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Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room (B-151)
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
7:00 p.m.

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, A. Thomas
- BOARD ABSENT** S. Gannon, M. Wood
- OTHERS PRESENT** M. Bluew, T. Brown, P. Clark, A. Cramer, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Delaney, J. Garn, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, B. Hillaker, D. Hopkins, J. Johnson, K. Kiste-Toner, G. Luczak, R. Luczak, K. Marchlewski, C. McMorris, D. McQuiston, B. Metiva, A. Millward, A. Millward, J. Mulders, S. Raube, H. Reed, K. Schuler, O. Stone, E. Suniga, K. Tacey, L. Welch, E. Wiesenauer, R. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Vice Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Vice Chair Baldwin asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
M. Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Board Vice Chair Baldwin called for public comment.
Richard Luczak, Bay City made comments on an article that appeared in Truthout on DEI programs and Dr. Gavin.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** G. Luczak said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of March 31, 2025.
State appropriations and property tax revenues are in line with our projections and budgets.
Tuition and fees revenues will exceed our budget projections. Spring enrollment is still taking place, but it is looking like we will come in around 194,000 contact hours. This is 20,000 more contact hours than our budget of 174,000.
Investment income is on track to meet our budget amount.
The combined auxiliary funds reflect a deficit of \$18,000 versus a positive balance of \$43,000 last year. Food Services continues to struggle but is seeing an uptick in business.
Facilities has been knocking out projects recorded in the Plant Fund. These projects include the Chiller Plant upgrade, control and lighting upgrades throughout campus and K-Wing.
For fiscal year 2025/2026 state appropriations, the Governor has proposed a 4% increase. We have not heard anything yet from the House or the Senate.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Vice Chair Baldwin called for approval of the consent agenda.

D. Middleton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:

1. Board Dinner Meeting, March 4, 2025
2. Board Regular Meeting, March 4, 2025

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ESTIMATE OF PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 (BA5604)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees accept the estimate of property taxes of \$29,606,924, and state appropriation of \$19,473,284 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. Thomas seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF D-WING OFFICE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM WOBIG CONSTRUCTION (BA5605)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Wobig Construction in the amount of \$282,282 and authorize a total project budget of \$315,510 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the D Wing Office Renovation.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF TEXTING SERVICES FROM MONGOOSE CADENCE (BA5606)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Mongoose Texting Services in the amount of \$115,435.

A. Thomas made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE 2026 AND 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDARS (BA5607)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026 and 2027 revised Academic Calendars as a Sunday of no classes was omitted from each year when they were originally presented to the Board for approval last October.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2028 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (BA5608)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2028 Academic Calendar as presented.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the recommendation. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion.

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Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
STUDENT AWARD
AND SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

An administrative report on student success featuring student award and scholarship recipients.

JD Garn, Associate Dean of Arts and Letters, announced:

Skip Renker Creative Writing Award

Brandon Hillaker – faculty sponsor, Lauren Smith

Jerrard Johnson, Communication faculty member announced:

Paul Moore Social Sciences Award

Alauna Millward

Kathie Marchlewski, English Professor announced:

2025 Democracy Commitment Student Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Ky Tacey

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

Michigan Press Association 2024-25 Better Newspaper Contest

Onnie Stone

Serious Column, First Place, "Trump's anti-EV rhetoric is a threat to Michigan's economy"

News Photo, Third Place

Photo Essay, Honorable Mention

Mikaila Bluew

Editorial, First Place, "We're not going back."

News Story, Honorable Mention, "City of Flint comes together for Harris Rally"

Best Blog, Third Place, "Woman of the Street"

Blake Metiva

In-Depth Enterprise Reporting, Third Place

Sports Feature Photo, First Place

Sports Column, Second Place, "Hamburg soccer"

Hal Reed

Sports Photo, Third Place

News Photo, Honorable Mention

Lindsey Welch

Overall Newspaper Design, First Place

Comic, Third Place

Front Page Design, Third Place

Inside Page Design, Third Place

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

Registration for spring semester is underway. To-date, 4,129 students are registered (479FT, 3660PT). We projected 22,677 contact hours for the spring semester and as of today, we are at 121% (27,512 contact hours) of projection.

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Personnel Report

I have approved the following faculty for promotion and/or tenure effective with the 25/26 academic year beginning July 1, 2025:

Promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor

Health and Wellness – Breanne Paisley, Amber Sleight

Science and Mathematics – Maggie Zimmerman

Social Sciences – Melissa Wallace

Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with TENURE

Business and Technology – Keith Proctor

Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Health and Wellness – Kim Boldt

Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor

Arts and Letters – Tim Hendrickson

Business and Technology – Lisa O’Laughlin, Nicole Ryan

Science and Mathematics – Beth Kelch, Eric Wiesenauer

Congratulations to all! The list of those receiving promotion and/or tenure, as well as the complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of March can be found in the Board packets.

Information Sharing

- Two articulation agreements with **Eastern Michigan University** effective March 2025 - renew/revised:
 - Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Associate in Applied Arts (AAA), Associate in Business Studies (ABS) Career and technical degrees will articulate to the **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Technology Management**.
 - Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate in General Studies (ABS) degrees with Cyber Security emphasis, will articulate to the **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Cybersecurity**.
- Articulation agreement with **Wayne State University (WSU)**, new, effective April 2025:
 - **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Global Studies** transfer pathway was created to accept Delta’s Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in General Studies, along with the International Studies Advanced Certificate.
 - **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History** transfer pathway was created to accept Delta’s Associate in Arts History Transfer Pathway, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in General Studies.
 - **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Welding and Metallurgical Engineering Technology** transfer pathway was created to accept Delta’s Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in General Studies or the Associate in Applied Science-Welding Engineering Technology.
- Delta’s Marketing Department won 27 awards in five national competitions. Large range of work won including videos, social media, billboard design, STEM Explorer vehicle wrap, photography, logo design and campaign strategy. Duck did well. The logo and illustration received several awards, as did Duck used in advertising and merchandise.

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Congratulations to the entire team: Matt Brown, Jessica Gavord, Luke Goodrow, Amanda Hammond, Sue Paris and Leanne Govitz.

- A mLive article on March 26 showcased the most popular college choice for each Michigan school district.
 - While total enrollment is dominated by the larger universities, the No. 1 college for each school district varies. MSU was the most popular college in 44 school districts. Community colleges fill the rest of the top 10, however.
 - **Delta College in Bay City, with satellite campuses in Saginaw and Midland, is second overall with 39 districts picking it the top community college.** It's not until 15th-place Ferris State that a four-year institution returns to the top-college list.
- Delta College was presented the Experience Idol award at the Ellucian Live Conference for MyDelta! It's an annual contest to celebrate institutions that are using innovation to transform the student experience.

Recent Events

- **League for Innovation in the Community College Board Meeting and Innovations Conference – March 7-12, San Antonio**
- **Meeting with Hispanic Community – March 17, Downtown Saginaw Center**
 - Thanks to Trustee Rowley for attending.
- **President's Speaker Series, Dr. Rebekah Taussig, author of "Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body" – March 19, Lecture Theater**
 - Thanks to Trustees Gannon and Handley-Miller for attending.
- **Honors Program Recognition Ceremony and Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony – March 27, Lecture Theater**
 - Thanks to Trustee Gannon for attending.
- **Pioneers Rising** on March 27, hosted Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel (Zoom) and a distinguished panel of experts and advocates included:
 - Emme Zanotti, Director of Advocacy and Civic Engagement at Equality Michigan
 - Scott Ellis, Executive Director - Great Lakes Bay Pride
 - Aya Kirn, Delta College student and transgender activist.
 - Thanks to Trustees Gannon and Handley-Miller for attending.
- **20th Annual Cesar Chavez Luncheon** (hosted by G.I. Forum) – March 28, UAW Local 699 Hall
 - Thanks to Trustees Handley-Miller and Thomas for attending.
- **Coalitions Building event**, Dr Gavin attended – March 31 – April 1, Washington DC.

Upcoming Events

- **Presidential Honors Scholars Welcome Dinner** – Wednesday, April 9, 5-7 pm, Commons & N007
- **"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"** –April 10-13, Lecture Theater

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- **AACC Annual Convention** – April 12-16, Louisville, KY, Dr. Gavin attending
- **Employee Awards Banquet** – Wednesday, April 16, 1:30 pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
- **Student Graduate Awards** – Monday, April 21, 4 pm, Lecture Theater
- **Numerous Pinning Ceremonies** -- Tuesday, April 22 – Friday, April 25
- **Commencement Ceremony** – Friday, April 25, 6 pm, Pioneer Gymnasium
- **116th Basic Police Training Academy Graduation** – Friday, May 2, 2 pm, Lecture Theater
- Happy birthday to **Trustee Arshen Baldwin** – Friday, May 5
- **Meeting with Saginaw NAACP** – Thursday, May 8, 5 pm – Downtown Saginaw Center
- **Next Board Meeting** – Tuesday, May 13 – Downtown Saginaw Center

Handouts

- OER spring newsletter
- Latest issue of the Delta Collegiate

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

D. Middleton congratulated the staff on the 20,000 credit hours over projected as well as the faculty who obtained promotion and tenure.

She thanked those who attended the ACCT Legislative Summit for keeping those relationships as well as the good lines of communication.

The bridge situation in Bay City is still a concern for her and its effects on our students.

M. Rowley also congratulated the promotion and tenure recipients as well as the student award winners.

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M. Rowley made a motion to correct the regular meeting minutes to reflect that he asked if there were any asbestos issues with the project instead of an asbestos issue. (Purchase of S Wing Flooring Replacement for Northeastern Paint). A. Clark seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

M. Rowley said regarding the public input tonight that he can't speak for the Board or the College but is glad we are doing the work with DEI.

B. Handley-Miller wanted to celebrate the article that was mentioned during public comment. Dr. Gavin is exploratory and such a leader in making community college accessible and affordable to all. Delta College has over 8,000 students which is the same as SVSU.

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She watched the webinar on the new governance structure, CIBE 2.0 and said it's a great step forward.

B. Handley-Miller attended the Pioneer Rising event featuring Attorney General Dana Nessel. It was an amazing event led by students. There were over 200 people in attendance. She also attended the Backyard Issues Forum which is student led. They invite law makers and other experts related to the topics.

She also congratulated the students receiving awards and the faculty members for their promotions.

A. Clark congratulated the student award winners. He mentioned Brandon Hillaker and his work with mental health and the inspiration he is to others.

He asked Dr. Gavin for talking points on DEI. He appreciates the articulation agreements that ultimately save our students money.

A. Thomas said she was happy to meet many of the students who won awards. She is super excited for their futures.

She is excited for the articulation agreements as she never considered community college and instead went straight to a four-year college.

She congratulated the faculty on their promotions. She is excited to be on the board and being a voice for our community.

M. Nash said he wanted to talk about outcomes. Community colleges are a place for everyone. It's great to see that it's working here at Delta as it's not being done in K-12.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Vice Chair Baldwin said it was a pleasure leading tonight's meeting. She talked about the blessing that Delta College was for her two brothers.

She was able to attend the Backyard Issues Forum at the Downtown Saginaw Center, and it was a great event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Talisa Brown, Pro Tem Board Secretary