

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
September 11, 2007
Delta College Main Campus
Room N-7**

Board Present: R. Emrich, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, E. Selby, B. Stafford

Board Absent: K. Higgs, T. Lane, D. Wacksman

Others Present: J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, B. Allen, C. Atwood, J. Badour, D. Bailey, V. Bledsoe, B. Baker, L. Brown, T. Caylor, P. Clark, E. Clement, C. Colvin, M. Cooper, C. Curtis, S. Goddard, P. Graves, D. Halog, L. Holoman, L. Jackson, S. Kittles, T. Kubatzke, M. Looby, M. Macharia, S. Malusi, M. Thiro, T. Torres, J. Miller, S. Montesi, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, F. Peters, L. Ramseyer, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, C. Watson, B. Webb, K. Wilson

Press Present: N. Smith, Midland Daily News; P. Brandt, Bay City Times

Vice Chairperson Jack MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Teresa Stitt introduced the Delta College Student Leadership Academy, a pilot concept initiated when staff moved into the new Center following renovations. She described the vision, and the two phases: first provide leadership training, then give students opportunities to demonstrate the leadership. Emily Clement introduced the faculty and staff and students present: David Baskind, Connie Watson, Connie Colvin.

Dr. David Baskind described the two-day leadership academy, in which students and faculty learned, got to know one another, and had fun as well.

Connie Watson introduced the students present: Lenette Brown, Rafael Garcia, Jr., LeAundre Jackson, Martha Macharia, Scott Malusi, Milka Thiro, and Tiffany Torres. The students described why they signed up for the academy, what they learned, and their ideas for expanding the academy in the future. The learning opportunities and the scholarship were incentives to join. Students learned about conflict resolution, ethics and the importance of developing maturity, to seize opportunities and enjoy teaching others who may surpass you. Students felt the program could be expanded in the future if there were more information available, perhaps through programs on Delta's public broadcasting; if it were expanded as a club, and through networking and a web site.

Dr. Emrich applauded the effort and suggested that the mission should be refined and clarified. Mr. MacKenzie agreed that leaders are hard to find and encouraged the students to share what they have learned.

Karen Wilson introduced the topic of developmental education. She pointed out that developmental education is both an AQIP Action Plan and an Assessment Academy Action Plan and said the momentum behind the current focus began to build in 2002, and strengthened in 2004 with the implementation of required prerequisites.

Mary Beth Looby described the passion for developmental education among the faculty. Developmental students represent a cross section of the Saginaw valley region from welder to homemaker, and Delta offers them a second chance. Developmental education efforts are increasingly coordinated where there used to be silos, and an early alert system helps students before they get too far behind.

She introduced the DVD describing to students support services Delta offers, which she scripted and produced with the help of the Delta broadcasting staff including Marshall Fulmer. The host of the film is Erin Looby, her daughter, a local TV anchor. The 17-minute DVD describes the Teaching/Learning Center, the Testing Center, the reference librarians who help students with research, the counseling center including disability services and its multiple services designed to level the playing field for students, the Bridge program and its support for students who need help catching up, the career center which helps students research and decide on careers, Employment Services which helps find jobs for students, the Fitness Center, and ends at the Coffee 'n More where three students describe how these services helped them succeed. Lenette Brown described how they helped her and how she is on a first name basis with most of the people in the film.

Dr. Emrich said every student should see this DVD; Ms. Looby said 186 sections of developmental students already had, along with some others. Mr. MacKenzie felt high school students might also benefit from seeing it.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary