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DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DINNER MEETING  
August 12, 2008  
Delta College Planetarium, Bay City

**Board Present:** R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Lawrence-Webster, E. Selby, B. Stafford, D. Wacksman

**Board Absent:** K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane, J. MacKenzie

**Others Present:** J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, L. Myles-Sanders, B. Baker, T. Betancourt, P. Clark, M. Cooper, C. Drouse, S. Goddard, L. Govitz, P. Graves, M. Groulx, T. Grunow, D. Halog, T. Kubatzke, T. Light, J. Mahoney, J. Miller, S. Montesi, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, L. Ramseyer, P. Seidel, J. Stahl, J. Szeszulski, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, K. Wilson, K. Wolf

**Press Present:** P. Brandt

Chairperson Earl Selby called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

***Collaboration and Year-End Review, Academic and Student Services***

Don Halog and Trevor Kubatzke presented major accomplishments during the 2007-2008 academic year. Don Halog noted the college core value of teamwork and that it is critical to work collaboratively and respectfully with others. The six members of the Academic/Student Services Joint Leadership Council (JLC) put down their differences and work together to achieve college goals.

Trevor Kubatzke described the Early Payment Deadline which allows adding sections to accommodate students who are wait listed, giving credit to Sue Montesi for initiating this idea. Don and Trevor also described collaborative work on Learning Communities, MyConnection, the transfer of Applied Behavioral Studies (ABS) from the Academic to the Student Services division, the West Courtyard reconfiguration designed to improve student access and group similar activities together, and progress on Dual Enrollment.

In order to meet the Academic goal of doubling learning communities by Fall 2008 the JLC had to work out how to reduce the number of phone calls by Student Services staff to students who did not realize that by signing up for one Learning Communities class they may be signing up for the other classes in that Learning Community. Dr. Emrich questioned the process. Students who fail to notice the online caution now also get an e-mail from Drew Colenbrander, which welcomes them to a Learning Community and asks them to call Registration if joining a multi course Learning Community was not their intent.

Itwenty-seven MyConnection coaches have been trained, and will meet with students each week for half an hour informally, talking about whatever the students choose for topics. The goal is to increase student engagement and retention. ABS classes are intended to help students become better college students and many are led by student services staff, and effective Fall 2008 are transferred from the Social Science division to the supervision of

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Margaret Mosqueda in Student Services. D. Wacksman asked whether the ABS classes carry academic credit, and T. Lubatzke responded that they do.

Moves in the West Courtyard group Career Services, Employment Services, the Honors and Articulation offices and the experiential learning Co-op and service learning programs together, and free up space at the other end of the corridor for student clubs and organizations, and for multicultural programs.

***Planetarium Update***

Sue Montesi, Bill Mitchell and Garry Beckstrom reviewed Planetarium programs serving approximately 30,000 people annually, plus about 250 private events, so that annual visitors total almost 50 thousand. The equipment needs updating because it is now 12 years old and replacement parts are becoming increasingly difficult to find. They demonstrated the differences between the Digistar 2 and the replacement Digistar 3, noting that Kalamazoo Valley Community College installed Digistar 3 this Spring.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary