traveling to San Antonio Community College to learn more about the support they provide through their student advocacy center.

• Diane Lobsinger-Braden, professor, and Becki Bushong, learning resource manager, updated the group on the planning for Girls’ Day Out 2023. The event for 6-8 grade girls will be held virtually and in-person on Friday, March 24.

Upcoming Events
• Bay City Chapter NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held virtually on Sunday, November 6, at 6pm. Delta’s Dr. Pam Ross McClain is the keynote speaker.

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Delta College Foundation Chocolate Affair fundraiser for the Possible Dream Program will be held, Thursday, November 1 at Horizons Conference Center, from 6-9:30pm.

Next Regular Board and Dinner Meeting will be held at the Downtown Bay City Center & Planetarium on Tuesday, December 13.

Happy Birthday to Mike Rowley, November 15.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

D. Middleton said great job on the audit. She added that the Saginaw Center staff have done a great job of creating a welcoming environment where students can succeed.

M. Rowley thanked the student presenters for sharing their positive experiences and providing constructive input.

M. Benecke said that she is thankful for the students who shared their experiences this evening. She said she is also thankful for the open lines of communication and collaborative leadership. She commented that she is happy to see all of the partnerships the College has and continues to develop in our community.

A. Baldwin thanked M. Hernandez, K. Nelson, and the students who presented this evening. She said that she has the benefit of witnessing first-hand what the Saginaw Academy of Excellence experience is doing to change the lives of our students. She thanked all involved for changing the narrative.

M. Wood congratulated Dawn Little on her promotion. He thanked the presenters as well.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Nash reminded the group that four trustee seats are up for election. Regarding the Saginaw Center presentation, M. Nash was happy to see a diverse student body attending the center. As he toured, however, only one class was in session. He’d like to see increased utilization of the building. He noted the ACCT conference standout sessions for him featured marketing, athletics and single parent college students.

Chair Nash asked that the Nominating Committee meet to develop a draft recommendation for the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The report will be shared in December and the officers will be voted on as part of the Board’s organizational meeting in January 2023.

Chair Nash also asked that the Bylaws Committee meet to review the purchasing policy of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Nash adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary