Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room (B-151)
Tuesday, April 2, 2024
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

BOARD ABSENT
S. Gannon, M. Nash

OTHERS PRESENT

PRESS PRESENT
None

CALL TO ORDER
Board Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion.

A. Clark made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Student Success topic to item 3. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.

TREASURER’S REPORT
J. Foco said that the Treasurers Report presented is year-to-date as of March 31, 2023 for all funds. He shared the following general fund highlights:

The College’s three major sources of revenue are tuition and fees, state appropriations and property tax collections. Property tax revenue is projected to come in at projected value. Tuition and fees are anticipated to exceed budgeted projections due to the increase in our contact hours (175,762 excluding CJ courses) versus our budgeted 165,000 contact hours.

Our recorded investment income is higher than budgeted last June. The College originally anticipated rate cuts but, as of now, those did not happen.
In other funds, the auxiliary budgets combined currently reflect a net position of $42,000 versus a deficit of $230,000 last year at this time. This is mainly due from not expensing the transfer to the Plant Fund. The College will evaluate this at the end of the year.

The annual plant fund budget most likely will be underspent at the end of the fiscal year. This is largely due to the delay of the K-wing renovation. The project was placed on hold until there is a determination whether our project will be considered for funding by the State.

In terms of a legislative update, as of now we have only heard the Governor’s proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:
1. Board Dinner Meeting, March 12, 2024
2. Board Regular Meeting, March 12, 2024

STUDENT SUCCESS:

The Board of Trustees heard an administrative report on student success featuring student award and scholarship recipients.

J. Garn, Associate Dean of Arts and Letters, announced:

LAND Conference Student Film Competition
Luke Gilpin, first place

LAND Student Scholar
Emily Florey – faculty sponsor, Crystal Starkey
Marc Francisco – faculty sponsor, Stuart Barbier
T’Emi Oshin – faculty sponsor, Mark Balawender

Skip Renker Creative Writing Award
Christiana Haight

Crystal McMorris, Associate Professor of English and Delta Collegiate student newspaper advisor, announced:

Michigan Press Association 2023-24 Better Newspaper Contest
2023 College Newspaper of the Year
Delta Collegiate, third place

Onnie Stone
Feature photo, second place, “A Chocolate Affair”
Feature photo, honorable mention, “Race to College”

Noah Brasseur
News, first place, “Six years on, coast-to-coast has been derailed”
Editorial, second place, “It’s time for a makeover in law enforcement training”

**Heather Kittle and Courtney Elisech**
Multimedia reporting, third place, “Rocky Horror shadow cast”

**Emily Doyle**

**Misty Barron**
Column – News: third place, “An apology from Gen X on Racism”

Shelly Raube, Dean of Student Success, announced the **Collegiate DECA winners**. Alexa, Connor, Marlo and Gabriel will be competing at the national conference in Austin, TX, at the end of April.

**Ariana Byce**
Travel & Tourism - finalist

**Alexa Byce**
Retail Management – 2nd place

**Conner Lea & Marlo Tacey**
Business Research – 3rd place

**Gabriel Miller**
Sales Management & Leadership – finalist

Christina Miller-Bellor, Assistant Professor of Sociology, announced:

**2024 Student Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement**
Anthony Garza-Kukla

Kimberly Wells, Associate Professor of Electronic Media, announced:

**Michigan Association of Broadcasters**

**Heather Kittle**
Honorable mention in the Public Service Announcement category for her PSA titled, "Mental health is health".

**Heather Kittle, Julia Shemanski, Crystal Huggins, and Logan Fairchild**
First Place in the Talk show/Scripted Show category. Their show can be viewed at deltabroadcasting.org under "Emerging Voices".

**Kathryn Nickell**
Awarded a $1000 scholarship from the MAB Cher Allen Memorial Scholarship fund.

Pete Fox, Associate Dean of Health and Wellness, announced:

**APTA Michigan (PTA state association)**

**2023 Outstanding PTA Student**
Ashley Barker -- Also the only PTA student in the state of Michigan to be awarded the Team Rehabilitation scholarship in Fall 2023.
Phi Tau Alpha (PTA) Honor Society Inductees – National Honor Society for PTA students
Laura Lavrack
Kayla Mose

Dr. Paul Sander, Associate Professor of Economics, announced:
Paul Moore Social Sciences Award
Alyssa Cole

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ESTIMATE OF PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 (BA5535)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees accept the estimate of property taxes of $27,708,647, and state appropriation of $19,058,357 necessary for the next fiscal year to comply with Section 141 of the Community College Act of 1966.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

D. Middleton commended the Administration for the background work and explanation provided on this matter.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF UPDATING AND STANDARDIZING CONTROL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE FROM TRANE U.S. INC. (BA5536)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve a purchase order in the amount of $1,551,000 to Trane U.S. Inc. to update and standardize the Control System Infrastructure on the main campus which includes P, N, M, L, J, H, F, and S Wings, the grounds maintenance building, and the Planetarium.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment Report
Registration for spring semester is underway. As of today, 3,451 students are registered. We project 21,062 contact hours for the spring semester, and we are currently at 104% of projection.

Personnel Report
Dr. Gavin said he has approved the following faculty for promotion and/or tenure effective with the 2024-25 academic year beginning July 1, 2024:

Promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor
Business and Technology – Ethan Short
Health and Wellness – Ericha Diegel, Bryan Graybill, Jessica Herek, Danni
Linton, Amy Wegener  
Science and Mathematics – Casey Armour, Tim McGuire, Brad Pretzer

**Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and Tenure**  
Arts and Letters – Donny Winter  
Business and Technology – AJ Neumann  
Health and Wellness – Pam Livingston, LeAnn Reif  
Social Sciences – Michael Evans, Angela Guy-Lee, Christina Miller-Bellor

**Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor**  
Arts and Letters – Mark Brown, Alex Goudas, Crystal McMorris, Trent Wade, Kimberly Wells  
Business and Technology – Jason Lijewski  
Health and Wellness – Wendy Szafinski  
Science and Mathematics – Audra Swarthout  
Social Sciences – Mark Mitchell

Congratulations to all!

**Information Sharing**

**Upcoming Events:**
- President’s Speaker Series presents Monica Guzman to discuss “Bridging Divides with Curiosity and Conversation” Thursday, April 4, 7pm, Pioneer Gymnasium  
- AACC Annual Convention -- April 5-9 -- Louisville, KY, Attending: Mike Gavin, Marcia Thomas, Stacey Gannon  
- Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8, starts at 1:58pm with peak at 3:13pm  
- Schuyler Bailar – award-winning NCAA D1 athlete and inspirational educator – Thursday, April 11  
  Book Club Luncheon at 11:30am, N007. Keynote Address at 7pm, Lecture Theater (G160)  
- Employee Awards Banquet – Wednesday, April 17, 1:30pm, Pioneer Gymnasium  
- Meeting with Saginaw NAACP – Thursday, April 18 – 5:30pm – Downtown Saginaw Center  
- Cesar Chavez Solidarity Walk – Friday, April 19 -- Lineup starts at 4:15pm, Downtown Saginaw Center  
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Site Visit -- Monday, April 22 & Tuesday, April 23  
- Numerous Pinning Ceremonies -- Tuesday, April 23 – Friday, April 26  
- Student Graduate Awards – Wednesday, April 24, 4pm, Lecture Theater (G160)  
- Commencement Ceremony – Friday, April 26, 6pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
• 114th Police Training Academy Graduation – Friday, May 3, 2pm, Lecture Theater (G160)
• Happy birthday to Trustee Arshen Baldwin – Friday, May 5
• Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 14 – Downtown Midland Center
• Legislative Luncheon -- Monday, May 20, 11:30am – 1pm, Board Room

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

M. Wood said he enjoyed the dinner meeting and the opportunity to talk with faculty and staff.

D. Middleton said that she is looking forward to the upcoming Monica Guzman event. In addition, she congratulated all of the faculty who earned promotion and/or tenure.

D. Middleton thanked the Foundation for their good work on scholarships. She noted the impact of scholarships that is reflected in the analysis that the Board was provided this evening.

A. Clark congratulated the students on their achievements noting the number of awards that the Delta Collegiate received. He congratulated faculty who earned promotion and/or tenure. Finally, A. Clark encouraged all to come out and support the baseball and softball teams.

M. Rowley said that he really enjoyed the dinner honoring promotion and tenure recipients. M. Rowley talked about Marty Fitzhugh, a former Delta College Trustee, who recently passed away. Marty was a wonderful community leader and she will be missed.

A. Baldwin congratulated the students and thanked the faculty and staff for the support that they provide our students.

B. Handley-Miller congratulated the faculty who earned promotion and/or tenure. She also said that she enjoyed attending the Honors/PTK Induction ceremony and noted that we have programs that meet students at every level.

B. Handley-Miller said that Mark Brown has done an excellent job leading the Honors program. She said that she is confident that Maggie Zimmerman will continue the tradition of excellence when she takes over the program in 2025. Maggie is the first member of the Science and Math Division to do so.

CHAIR COMMENTS

M. Thomas congratulated all the students who received awards and the faculty who earned promotion and/or tenure.

She said she enjoyed the dinner meeting.
She also thanked the students for taking time to attend. She added that the Board is committed to attending as many special events and celebrations in April as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary